

Hurricane/Severe Weather Information



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Natural disasters
disrupt normal life.

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Services become unavailable.

Transportation and
mobility is hindered.

You may even be
forced to evacuate.

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Inside:

PERSONAL & FAMILY
HURRICANE
PREPAREDNESS

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PERSONAL AND FAMILY HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

INITIAL PREPARATIONS



- ☐ Know the hurricane risks in your area
- ☐ Plan and prepare a present evacuation route
- ☐ Locate emergency shelters in your area
- ☐ Take inventory and prepare emergency equipment [e.g., flashlights, generator, radios, medical kit(s), etc.]
- ☐ Stock up on water and non-prerishable foods
- ☐ Take inventory and store enough plywood to properly secure your property
- ☐ Clear gutters and downspouts
- ☐ Keep trees and bushes trimmed
- ☐ Have your insurance policies reviewed (e.g., home, auto, etc.)
- ☐ Take accurate photographs of all your property (inside and out) and store in a safe place
- ☐ Locate main fuse box/circuit breaker, water service main, and natural gas main. Know how and when to shut off. Keep tools nearby

HURRICANE WATCH



- ☐ Listen to local TV or radio for official bulletins of the storm's progress
- ☐ Fuel and service family vehicles
- ☐ Secure mobile home tie-downs

- ☐ Prepare to cover window and door openings with shutters or plywood
- ☐ Stock up on canned food, water, batteries, first aid supplies, etc.
- ☐ Move loose, light-weight objects in doors (e.g., lawn furniture, garbage cans, etc.)
- ☐ Have emergency cash reserves on hand
- ☐ Wedge sliding glass doors to prevent them from moving off-track
- ☐ If you own a small boat, move it to a safe location

HURRICANE WARNING



- ☐ Closely monitor local TV and radio for official bulletins
- ☐ Complete preparation activities (e.g., storing loose objects, boarding windows, etc.)
- ☐ Do not stay in a mobile home!
- ☐ Leave food and water for pets
- ☐ Board garage and porch doors
- ☐ Move valuables to upper floors
- ☐ Move boats on trailers close to your house and fill them with water to weigh them down (use tie-downs to anchor trailer to ground or house)
- ☐ Stay inside, away from windows on downside of the house
- ☐ If evacuating, leave early using your preset evacuation route
- ☐ Notify neighbors and family members of your evacuation plans
- ☐ Notify your immediate supervisor of your

evacuation plans and be sure to leave a contact number

- ☐ If moving to a shelter, make arrangements for pets

PLAN TO EVACUATE IF...

- ☐ You live in a mobile home
- ☐ You live in a high-rise
- ☐ You live near a river or flood plain
- ☐ You live outside of levee protection
- ☐ You live in a low-lying inland area



WHEN EVACUATING...

- ☐ Have a pre-set evacuation route
- ☐ Leave early and during daylight hours
- ☐ Travel light (valuables and important documents)
- ☐ Take blankets, sleeping bags, flashlights, food, medication, infant needs, light weight chairs, etc.
- ☐ Take food and water for your pets
- ☐ Safely unplug all electronic equipment (e.g., computer, TV, etc.)
- ☐ Shut off water, gas, and electricity before leaving, if instructed to do so
- ☐ Drive to the nearest shelter, if you plan to stay at one. Register all members of your group. Be prepared to help shelter personnel
- ☐ Notify neighbors, family, and supervisor of your evacuation plans
- ☐ Lock your house



IF STAYING HOME...



- ☐ Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and only open when necessary
- ☐ Turn off utilities if told to do so
- ☐ Turn off propane tanks
- ☐ Unplug all appliances
- ☐ Fill bathtub and large containers with water for sanitary purposes

IF THE WINDS BECOME STRONG...



- ☐ Stay away from windows and doors even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway
- ☐ Close all interior doors and secure external doors
- ☐ While in a two-story house, take shelter in an interior first-floor room, bathroom, or closet
- ☐ Lie on the floor under a table or other sturdy object

AFTER THE STORM...



- ☐ Keep listening to TV or radio for updates
- ☐ Wait until area is safe before entering
- ☐ Roads may be closed for your safety. If an area is blocked off or flooded, turn around and go another route
- ☐ Avoid weakened bridges and flooded areas
- ☐ Use phones for emergencies only
- ☐ Do not use tap water to drink or prepare food unless you are certain it is not contaminated
- ☐ Be cautious when using chainsaws!

- ☐ Stay on firm ground, away from water (water and electricity do not mix!)
- ☐ Avoid candles or other open flames while indoors. Use flashlights
- ☐ Check gas, water, and electrical lines for damage. Report them immediately
- ☐ As soon as possible, try to make contact with the Port of South Louisiana
- ☐ You may receive instructions through one of the following resources:
 - ☐ Command Center Hotline 985.536-1118
 - ☐ Local TV or radio stations - WWLTV 4, WDSU 6, WVUE 8, WGNO 26, WWL AM 870
 - ☐ Contact with immediate supervisor
 - ☐ Auxiliary Websites

www.stcharlesparish.gov/residents/emergency-preparedness

www.sjbparish.gov/Departments/Emergency-Preparedness

www.stjamesla.com/434/Emergency-Preparedness

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If you do not have pre-established plans of evacuation, or if your plans change, please call

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to advise the Port of South Louisiana where you are and how you can be reached.

This information is important in order to provide employees with post-storm instructions on when and how to return to work.

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