

Waterbury

Flood Update – Thursday 9/1/2011

New information for today. From the Waterbury Municipal Office, temporarily located in the Thatcher Brook Primary School.

1. Clearinghouse for labor and goods –9 AM on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (9/2-9/5) at TBPS.
 - If you need help, please come to Thatcher Brook Primary School, back parking lot, on Stowe Street in Waterbury at 9 AM.
 - If you want to volunteer help, please come to Thatcher Brook Primary School, back parking lot, on Stowe Street in Waterbury at 9 AM.
 - If you can't come at 9 AM, we will have staff available in the TBPS back parking lot until 4 PM on Friday, and until 1 PM on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
 - If you are bringing a large group, you can contact us in advance for a group assignment. **BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.** Please call Reed McCracken for an assignment.

2. Sinkholes in the roads
 - A large sinkhole has developed in front of the municipal office. The town highway crew is trying to fix it, but it is a difficult repair job. Please stay off Main Street if you can.
 - Other sinkholes are developing. Please be extremely careful walking and driving through downtown Waterbury and in flood-impacted areas.

3. Trash and Debris Removal
 - The Town will be **closing Main Street on Friday** morning from 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM so that a bucket loader can travel down the street and move trash and debris into a large truck.
 - The Moretown Landfill will be open on Saturday until 2 PM. It will be closed on Sunday and Monday.
 - The Moretown Landfill will accept household hazardous waste on Friday 10-4, Saturday 8-2, Tuesday 8-4, Wednesday 8-4. If volunteers have a truck and would like to help transport hazardous waste, please come.

4. Cleaning Supplies needed.

Please bring cleaning supplies to Thatcher Brook Primary School, back parking lot, at 9 AM so that we can distribute to homeowners and volunteers. We are in urgent need of the following items:

5 –gallon buckets
Sponges
Masks
Cleaning supplies
Boxes
Masking tape
Dehumidifiers
Fans
Headlamps

5. Food

- We need food donations. Please bring food donations to Thatcher Brook Primary School cafeteria. We need any sort of perishable food, especially large quantities of snack food.
- We also need monetary donations for food purchases. Please make checks out to “Waterbury Food Shelf” and bring to TBPS, either the TBPS main office or the temporary municipal office located at TBPS.
- To give you an idea of our needs in Waterbury, on Tuesday our emergency food shelf at TBPS delivered 150 lunches and 70 dinners; on Wednesday they delivered 350 lunches and 170 dinners; on Thursday they delivered over 500 lunches. (As I write, we haven’t yet delivered Thursday dinner.) They could use your help.

6. Report flood damage to 2-1-1

The State of Vermont will allocate resources based, in part, on what is reported to the 2-1-1 hotline. The number may be busy, but please keep trying.

Document damage with photographs. Disposable cameras are available at TBPS, back parking lot.

Apply for FEMA flood assistance at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362. You may need to wait a day or two until Waterbury has been officially declared an emergency. We have been told that the maximum FEMA grant is in the range of \$20,000.

7. Websites

Congregational Church – Good Neighbor Fund
To make monetary donations to flood victims in crisis
www.waterburyucc.org

Town of Waterbury website – Classifieds for goods and services
www.waterburyvt.com

Revitalizing Waterbury
To make monetary donations to local businesses
www.revitalizingwaterbury.org

Vermont Response website – Classifieds for goods and services
Vtresponse.wordpress.com

8. “What’s happening next?” – Two information workshops, Saturday and Sunday, for people directly impacted by the flood.

Saturday 9/3, 4:00-5:30

Sunday 9/4, 4:00-5:30

Waterbury Main Street Fire Station, 2nd Floor

Topics:

How to Dry Out Your House

Dealing with FEMA

Making Repairs

What’s happening next