Preparedness and hazard mitigation can save lives, protect property and lessen impacts of future disasters. To reduce risk and ensure Louisiana citizens and communities are better prepared, this Guide is intended to help Louisiana residents benefit from the experience of past events and recommendations from experts in disaster preparation, prevention, response, recovery and mitigation.
A READY AND RESILIENT LOUISIANA

Those of us who have lived in Louisiana over the last decade know how devastating tropical storms, hurricanes, floods, ice storms and other natural and man-made emergencies or disasters can be. Our State continues to recover from the twin back-to-back disasters of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, followed by the added community, personal and economic impacts of Hurricanes Gustav, Ike and Isaac, Mississippi River flooding, British Petroleum (BP) oil spill and other challenging events.

Each new storm season brings a renewed awareness of the need to be prepared and to continue to invest in efforts that make Louisiana more resilient, so Louisiana families and businesses are better able to withstand, bounce back quickly and recover when an emergency or disaster event occurs. You need to know what you, your family and your business partners and employees should do in the event of an emergency or disaster.

This Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide (Guide) can help. From identifying our most likely risks to providing sheltering information and evacuation routes to listing supplies you might need, identifying special needs and more, this Guide should be YOUR Guide to personal planning.

To learn more about emergency and disaster preparation, prevention, response, recovery, and evacuation, visit the Get A Game Plan website at getagameplan.org OR the Louisiana Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) at gohsep.la.gov.

In the event of an emergency or disaster, please listen carefully to the direction of local and State officials and prepare to evacuate should that becomes necessary.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor
Important Terms You Should Know

**PARISH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC):** The facility that provides coordination and control of all emergency response and recovery activities for the Parish during declared emergencies.

**EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS):** A state-of-the-art digital system designed to give emergency information and instructions from Federal, State and local authorities. The system is interfaced with the cable television system as well as radio and television stations. When activated, it broadcasts the latest information on weather reports, road conditions, evacuations, shelter locations and reentry information.

**EVACUATION ORDER:** The most important instruction you will receive from local government officials. When appropriate, the State of Louisiana Evacuation Plan goes into effect. This plan may require, depending on predicted impact, the evacuation of everyone in south Louisiana in vulnerable areas.

**EYE:** The low-pressure center of a tropical cyclone or hurricane. Though the most intense area of the storm surrounds it, winds are normally calm and sometimes the sky clears.

**EYE WALL:** The ring of thunderstorms that surrounds a storm's eye. The heaviest rain, strongest winds and worst turbulence are normally in the eye wall.

**FLASH FLOOD:** A flood that occurs within a few hours (usually less than six (6)) of heavy or excessive rainfall or dam or levee failure.

**GALE:** Sustained wind speeds from 39 to 54 miles per hour (mph) (34 to 47 knots).

**HURRICANE:** A severe tropical cyclone with sustained winds over 74 mph (64 knots).

**KNOT(s):** Unit of speed used in aviation and marine activities. One (1) knot is equal to 1.15 mph.

**STORM SURGE:** A rise of the sea level along the shore that builds up as a storm (usually a hurricane) moves over water. It is a result of the winds of the storm and low atmospheric pressures.

**STORM TRACK:** The path that a low-pressure area follows.

**TORNADO:** A violently rotating column of air classified into three (3) main groups; weak – wind speeds up to 110 mph; strong – wind speeds 110 to 205 mph; and violent – wind speeds 205 to perhaps 320 mph.

**TROPICAL OR SUBTROPICAL DEPRESSION:** Cyclones that have maximum sustained winds of 38 mph (33 knots) or less. These are referred to as low-pressure systems in public advisories and statements.

**TROPICAL STORM:** Tropical cyclone that has maximum sustained winds from 39 to 73 mph (34 to 63 knots).

**WARNING:** Issued when a particular weather or flood hazard is “imminent” or already occurring (e.g., tornado warning or flash flood warning). A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property.

