**CANTON POLICE DPEARTMENT**

**ARE YOU READY FOR HURRICAN SEASON?**

As part of preparation efforts, Canton residents are encouraged to download the state’s [CTPrepares](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nicusa.ctprepares&hl=en_US) mobile app for their smart phone and tablet devices. The app, which can be downloaded free of charge from the Apple iTunes store and the Google Play store, provides Connecticut residents with information and alerts in emergency situations, and also gives preparedness tips in advance of an emergency.

**Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit**

* One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
* At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
* Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
* Flashlight and extra batteries
* First aid kit
* A whistle to signal for help
* Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
* Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
* A manual can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
* Local maps
* Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
* Food and litter requirements for any pets
* Medicine or any special need items, including diapers for infants

**Family Emergency Plan**

* Identify an out-of- town contact. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
* Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you’ve listed them as emergency contacts.
* Teach family members how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through, and it uses less battery life. Plan ahead and pre-set a family group text conversation in your phones.
* Subscribe to alert services. Go to [www.ct.gov/ctalert](https://portal.ct.gov/ctalert) to register for emergency alerts.

**Consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your basic kit:**

* Extra set of car/house keys
* Manual can opener, utensils, paper plates/cups
* Medical supplies – hearing aids w/batteries, glasses, contact lenses
* Baby supplies – bottles, formula, baby food and diapers
* Pet supplies – collar/leash, ID, food and carrier
* Two way radios

**Protecting Your Possessions**

* It is important to review your insurance policies yearly and especially prior to the start of hurricane season
* Review your policy with an agent, or contact the [Connecticut Insurance Department](https://portal.ct.gov/cid) to understand what is covered and what your coverage limits are to ensure you are receiving adequate protection.
* Keep your policies and insurance contact information in a safe place.
* Make an inventory of your possessions should your property be damaged and you have to make a claim.