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SUBJECT: **Weather Alert**

In anticipation for potential significant weather conditions, please review your emergency plans; and as appropriate, check your generators and its fuel supply, ensure the completeness of emergency food and other supplies, review your emergency plans, including your staffing plans and as always, check with your local weather channel via television and radio.

The Department is recommending visual inspections of the following:

- Sprinkler systems, Generators, ensuring that enough fuel is on site; and
- Emergency egress is maintained and clear of obstructions before and after the weather event.

Convalescent Nursing Homes & Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision are required to submit reportable events only through DPH FLIS Events website (<https://dphflisevents.ct.gov>). A duty officer (860-509-8000) is also available.

Please also submit any operational issues to the Connecticut LTCMAP (<https://mutualaidplan.org>)

Please be reminded that in December of 2015, the Connecticut State Agencies Regulations, Section 19-13-B102 (w) enacted emergency power requirements for all Community Water Systems (CWS). The regulation requires that each CWS have a stand-by stationery generator on site to ensure continuity of water operations should the facility lose electrical connectivity. If the facility operates with one generator, it must be enough to provide for regular nursing care and treatment and the safety of the occupants to maintain continuity of operations. Thank you for your attention.



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