

TO: ALL WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AMATEURS
ALL NON-WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AMATEURS
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SUBJECT: GIVE ONLY WHAT IS NEEDED

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When asked to provide something, give only what is asked for. Giving only what is asked for doesn't mean that you can't suggest additional items. If you are asked for a gallon of gasoline, you might ask what it's for. If you are told it's for a generator, that may be all that's needed. But, if it's for a car or truck, a gallon of gasoline might not be enough, and you might want to provide more.

If you are providing information about an incident, such as a car wreck, provide only what is asked for, such as the location, if there are any injuries, how many people are involved, do you think they may need a wrecker. You don't need to explain the vehicle hit an Oak tree, that's full of leaves, and have started turning color because it's the Fall season, or that before it hit the tree that it passed two blue houses, and a white one.

Additional information can be distracting for the person receiving the information. It may also take up needed time that is needed to get things put into motion. So don't waste time sending something that will not be needed or used.

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