

**Central Vermont Food, Fuel & Transportation Winter Preparedness Coalition
(CVWPC)**

As a part of its effort to provide information on the various services that are available to help residents better prepare for the coming winter months, the Central Vermont Food, Fuel & Transportation Winter Preparedness Coalition (CVWPC) has prepared a handout that will be available throughout the area – at municipal offices, schools, libraries, and other key locations. The contact information provided will help residents get the information they need to weatherize homes, arrange transportation, find temporary accommodations or nearby food shelves, find out about health and human service organizations and programs, and more. The handout will also contain contact information specific to individual towns or cities. Arrangements are also being made for the handout to be delivered door-to-door.

Numerous groups are working at the state, regional and local level on both short- and long-term winter preparedness ideas. For example canning workshops are being held throughout the state and plans are in the works for numerous weatherization workshops. Municipalities are also hard at work on the issues. The Town of Berlin has recently included in its Town Newsletter a Winter Preparedness Survey on Food, Fuel and Transportation. The survey is also available on the Town's website at www.berlinvt.org. The purpose of the survey is two-fold: one to identify specific areas of concern and the second to find out if individual residents could offer assistance to others or volunteer on specific projects.

The Central Vermont Food, Fuel & Transportation Winter Preparedness Coalition will be meeting on September 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the United Way Conference Room, 963 Paine Turnpike, Berlin. Subcommittees have been meeting and will be presenting their ideas and recommendations. There will also be updates from both a municipal and state perspective. If you are interested in attending, call Kate at Green Mountain United Way at 223-9532 or by email at gmunitedway@madriver.com.

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