

Weather Emergencies

Here are some small things you can do to be prepared.

Use: 911- For all Emergencies/ Wellness Checks

Use: 211- For available resources in Connecticut to include Shelter information

Use: "CT.Gov"- For Preparation and Information

USE: (860) 564-2148 – Sterling Emergency Operation Center *"We can help in many ways"*

- Prior to a storm, fill your bathtub full of water and use the water to flush your toilets should the power go out. Pour two (2) gallons right into toilet to flush. No need to put the water in the tank first. To help save water, note this poem: "If it's yellow - let it mellow - if it's brown – please flush it down". Swimming pool water is good water for this type of emergency. This should work for a while. Help your neighbor and give-up some pool water.
- Prepare by filling some old clean one (1) gallon milk jugs for potable water and store in a cool dark place. This can be used for cooking and bathing. Fill a few more for your small pets. Water will stay for a long time, but it's good to change out every 3 months. Repeat the process for a longer duration and have enough on hand for at least (1) week. Preferably (1) gallon per day per person in your household.
- Buy a solar flashlight/radio with weather channels. Stay tuned to local channels for valuable information. This may be the only way you will receive information during a large event.
- Have extra batteries, solar lights, or stock up on glow sticks.
- Store some canned goods and items to eat that do not require refrigeration. Rice, Pop Tarts, Ramen Noodles, soups, and canned meats are a few ideas. Plan to have enough for a few days. This will give services a chance to bring themselves back online and open for business.
- If you have any questions about preparing yourselves, please come down to the Emergency Operation Center on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and we can help you prepare. Call (860) 564-2148 and we may be able to make an appointment.

This information is available at the Sterling Emergency Operation Center. Please don't be shy and come on down... We could use some volunteers...