**WATCH:** Forecast issued in advance to alert the public of the possibility of a particular weather-related hazard (tornado watch, flash flood watch). It is intended to provide enough lead time so those who need to set their plans in motion can do so.

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State Hazards

STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
The State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP) identifies hazards and guides the implementation of hazard mitigation measures intended to eliminate or reduce the effects of future disasters that might impact Louisiana. The plan is reviewed annually. For more information, visit getagameplan.org/planMitigate.htm.

11 MOST LIKELY HAZARDS IN LOUISIANA

STORM SURGE
Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm, over and above the predicted astronomical tides. Storm surge should not be confused with storm tide, which is defined as the water level rise due to the combination of storm surge and the astronomical tide.

SUBSIDENCE
Subsidence is the loss of surface elevation due to the removal of subsurface support. Along with sea level rise, subsidence can accelerate coastal erosion and wetland loss, as well as increase flooding.

WILDFIRE
An uncontrolled fire that spreads through vegetation and possibly exposes and consumes structures. Wildfires can be caused by human acts such as arson or careless accidents, as well as by natural occurrences such as lightning.

DAM FAILURE
Dam failure can occur when there is a breach or collapse in the structure of a dam.

LEVEE FAILURE
A levee failure involves the overtopping, breaching or collapsing of a levee.

HAZARDOUS-MATERIALS INCIDENT
A man-made disaster, hazardous-materials incidents involve accidental or intentional releases of chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear materials.

FLOODING
A natural condition that is the result of an overflowing river, heavy rain, dam break, levee failure or snow or ice melting too fast. Hurricanes and tornadoes can also cause flooding.

HAILSTORM
Severe thunderstorms in which chunks of ice fall along with rain.

HURRICANE
A tropical storm with sustained winds at least 74 mph on the Saffir-Simpson Scale. Heavy rain, strong winds and large waves can damage cars, buildings and homes. Hurricane season runs from June 1 – November 30.

TORNADO
A violent storm that appears as a funnel-shaped cone with winds that can be as strong as 300 mph or more. Tornadoes can also occur within other storms, such as hurricanes.

ICE STORM
Ice storms consist of freezing temperatures and heavy precipitation, usually in the form of rain, freezing rain or sleet, and sometimes in the form of snow and ice.
Most people in Louisiana associate hurricanes with devastating winds and storm surge. While strong winds and high storm surges do cause a tremendous amount of coastal destruction, flooding resulting from a hurricane can occur hundreds of miles from the coast. Inland flooding throughout coastal, central and north Louisiana can cause severe damage after a hurricane makes landfall and as the remaining weather system moves through the State. Since 1970, inland flooding has been responsible for more than half of all deaths associated with tropical storms and hurricanes in the United States.

Flooding can occur as a result of other weather events. People across the State can be at risk from flooding caused by heavy rains. People in central and north Louisiana may be at risk from flooding caused by melting snow and ice.

Winter storms accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain can also be a danger. Winter storms can knock out heat, power and communications services to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time. Icy conditions and extreme cold can immobilize an entire region.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: getagameplan.org and ready.gov

Trimming limbs that extend over buildings in advance of ice storms is an important mitigation measure.
# Emergency Supply Checklist

## FOOD (3-DAY SUPPLY)
- fruit: canned, dried, roll-ups
- meats: canned or dried
- vegetables: canned
- powdered milk
- juices: canned or bottled
- water: bottled
- peanut butter
- crackers
- soup: canned
- high-energy bars

## BABY SUPPLIES
- diapers, baby wipes
- milk, food, formula
- clothes
- disposable bottles and liners
- blankets, sheets, bed linens
- medications
- portable crib
- toys

## PERSONAL ITEMS
- soap, toothbrush, deodorant
- towels and washcloths
- sewing kit
- shampoo
- feminine hygiene items
- shaving kit
- mirror
- eyeglasses and contact lenses
- special items needed for the elderly and disabled

