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Mayor Advises Vernon Residents to Prepare for Winter Storm Hercules

(Vernon, CT) - Mayor Dan Champagne today urged Vernon residents to be proactive in preparing for Winter Storm Hercules, expected to bring **blizzard conditions and severe cold weather** for most of the state, beginning this evening and lasting through Friday afternoon.

"Now is the time to prepare for a prolonged indoor stay, and to take necessary measures to prepare for the impact of Winter Storm Hercules. This means keeping apprised of watches and warnings issued by the National Weather Service and to be proactive in securing food, water, basic emergency supplies and personal medical supplies. Please be assured that the safety of our residents is our foremost concern. The Vernon Office of Emergency Management is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating the Town's response operations."

Additionally, the Town of Vernon is prepared to open a warming shelter(s) if needed.

Residents are reminded to:

- Stay away from **DOWNED POWER LINES** and report emergencies and downed lines to 911.
- If you experience a **POWER OUTAGE**, call **Connecticut Light and Power at (800) 286-2000** to report it and do not assume outages have been reported.
- A town-wide **PARKING BAN** will remain in effect. Vehicles parked in violation of the ban are subject to being ticketed and/or towed.
- **Avoid CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING.** Always use portable generators, camp stoves, and grills outside and 20 feet away from windows, doors, and vents to prevent deadly CO poisoning.

For additional information and updates go to vernon-ct.gov.