

POST-STORM UPDATE SUNDAY 11/4/12 9:00 a.m.

The Old Lyme Emergency Operations Center reminds residents that the town is still under Emergency Orders. Call the OL Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with any questions: 860-598-0120.

Open burning is banned until further notice by order of the Fire Marshal.

EST (Eastern Standard Time) is now in effect.

MUNICIPAL NOTICES

The Transfer Station is open today from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Region 18 schools will reopen Monday.

Recycling will resume regularly scheduled pickups this week.

WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy, breezy. High of 48.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, breezy. Low 30s.

Tides: High 3:17 am Low 8:54 am High 3:30 pm Low 9:46 pm

Sunrise: 6:24 am Sunset: 4:40 pm

ROADWAY CONDITIONS

All roads are now open with no obstructions. Please continue to exercise caution when driving. In particular, several AT&T crews have been working on Lyme St. in front of Town Hall. This is a busy area of town; schools will be open Monday; please pay attention and keep an eye out for pedestrians.

UTILITIES

As of 6:00 am Sunday, Old Lyme was at 6% outage with 473 outages. CL&P made significant progress on Saturday, with all major electric circuits in Old Lyme now re-energized. Most of the remaining outages are in the beach areas as the Town has been working with CL&P to isolate those homes identified as unsafe to re-energize due to flooding. The remaining outages are scattered throughout the town, and should be fully addressed by the end of day Monday. At this point in the restoration process, please continue to report your outage to CL&P:

CL&P reporting line 800-286-2000

And also to the Town:

Emergency Operations Center 860-598-0120

AT&T is repairing damage to the fiber optic line that supplies internet to its customers and is expected to complete the work on Sunday.

FEMA

Residents seeking federal assistance **must** register with FEMA. To register by phone, call **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. The line is open from 7 am to 10 pm seven days a week. The TTY line for people with speech or hearing disabilities is 1-800-462-7585. To register online, visit www.disasterassistance.gov.

If you are not seeking FEMA assistance, but your home sustained some damage in Hurricane Sandy, please register with FEMA anyway. The qualification for the entire community is dependent on the damage in total, so it is imperative that you register.

After you have completed your FEMA registration, **please fill out a Preliminary Damage Report for the Old Lyme Office of Emergency Management**. This form is available online at the town website or in paper form at the Town Hall. As with FEMA registration, the submission of these forms provides essential storm documentation for the Town.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Property owners are urged to contact their property insurance provider to obtain information on storm claims.

1. Document your damage with photos.
2. Make temporary repairs to protect property from further damage.
3. Save your receipts.

For help with claims questions or complaints, please contact the Connecticut Insurance Department: 800-203-3447.

BUILDING and HEALTH

In order to safely restore power to the high volume of residences in and along the beach community, the Old Lyme Building and Health Departments are conducting a door to door evaluation of affected buildings within the beach area, and are compiling a summary of storm-damaged homes. The evaluations include a review of the home's structural integrity, the condition of the LP Gas system, the home's level of flood intrusion and a check of the home's septic system.

As electric restoration continues, damaged homes are being isolated from the electric grid. Property owners seeking to re-energize homes must satisfy the following precautions:

1. An inspection of the property's electric service by a licensed electrician.
2. An inspection of the LP Gas system by a qualified gas installer.
3. A water test of the home's drinking water by a water testing laboratory. Water testing bottles are available at the Town Hall. Please take your water sample to a water-testing lab, not to the Town Hall. If your building is served by a water company, a copy of your recent bill will meet this requirement

Eastern Analytical Laboratories, situated at 134 Boston Post Rd. in Old Saybrook – 860-388-2378 – has agreed to offer water testing at the reduced rate of \$39 for a coliform test. Eastern Analytical is open Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm.

SHELTER

The Regional Shelter at East Lyme Community Center is closed.

Any persons in need of shelter should call the Old Lyme Emergency Call Center (EOC) – 860-598-0120 – for assistance.

RESPITE CENTER at LYMES SENIOR CENTER

The Respite Center will end operations at 4 pm today.

Remaining commodities of ice and water are still available.

Please contact the EOC Call Center – 860-598-0120 – with any concerns.

SHOWERS

Showers will be available until 4 pm today at the Respite Center and the High School on Lyme St. After 4 pm, the Respite Center showers will be open but unattended.

The Westbrook YMCA, located on Spencer Plains Rd., is offering free showers to the public from 5 am to 9:30 pm.

TRANSPORTATION

9 Town Transit's southeast shuttle is fully operational, running 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Dial-A-Ride is fully operational. Call 860-510-0429 for a ride.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Special needs residents have been receiving twice daily wellness checks since the storm. This will continue until power has been completely restored. Please call the EOC- 860-598-0120 – with any questions.

In the event of a Life Safety emergency, please call 911.

DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

**THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE OPEN TODAY,
NOVEMBER 4, FROM 7:30 TO 3:30 P.M.**

**FROM MONDAY NOV. 5 THRU SATURDAY NOV. 17:
The Transfer Station will be open Monday through Saturday
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**OLD LYME RESIDENTS WHO HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE TOWN HALL
MAY DROP OFF DEBRIS AT NO CHARGE.**

Residents must register for themselves or a designated contractor in the Selectman's Office at the Town Hall before bringing debris to the Transfer Station for free drop off. Each drop off load requires a ticket.

**The OL Selectman's Office will be open for extended hours to expedite free
Transfer Station drop offs for Old Lyme residents:**

M-F: 7:30 am to 4:30 pm SAT: 8 am to Noon

Call the OL Town Hall for more details at 860-434-1605 Ext. 212.

**Debris left curbside cannot be picked up.
Storm debris must be brought to the Transfer Station.
Leaves are not considered Storm Debris.**

**The Transfer Station is now equipped with a dedicated container for
spoiled food. Residents may drop off spoiled food at no charge.**

The following are NOT accepted at the Transfer Station.

NO hazardous waste
NO biological waste
NO rolloffs