## CHILDREN’S SUPPLIES
- quiet toys
- coloring books
- crayons
- puzzles
- books
- CD/MP3 player
- extra batteries

## SANITARY ITEMS
- portable toilet
- plastic garbage bags
- paper towels, toilet paper
- liquid detergent
- disinfectant

## CLOTHING + BEDDING
- rain gear
- sleeping bags, blankets and pillows
- extra shoes and work boots
- extra clothes

## COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
- battery-operated radio
- extra batteries
- NOAA weather radio
- cellular phone and charger
- non-cordless phone

## LIGHTING
- waterproof flashlights
- battery-powered lantern
- extra batteries

## CLEANUP SUPPLIES
- washing detergents
- mops, brooms, etc.
- buckets, extra hose
- old blankets, towels, rags
- large plastic garbage bags and ties
- rubber gloves
- bleach, disinfectants
- camera to photograph home before cleanup
PAPERS + VALUABLES
- extra set of car keys
- evacuation route maps
- driver’s license or some form of identification
- Social Security cards
- passport
- birth certificates
- vehicle registration papers
- proof of residence (deed or lease)
- marriage records
- death records
- computer backups
- small valuables
- extra cash
- credit cards
- wills
- insurance policies
- medical and vaccination records
- other important papers (e.g., stocks, bonds, mortgages, deeds, wills, recent tax returns, etc.)
- checking and savings account information
- household inventory (photo or video)
- pet veterinary records
- books, stationery, pens and pencils

SAFETY SUPPLIES
- fire extinguisher
- waterproof matches
- insect repellents
- work gloves
- utility knife
- shovel, hand saw, ax
- hammer, nails, pliers, shut-off wrench
- tarp, duct tape
- small boat
- chain saw
- generator/fuel
- wet/dry vacuum
- extra oil, gas
- jumper cables
- compass
- written instructions on how to turn off utilities (gas, water, electricity)

PRESCRIPTIONS
- medications (7-day supply)
- list of each family member’s prescriptions, medications, dosage and schedule
- copy of health insurance cards and prescriptions

EXTERNAL MEDICATIONS
- antibiotic ointment
- antibacterial soap
- baking soda
- hydrogen peroxide
- calamine lotion
- betadine
- lip balm
- rubbing alcohol
- sunblock

INTERNAL MEDICATIONS
- aspirin/acetaminophen
- sore throat lozenges and spray
- laxative/anti-diarrhea
- eye drops
- antacids
- nose spray
- vitamins
- cough medicine
- eardrops

FIRST AID SUPPLIES
- first aid handbook
- scissors
- tweezers
- thermometer
- first aid tape
- gauze rolls
- large nonstick pads
- bandages, such as Band-Aids™
- arm sling
- snakebite kit
- cotton swabs
- ice/heat packs
- latex gloves
- safety pins

COOKING EQUIPMENT
- gas or barbecue grill
- extra propane gas
- lighter fluid/charcoal
- Sterno™ stove
- cooking utensils
- manual can opener
- bottle opener
- disposable eating utensils
- disposable plates and cups
- paper towels
- ice chest
- plastic storage bags

Don’t forget pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, waste supplies).
Family Preparation

PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY
- Know what emergencies or disasters are most likely to occur in your area and have an emergency kit pre-assembled.
- Inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school, faith organizations, sports events and commuting.
- Refill prescriptions so that you always have a seven (7) day supply.
- Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.
- Know the difference between different weather alerts such as watches and warnings and what actions to take for each.
- Learn about your community’s warning signals and frequently monitor television, NOAA radio, Internet and mobile apps. Don’t wait until the storm approaches to download your apps.
- If there is a chance you will have to evacuate, turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- Listen to local officials and be ready to evacuate. Know your evacuation routes and emergency shelters and checkpoints. Notify someone outside the disaster area of your plans.

