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Gov now has this, but FYI for future and if others need (the Governor has a number of emergency powers throughout title 20 that are only activated in a declared state of emergency):

What does declaring a state of emergency do?

Declaring a state of emergency helps permit the State to be as prepared as possible in the event of a hazard. It activates Vermont's Emergency Operation Plan and permits a Governor to make use of a number of emergency powers that aren't otherwise available, including things like:

- ordering evacuations and taking control of things like our fuel supply, speed limits, and certain property as necessary,
- granting emergency permits and suspending regulations related to electricity, natural gas, and transportation, and
- entering into mutual-aid agreements with other states as necessary.

Declaring a state of emergency also helps protect the public because certain consumer protection laws apply with special force in a state of emergency – for example, pricing gouging of critical products like generators or gasoline is especially suspect in a declared state of emergency.

Declaring a state of emergency can also help lay the groundwork for FEMA support in terms of asking the President for a federal declaration of an emergency. Sometimes an executive order declaring a state of emergency will simultaneously call out the National Guard – that's what we did in Irene. We haven't done that in this case.

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