



## WESTPORT OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Are you prepared for a major storm or hurricane? Major storms are the leading cause of long duration power outages in Westport and there is much you can do to be prepared. Being ready starts with you!

### **Know how a storm and its aftermath can potentially affect you:**

- Power outages for a week or more depending on scale of the disaster
  - Loss of internet home telephones, without power your well water pumps will not function, inability to charge cell phones
- Inability to leave or access your home due to downed trees and powerlines, or damage to your residence
- Large scale road closures and inability to travel
- Flooding

### **Prepare and be ready!**

- Make sure you are signed up for [Westport emergency notifications](#)  
You can sign up for text alerts by texting "06880" to 888777
- Visit the National Hurricane Preparedness site at (<https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep>)
- Have an emergency preparedness kit (<https://www.ready.gov/kit>)
- Have a shelter plan (where can you go if you become displaced?)
- Have a family emergency communications plan (how can you contact each other in an emergency)

### **Items to include in your preparedness kit**

Water (a gallon per day per person for 5 or more days)  
Food (a 5 or more day supply of non-perishable food)  
Flashlight & extra batteries  
First Aid Kit  
Moist towelettes (for personal sanitation)  
Manual can opener  
Prescription & nonprescription medications (have a supply to last up to several weeks if possible)  
Prescription eyeglasses and contact solution  
Instant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream  
Food and water for your pet(s) for 5 or more days  
Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person  
Fire extinguisher  
Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items

If you have any additional questions on how to be best prepared visit [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) or contact Westport Emergency Management at (203) 341-5000.