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### GOVERNOR LAMONT URGES CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS TO TAKE STEPS TO PREPARE FOR WEATHER EMERGENCIES

MIDDLETOWN -- As we move into the hurricane season and as climate change brings unprecedented storm activity, Governor Ned Lamont and state emergency preparedness officials are urging Connecticut residents to take some basic steps so they are prepared for dangerous weather.

"We know from the tragic storm in Texas, and the flooding in the Naugatuck Valley last August that climate change is causing more extreme weather, especially if the storm stalls and dumps a year's worth of rain in a day or less," said Governor Lamont. "Across Connecticut, from state to municipal government, we are continually preparing for extreme weather emergencies."

Governor Lamont, DESPP Commissioner Ronnell A. Higgins, and U.S. Rep. Jim Himes met with the media in Oxford on Friday to urge state residents to be prepared for severe weather during hurricane and tropical storm season.

Here are some suggestions so you can be ready:

- Sign up for [CT Alerts](#), Connecticut's emergency notification system.
- Download the [CTPrepares app](#) for your mobile phone so you know how to prepare for any emergency.
- [Create an emergency](#) kit to keep in your home so you are ready for any emergency.
- [Put together a "go bag"](#) with copies of important documents, prescriptions, battery-operated radio, and other items such as a cell phone charger.
- Make sure you have an evacuation plan, particularly if you live in a [hurricane evacuation zone](#).

"All of the resources from DESPP and the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security are ready to face a weather emergency, but we need the public's help too," Higgins said. "Please take the time to prepare so you are ready for any emergency."

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