IMPORTANT PAPERS INVENTORY
Create a personal file containing information about your possessions and keep it in a secure place, such as a safe deposit box or waterproof container. Consider including copies of the following for each family member:
- Driver’s license(s)
- Vehicle registration and proof of insurance.
- Insurance policies (life, health, property).
- Medical and vaccination records including medicine or food allergies and other specific health conditions.
- Copies of prescription medicine labels.
- Birth and marriage certificates.
- Tax or other important business and personal records.
- Wills.
- Veterinary and vaccination records for pets and livestock.
- Photos of your home and possessions.

EMERGENCY FUNDS
- Several factors should be considered as to how disasters will affect your family financially. You should be prepared to sustain yourself and your family away from your home for several days or, in a worst-case scenario, several weeks or even months. Be advised, government agencies may not be able to react as quickly as you think they should.
- Evacuation expenses include fuel, restaurants and your stay in hotels. When deciding how much cash to bring for each day, keep those three (3) items in mind and plan accordingly.
- Average pet boarding costs are different for each animal depending on size and special needs.
- You should budget enough money to pay for a month’s supply of prescription medicines.
- During a disaster, credit and other bank card use may be limited due to loss of power and other disaster-related factors. Get more cash than you think will be necessary.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
getagameplan.org/planFamilyStp02.htm and ready.gov
Family Preparation

PETS

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR PETS

Make sure you have:

- **Food and water** for at least three (3) days for each pet.
- Food and water bowls and a manual can opener.
- Depending on the pet, pack litter and litter box or newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items and household bleach.
- Don’t forget **pet medications** and medical records stored in a waterproof container, a first aid kit and a pet first aid book.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers to transport pets safely and to ensure that your pets cannot escape. A carrier should be large enough for the animal to stand comfortably, turn around and lie down. Your pet may have to stay in the carrier for hours. Be sure to have a secure carrier with no loose objects. Include blankets or towels for bedding and warmth and other special items.
- Bring pet toys and the pet’s bed, if you can easily take it, to reduce stress.
- **Current photos** and descriptions of your pets to help others identify them in case you and your pets become separated, and to prove that they are yours.
- Make a copy of feeding schedules, **medical conditions**, behavior problems and the name and telephone number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pets or place them in foster care.
- The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and its non-governmental partners work year around to support local response to disasters. Animal shelters may be available through your Parish evacuation plan; contact your local Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. The location of your evacuation destination may or may not accept pets, so call ahead and check. All hazards disaster preparedness information is available at [ldaf.state.la.us](http://ldaf.state.la.us).
- Remember, animal ownership is a responsibility! Be ready to take care of your whole family.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR YOUR PETS VISIT: [getagameplan.org/planFamilyStp02.htm](http://getagameplan.org/planFamilyStp02.htm) or the Louisiana Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (LA SPCA) website [LA-SPCA.org](http://LA-SPCA.org) or call 504-368-5191

PREPARE + PREVENT + RESPOND + RECOVER + MITIGATE
The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) hosts an energetic web-based education and information portal designed to help Louisiana citizens prepare for, monitor and respond to disasters.

The website is maintained by GOHSEP and provides information about hazard mitigation measures, disaster preparation, ways to respond to an emergency and how to recover from weather-related disasters, as well as other hazards. It helps you develop a simple, yet successful game plan for your family, should an emergency occur, in order to keep you and your family safe.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: getagameplan.org

Visit redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps for descriptions. Visit iTunes or Google Play to download.

Way to Geaux; a new hands-free, eyes-free smartphone application providing Louisiana travelers access to around-the-clock, real-time traffic and road condition updates. wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Residents/Pages/Travel_Information.aspx

Look for new GetaGamePlan app available May 2016.
**ALERT FM**

For a description go to [alertfm.com/products/mobile-applications](http://alertfm.com/products/mobile-applications)

Visit [iTunes](http://itunes.com) or [Google Play](http://play.google.com) to download.

