

City of Barre, Vermont

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Press Release: Auditorium activated as evacuation shelter after rain batters area; residents urged to use caution until storm subsides

Barre, VT – The State has activated the Municipal Auditorium (20 Auditorium Hill, Barre, VT) as an emergency evacuation shelter. It is expected to be open between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM this afternoon. The shelter will be operated by the Red Cross. Barre residents in flood prone areas are encouraged to use it as a safe space until the storms subside.

River levels have been rising and we are closely monitoring areas prone to flooding around the City. City emergency services are fully staffed and we have deployed resources to close streets if necessary. Currently, there are no evacuation orders.

Residents are urged to:

- Call 911 if you are in a life-threatening situation;
- Stay off roads if possible;
- Record and document any property damage with pictures and by calling VT 211;
- Call Green Mountain Power at (888) 835-4672 if you have lost power in your home;
- Call 911 if you notice branches or limbs obstructing traffic; and
- Call Barre City Dispatch at (802) 476-6613 if you experience or witness significant increases in water levels.

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