

# Emergency Shelter Needs

When temperatures drop below freezing or the wind chill is severe, Somerset County utilizes *Code Blue* to activate warming centers and shelters. Code Blue is an order that counties in New Jersey trigger that allows more people to seek refuge in shelters or warming centers. If you need shelter, you can call the statewide homeless hotline at **211** or **877-652-1148**. The Code

Blue Alert is also shared with local media, social media outlets and the NJ Statewide Homeless Hotline.



We encourage everyone to check in with neighbors during the winter, especially older residents and people with disabilities. Your moment of support can have a profound impact on a neighbor in need. During a severe weather event, Montgomery Township Office of Emergency Management may also activate a warming center at the Otto Kaufman Community Center.

If you or someone you know needs additional support during the colder months, Montgomery Township Health Department can be reached at (908) 359-8211 ext. 2227 and can provide assistance connecting you with resources.

NJ211 provides those in need with simple access to a website with a database of over 10,000 LOCAL programs and services. Listings are current, accurate and comprehensive. The NJ211 website also contains related informational pages that include details about how existing social programs work, eligibility requirements, and application links. NJ 211 is open 24/7/365. Services are free, confidential, and multilingual.

Just follow the link below or dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211.

## Related Links

- [Go to NJ211](#)