- Functions like a weather radio, but with unique local alerts from emergency officials.
- Offers simple functionality. The user enters a “home” zip code upon launching the app. This connects the user with State and local emergency managers on the network.

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**HEALTHVAULT**

Visit [HealthVault.com](http://HealthVault.com) to discover apps that let you:

- Keep all of your health records in one place that’s organized and available to you online.
- Keep track of medications, health history, conditions and illnesses, allergies, x-rays and scans.

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**KNOW YOUR PLAN**

*By Insurance Information Institute*

Visit [GooglePlay](http://GooglePlay) to download.

Use *Know Your Plan* – listed as “Your Plan” in GooglePlay – to be prepared when disaster strikes! In the event of hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, tornadoes, severe cold, evacuations, this app helps you plan ahead to better protect yourself, your family, your home and your pets. Get started by using the preloaded checklists to learn about important mitigation and preparation steps, or create your own lists from scratch. You can set due dates, chart your progress, include notes with your tasks, and share your checklists with family and friends. Get organized now so you can be ready for what may come.

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**FEMA**

For a description go to [fema.gov/smartphone-app](http://fema.gov/smartphone-app)

Visit [iTunes](http://itunes.com), [Google Play](http://play.google.com) or [Blackberry World](http://blackberryworld.com) to download.

The FEMA app contains disaster safety tips, interactive lists for storing your emergency kit and emergency meeting location information, and a map with open shelters and open FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs).
PREPARE YOUR BUSINESS FOR A DISASTER

- Document employee roles and responsibilities during a crisis situation.
- Conduct a drill to make sure your staff understands their roles and to test your emergency plan and continuity systems.
- Ask your vendors what their disaster preparedness plans are so you will know how your supply chain will be protected.
- Ensure vital records are protected.
  - Review your off-site backup record storage.
  - Place irreplaceable paperwork and digital storage media in a fireproof, waterproof box.

Consider having a “Go Box” with:
- A hard copy of your emergency plan.
- A copy of a primary, secondary and out-of-area contact information for employees and key stakeholders.
- A copy of insurance policies and agent contact information.
- A copy of contact information for emergency vendors (contractors, plumbers, electricians, mold remediation, etc.).
- Laptops and portable backup media for critical business information.
- Important documents (such as finance records and an assets inventory).
- General office supplies and special forms that you may need to do business at an alternate location.

SECURE THE PREMISES

- Move computers and copiers away from large windows.
- Cover and elevate inventory.
- Anchor large equipment, cabinets and shelves to walls or floors.
- Move or store equipment, furniture and valuable files on the upper level of multistory buildings.
  - OR place equipment on concrete blocks at least 12 inches above projected flood elevations.
- Cover doors and windows.

THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)
fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program

Commercial flood claim amounted to just over $85,000. **Flood insurance** is the best way to protect yourself from devastating financial loss. Find the flood risk for your business now using our One-Step Flood Risk Profile at floodsmart.gov.

Flood insurance is available to homeowners, renters, condo owners/renters and commercial owners/renters. Costs vary depending on how much insurance is purchased, what it covers and the property's flood risk. Coverage for your building and contents is available. Talk to your agent today about insuring your business and its contents. Typically, there’s a 30-day waiting period from date of purchase before your policy goes into effect. That means now is the best time to buy flood insurance.

The **Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center (LA BEOC)** supports the coordination of activities and resources of businesses and volunteer organizations with the State’s Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) during emergencies. The LA BEOC provides situational awareness and identifies critical supply chains of goods and services likely to be needed in response to a disaster or emergency. To find out about the benefits of registering with the LA BEOC go to labioc.org.

