



There's a storm raging and you lose power for several days.
 You're cold...
 ...your cell phone battery is almost dead...
 ...and you could really use something warm to eat and drink.

Where can you go?



Find the shelter or warming center nearest you! For more information, contact your town office or dial 211.

Community Shelters & Warming Centers in Knox County



Does your community operate a shelter or warming center?



Knox County Emergency Management Agency
 301 Park Street
 Rockland, ME 04841
 207-594-5155
www.knoxcountymaine.gov/ema

Community-Run Shelter / Warming Center Locations by Municipality

Please note that any hours listed are subject to change based on need and availability of volunteers to staff the shelters. Contact your town for actual hours of operation.

Appleton

Appleton Fire Station
 2915 Sennebec Road, Appleton

Camden

Camden Congregational Church
 55 Elm Street, Camden
Hrs depend on volunteer availability

Cushing

Town Office
 39 Cross Road, Cushing
Hrs flexible

Friendship

Hahn Community Center
 31 Main Street, Friendship

Hope

Hope Corner Fire Station
 475 Camden Road, Hope

Rockland

South School
 30 Broadway, Rockland
 &

Rockland City Hall

270 Pleasant Street, Rockland
Open during regular business hrs
 &

Rockland Public Library

80 Union Street, Rockland
Open during regular business hrs

&
Flanagan Community Center
 116 Union Street, Rockland
Open during regular business hrs

Rockport

Camden Hills Regional High School
 25 Keelson Drive, Rockport

Saint George

Town Hall

3 School Street, Tenants Harbor
 &

Saint George School

65 Main Street, Tenants Harbor

South Thomaston

Public Library

8 Dublin Road, So. Thomaston
 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (*hrs flexible*)
 &

Spruce Head Community Church

22 Village Rd, Spruce Head
 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (*hrs flexible*)

Thomaston

Watts Hall

174 Main Street, Thomaston
Can be open any hours officers are on duty, including overnight hrs

Union

Union Elementary School

1070 Heald Highway, Union
 &

Town Office / Fire Station

567 Common Road, Union
 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (*hrs flexible*)

Turn the page for more locations...

Warren
Town Office
167 Western Road, Warren
&
Warren Community School
117 Eastern Road, Warren

Washington
Mt Olivet Masonic Lodge
42 Liberty Road, Washington
7 a.m. – 7 p.m. when publicly posted

What if my town isn't listed?

Don't worry - some towns are still in the process of developing their plans for a community shelter/warming center, so there may be one available in the future. Also, no one is going to turn you away from their facility even if you're not a resident of that town. If you need somewhere to go, find the one that is closest to you.

How do I find out operation hours and whether it's an overnight shelter or just a warming center?

Contact your town office or the local emergency management director for your municipality and ask. We have listed some hours in this brochure but hours are not written in stone. Some have no set hours – most are flexible based on need and whether there are enough staff to operate them.

You can also [dial 211 to find out what shelters/centers are open in Knox County](#) as well as information on any number of other services.

Your Community needs volunteers!

Every shelter/warming center that is not run by the Red Cross will need volunteers from the community. Talk to your town about how you can help!

Communications

Community shelters use a variety of communications to keep in touch with the community and public safety, including ham radios and other mobile devices. This means that even if the phone lines and cell towers are knocked out, communications are still possible. If you're interested in helping out, contact your local emergency management director.

Community-Run Shelters/ Warming Centers vs. Red Cross Regional Shelters



Community-Run Shelters/Warming Centers:

- are more temporary than regional shelters

- are mostly set up for day-time operation, though some are equipped for overnight stays
- could be in a town library, school, community center, fire station, the town office, city hall or a church
- generally equipped with emergency power, rest rooms, telephones and many have Wi-Fi connectivity
- some offer meals, snacks and warm drinks
- give you a place to charge your phone or other devices
- services provided are at the discretion of the sponsoring municipality
- may not be equipped to support pets

- are staffed with Red Cross volunteers, medical and mental health providers and security

Generally, only one regional shelter can be opened at a time in Knox County. The decision of which location will open is based on serving the part of the county where the need is greatest. The four possible locations are:

- Camden Hills Regional High School
25 Keelson Drive (Route 90),
Rockport
- South School
30 Broadway, Rockland
- Union Elementary School
1070 Heald Highway (Route 17),
Union
- Warren Community School
117 Eastern Road, Warren



Red Cross Regional Shelters:

- are completely run, funded, staffed and managed by the Red Cross
- are larger, more formal dormitory operations
- would be set up at one of four pre-designated locations in Knox County
- generator equipped
- fully accessible
- have sleeping, showering and restroom facilities
- can provide hot meals

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