

Important Canton Storm Damage Disaster Relief Information

Due to the recent devastating storm damage, Canton filed a state of emergency within 24 hours of the heavy rainfall that occurred last Wednesday, August 23, 2023, in order to open the possibility of a federal government state of emergency declaration. At that time, Canton did not know the full extent of the Township's damage and began the process to secure any possible assistance available for our residents. Here is an update on the status of current state of emergencies.

1. Presently, there are no funds available to residents from Canton Township, the County, State, or Federal Government as a result of these declarations of emergency.
2. Residents and businesses must work with their insurance companies and remediation companies for water and/or wind damage in their particular situation.
3. If residents are in need of food, clothing, or assistance with carrying things out of their basement, please call 211 for volunteer assistance from 211 available resources.
4. Canton residents who experienced damage to their homes due to the recent high-impact storms who have not already participated in the door-to-door damage assessment are encouraged to submit a self-reporting survey with photos to help assess the damage throughout the township, which is available online at: <https://arcg.is/10ab1j> or via the attached QR code.
5. Currently, total damage assessments are still being collected through online self-reporting surveys, as well as door-to-door assessments in order to collect information as evidence for the Township's declaration of emergency.
6. After the assessment is sent to the State, the State will determine if the damage across the state warrants a request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration.
7. Requests by the State for a Presidential Disaster Declaration are then reviewed by the federal government on a case-by-case basis.
8. If the declaration is approved, the federal government will then determine if public assistance (for government infrastructure), individual assistance (aid to individuals), and/or other forms of assistance will be made available.
9. If a presidential disaster declaration is issued, additional information will be made available as soon as possible. For additional information, visit www.canton-mi.org.

In regard to trees/limbs/branches:

Dumpsters have been placed outside of our DPW building for excessive yard waste and oversized limbs. Please note, the dumpsters are for yard waste ONLY. Any spoiled food or other debris from the flood or power outage will have to be put at the curb on your regular collection day.

You can also place yard waste out on Saturday for the regular weekly yard waste collection. Yard waste at the curb must meet collection guidelines. Twigs, branches, brush, pruning, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three to four feet in length, with branches not exceeding 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Residents with large trees and or limbs on private property will need to work with their HOAs or a private landscaping company for removal (or use the dumpsters at DPW as referenced above).