Reentering an area may be difficult following a disaster. Access control is carried out using a tiered approach. For information go to lsp.org, click on Alerts, then on Emergency Information and then Louisiana Statewide Credentialing/Access Program. Also be sure to check with your Parish to see if they have specific reentry requirements and permits.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BUSINESS PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER PLANNING VISIT:
getagameplan.org/planBusiness.htm

To download a copy of the small-business disaster preparedness guide **From Risk To Resiliency** go to gohsep.la.gov/RESOURCES/OVERVIEW/PUBLICATIONS

ready.gov/planning
fema.gov/protect-your-property-or-business-disaster
readyrating.org
disastersafety.org/open-for-business

Look for new GetaGamePlan app available **May 2016**.
Prevention

HOMELAND SECURITY BEGINS WITH HOMETOWN SECURITY
If you see something suspicious taking place, report that behavior or activity to local law enforcement. Factors such as race, ethnicity, national origin or religious affiliation alone are not suspicious. For that reason, the public should report only suspicious behavior and situations (e.g., an unattended backpack in a public place or someone trying to break into a restricted area) rather than beliefs, thoughts, ideas, expressions, associations or speech unrelated to terrorism or other criminal activity. Only reports that indicate relevant criminal activity will be shared with Federal partners.

Fusion Centers manage the flow of information and intelligence across local, State, Tribal and Federal agencies. In Louisiana, the Fusion Center is coordinated by State Police (LSP) through the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and consists of a number of law enforcement, public safety and governmental partners. The public plays a vital role in providing information about potential acts of terrorism and terrorist organizations to these centers. Visit the la-safe.org website to learn more about the Louisiana State Analytical and Fusion Exchange (LA-SAFE).

LOUISIANA'S PRIMARY DOMESTIC + INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS
• Cyber crime
• Drug trafficking organizations
• Gangs
• Immigration smuggling
• Sexual predators
• Suspicious activity
• Transnational + national criminal organizations
• Terrorism

TWO (2) WAYS TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS OR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
There are two ways to report suspicious or criminal activity:
• Contact Louisiana State Police (LSP) Suspicious Activity Hotline: 1-800-434-8007 or visit lsp.org/help.html.
• Use the See Send app.

Please remember, in case of an emergency, always dial 9-1-1.

SEE SEND APP
The See Something Send Something app is the preeminent nationwide suspicious activity reporting (SAR) tool for citizens to help in the fight against terrorism. See Something Send Something has information to educate you on what to look for and when to submit suspicious activity reports along with how to receive important alerts. The SAR tool connects you to a nationwide network of Intelligence Centers by routing tips to the correct center for analysis.

Visit iTunes or Google Play to download the SEE SEND app. It's FREE.
hurricane tracking chart
Louisiana Emergency Evacuation Map

PHASE I (RED)
50 hours before onset of tropical storm force winds. Set evacuations include areas south of Intracoastal Waterway. These areas are outside any levee protection system and are vulnerable.

PHASE II (ORANGE)
40 hours before onset of tropical storm force winds for south of I-10, which are levee protected but remain vulnerable.

PHASE III (YELLOW)
30 hours before onset of tropical storm force winds for areas on the east bank of the Mississippi River in the New Orleans metropolitan area, which are within levee protection system but remain vulnerable.

For road closures, call the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) at 877-4LA-DOTD (visit online at 511la.org), or Louisiana State Police at 800-469-4828 (visit online at lsp.org).
**Louisiana Parishes + Homeland Security + Emergency Preparedness Information**

**YOUR PARISH IS A SOURCE FOR SANDBAGS + EVACUATION ROUTES + OTHER IMPORTANT DISASTER RESPONSE INFORMATION**

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Southeast Louisiana Contraflow

**SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA EVACUATION PLAN**

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**Mississippi Travel Information:**
http://www.gomdot.com

**CONTRAFLow**

- End Contraflow
- Rejoin Normal Traffic Flow

**I-10 @ WILLIAMS BOULEVARD KENNER**

- Enter I-10 West Via the Normal Westbound Entrance Ramps.
- Enter I-10 CONTRAFLOW (From Northbound or Southbound Williams Blvd.) Via the I-10 East Exit Ramp at Williams Blvd.

