MAKE A PLAN

• Discuss the types of hazards that could affect your family (fire, flood, power outage, etc.)
• Pick a safe place outside your home to meet; identify two or three safe ways to evacuate your home if necessary.
  Your Neighborhood Meeting Place:

• Pick a safe place in your town to meet (library, place of worship).
  Your Town Meeting Place:

• Designate an out-of-state contact so all family members have a single point of contact during an emergency.
  Your Out-of-State Contact:

• Designate an out-of-state meeting point if necessary.
• Consider downloading a Preparedness App such as: FEMA, CT Prepares or Red Cross (allows you to communicate via one text to all family and friends. During an outage, text messages are more reliable than phone calls.)
• Always keep cash on hand in case banks are closed or without power.

GET INVOLVED

• Get to know your neighbors so that you can help them or they can help you.
• Get involved through your place of worship or local service organization such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Rotary, etc.
• Learn more about your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
• Ask a representative from the Ridgefield CERT team to talk to your neighborhood about how you as a group can be better prepared.
• To learn more about becoming a Ridgefield CERT volunteer, call 203-431-2700 or email ridgefieldpio@gmail.com.
BE INFORMED

- Register with CT Alert at www.CTAlert.gov to receive accurate, time-sensitive Ridgefield-based notifications via email, text message, home or cell phone.
- Follow Town Emergency Communications Twitter: @CTRidgefield & Facebook: RidgefieldCT
- Emergency Preparedness Communications will be posted at Ridgefield Town Hall and Parks & Recreation in the event all power is out.
- Monitor local radio stations: 850AM-WREF 800AM-WLAD 880AM-WCBS 98.3FM-WDAQ 95.1FM-WRKI

Important Websites:
www.ridgefieldct.org
www.ready.gov
www.FEMA.gov
www.CTAlert.gov
www.eversource.com (formerly CL&P)

BE PREPARED

BEFORE AN EMERGENCY
- Make or purchase an emergency supply kit, including pet items if applicable (items to include in kit can be found at www.ready.gov).
- Trim trees, shrubs and other potential hazards to your home.
- Test your generator monthly, if you have one.
- Fill all prescriptions; have cash on hand in case banks are closed.
- Charge cell phones & electronic devices; consider purchasing car charger for cell phone.
- Fill all vehicle gas tanks and keep an extra full gas can on hand.
- Fill bathtub with water to be used for flushing toilets.

DURING AN EMERGENCY
- Stay inside & wait out the storm.
- Stay away from windows.
- Avoid using landline phones.
- Power off electronics if necessary; keep refrigerator closed.

AFTER AN EMERGENCY
- Check on neighbors, especially elderly or disabled.
- Call Eversource if power fails. Plan to be without power for a long time.
- Monitor local communications as listed in “BE INFORMED” section.
- Be prepared to go to the Town Shelter (Parks & Recreation at 195 Danbury Road) if necessary.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

ALL EMERGENCIES: 911
Ridgefield Police Non-Emergency……………………………..(203) 438-6531
Ridgefield Fire Department Dispatch……………………………..(203) 431-2724
CT Info Line…………………………………..211
Eversource (CL&P)…….(800) 286-2000
Comcast……………………………..(800) 266-2278
Frontier Communications………………………………………..(800) 921-8101

Family Doctor: ___________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________

Family Dentist: ___________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________

Veterinarian: ___________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________

Medical Insurance Co: ___________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________
Policy Number: ___________________________

Homeowners/Rental Insurance Co: ___________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________
Policy Number: ___________________________