



## Connecticut-Northeast Winter Storms February 23, 2026

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*“We’re no stranger to snow in Connecticut, but I’m urging everyone to take this storm and the blizzard conditions it will bring seriously,” Governor Lamont said. “During its height, we are going to experience intense winds that will cause whiteout conditions, severely limiting visibility and making motor vehicle travel very dangerous. Everyone statewide is strongly urged to avoid all unnecessary, non-essential travel. Plan ahead, get to where you need to be by early Sunday evening, and remain there throughout the duration of the storm.”*

### Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

State of Connecticut Department of Emergency  
Management and Homeland Security  
1111 Country Club Road  
Middletown, CT 06457  
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[Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection \(DESPP\)](https://www.ctdespp.com)

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## **American Red Cross**

American Red Cross – Farmington Office  
209 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032  
(877) 287-3327

[Connecticut Region | American Red Cross](#)

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### **Open Shelters:**

For the most up to date map of open shelters, please visit: [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

## **Department of Transportation**

Connecticut Department of Transportation  
2800 Berlin Turnpike  
Newington, CT 06131

[Connecticut Traffic, Live Traffic Reports & Traffic Map | CT Travel Smart](#)

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## **United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines**

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

[211 Connecticut](#)

## **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](#)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

**[DisasterAssistance.gov](#)**

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## [Home | disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/search/location)

## **American Red Cross National**

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](https://www.redcross.org/help-those-affected-by-disasters)

## **National Weather Service**

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](https://www.weather.gov/alerts).

## **The Weather Channel**

Local forecasts and severe weather.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com](https://www.weather.com).

## **Safe Travel USA**

[SafeTravelUSA](https://www.safe-travel.com)

## **National Traffic And Road Closure Information**

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/traffic)

## **Free Help Line**

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.