

Good Afternoon,

This is Bill Dickinson, Wallingford Mayor, calling to provide a current status report regarding the restoration of electric power and clearing of public roads impacted by Tuesday's severe storm. The approximate number of customers without electric energy has been reduced from 3,900 on Wednesday to 1,600 today, Thursday, May 17th. The outages affecting large numbers of customers have been repaired. The restoration work will proceed at a slower pace now because fewer numbers of customers are restored with the completion of work at each repair site.

Wallingford Electric now has an additional three line crews for a total of 15 line crews performing repair work. Six tree crews are assisting with Public Works, Fire and Police personnel. All will continue to dedicate the resources necessary to restore power to all customers. Individual property owners have the responsibility to repair any damage to the electrical connection mast attached to the side of a structure. A building cannot be reenergized without the mast and meter in working condition. We still anticipate that it will take until Monday the 21st for electrical repairs to be completed. We will make every reasonable effort to shorten that time.

Please continue to avoid downed or hanging wires which may be the property of Wallingford Electric, Frontier, AT&T, Comcast or other telecommunication company. Safety continues to be a major concern. Many public roads are either closed or significantly impaired by storm debris hanging trees and limbs and wires. Restrict travel as much as possible to safe areas of Town. Due to storm damage, the following public parks are closed: Pire Park on Northfield Road, Marcus Cooke Park on Rock Hill Road, Lufbery Park on Cheshire Road, Wallace Park on Quinnipiac Street, Harriett Wallace Park on North Elm Street and the Tyler Mill Open Space Preserve including all trails. In the interest of safety please help by discouraging children from playing in parks or other areas with storm debris and the potential for additional limbs to be falling from trees.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. If you need more emergency assistance, please contact the Wallingford Police Department at (203)294-2800.