

From the House

Mitigating the Dangers of Extreme Cold

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Extreme cold is a yearly reality in New England. Dropping temperatures can be downright dangerous for people who may be struggling to pay their rent, mortgage or even heating bills. Below is some information, which may be helpful during these winter months:

The City of Hartford has an overnight warming center at the old Vine Street School in the Upper Albany neighborhood. There is also a battery of centers available during the day when necessary.

List of Daytime Warming Centers

- Hartford Public Library, Downtown Branch, 500 Main St and its branches.
- South End Wellness Center, 830 Maple Ave
- North End Senior Center, 80 Coventry St
- Parkville Senior Center, 11 New Park Ave
- Hispanic Health Council, 175 Main St
- Hispanic Senior Center, 45 Wadsworth St


Family Overflow Shelter for Women and Children

Salvation Army Shelter, 255 South Marshall Street: Open 24 hours a day 7 days per week

Additional services during cold weather can be found by calling the state's 2-1-1

Infoline. If you know someone who is having trouble paying their heating bills, make sure they know about the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program and emergency heating repair through Rebuilding Together Hartford.

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is designed to help offset the winter heating costs of Connecticut's lower income households. This program is administered by the Department of Social Services and coordinated by CRT in Hartford. 

Emergency Heating Repair

Hartford homeowners in need of emergency repair to heat or hot water can contact Rebuilding Together Hartford's Emergency Home Repair program. The program helps homeowners get their heat back on and working safely.

Please contact me at Matthew.Ritter@cga.ct.gov, or by phone at (800) 842-1902, if you have any questions or concerns.