



Local Emergency Order

Temporary Suspension of Town Purchasing Requirements

A temporary suspension of Town of Woodstock purchasing and procurement requirements is hereby ordered, effective **10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2026**, and continuing through **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026**.

Due to the declared State of Emergency resulting from Winter Storm Fern, and the significant impacts associated with heavy snowfall, hazardous travel conditions, reduced visibility, and potential impediments to emergency response, it is necessary to provide Town departments with immediate flexibility to repair, replace, or procure equipment, materials, and services essential to the protection of public health, safety, and property. Strict adherence to standard purchasing and procurement requirements during this emergency could delay critical response operations and compromise the Town's ability to maintain safe conditions and essential services.

This Order is intended to ensure that emergency crews and Town departments are able to act swiftly to address emergency conditions, including snow removal, infrastructure protection, and response to equipment failures, in order to safeguard residents and municipal property.

This Local Emergency Order applies only to purchases, repairs, and services directly related to emergency response and recovery efforts during the effective period stated herein.

As the Chief Executive of the Town of Woodstock, Ulster County, State of New York, I, **Anula Courtis**, exercise the authority granted to me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law to preserve public safety and hereby temporarily suspend Town purchasing and procurement requirements to the extent necessary to respond to this emergency.

I hereby direct all Town departments and agencies to act prudently and responsibly in exercising this authority and to document all emergency-related expenditures as soon as practicable for review and recordkeeping purposes.

DATED: January 25, 2026
Town of Woodstock, New York

ANULA COURTIS, Town Supervisor