**I-10 @ VETERANS BOULEVARD METAIRIE**

- Enter I-10 West Via the Normal Westbound Entrance Ramps.
- Enter I-10 CONTRAFLOW (From Eastbound or Westbound Veterans Blvd.) Via the I-10 East Exit Ramp at Veterans Blvd.
To deal with the demands of traffic flow that would be created by a hurricane or other evacuation, contraflow freeway segments have been planned. Through the use of designated contraflow points, evacuation flow is enhanced through movement of all traffic in the same direction. This diversion enables some or all normally incoming lanes to serve as outgoing lanes to facilitate and speed evacuation. Several different routes and contraflow crossover points are planned for use in an evacuation of the Southeast Louisiana area.
Evacuation + Sheltering + Staying Home

Evacuation

- Ahead of time, plan your route and what transportation you will use.
- Fuel up and check your car. Have extra keys.
- Take photos of your children with you.
- Give your children identification information to carry with them, including his or her name, date of birth, address, phone numbers, etc. If your children are too young or otherwise unable to speak for themselves, consider writing their name, date of birth and parents' names and phone numbers somewhere on his or her body in indelible marker.
- Give yourself plenty of time to evacuate. Do not wait until the last minute; traffic will most likely be heavy.
- Have three (3) to five (5) days of emergency supplies ready to travel.
- Bring cash; ATMs and credit cards may not work.
- Secure your home; lock up and turn off utilities at the source. **DO NOT turn off natural gas** at the meter unless instructed. A professional serviceman will be required to turn back on.
- If evacuation is voluntary and trusted neighbors will be staying behind, advise them of your plans and leave spare keys so they can check on your property.
- If evacuation is mandatory, let family, friends and neighbors know how you can be reached.
- Stay tuned to news broadcasts for traffic reports, updates and instructions; listen to local officials.
- Secure loose toys or furniture from the lawn.
- Don't leave your pet behind. The smell of smoke, high winds or lightning may make your pet more fearful and difficult to load into a crate or carrier. Evacuating before conditions become severe will keep everyone safer and make the process less stressful.
- The location of your evacuation destination may or may not accept pets, so call 2-1-1 or inquire at a shelter information point. Animal shelters will be set up in various parts of the State on an as-needed basis.

Sheltering

- Plan to **leave early** — preferably during daytime and several hours ahead of your desired arrival time — because travel will be slow due to worsening weather and heavy traffic.
- Be ready to use an alternate route to your shelter destination, in case primary evacuation routes become too congested. **Bring a map**.
- Pack what you need — and only what you need. Emergency shelters will not have space available to house your family treasures, so limit your packing only to **necessities**.
- Let family and friends know exactly which shelter you plan to use and where it is located. Make a plan to get in touch and let loved ones know you've arrived safely.
- Be sure your vehicle is filled with **gas** and in good operating condition.
- Register at the shelter as soon as you arrive.
- Follow the shelter guidelines at all times and make sure your children understand the rules as well.

Staying Home

- Designate alternate locations for children in case adults are unable to make it home.
- **Secure your home.** If severe weather is approaching, you may want to board windows, bring in outdoor furniture — minimize what could become flying debris. If a biothreat, chemical or toxic spill is likely, consider whether you want to cover windows and doors with plastic sheeting.
- Have your family survival kit ready at all times.
- Stay tuned to radio and television news broadcasts; **listen for instructions from local officials**.
- Limit phone use to important calls and emergency communication.
- Make sure you have food and water and other supplies to last **72 hours**. Use the checklist on pages 5 and 6 to prepare your disaster kit.
- Prepare for **loss of communications** and **electricity**.
- Ensure you have blankets and medical supplies on hand.
- Stay in **high places** in case of flooding; in the case of high winds, stay away from **walls**.
- **Emergency response may be limited when sustained wind speeds reach 35-45 mph.**
Emergency Shelter Information Points

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

- Those who are *hearing impaired* may need to make special arrangements to receive emergency warnings.
- For the *hearing or speech impaired*, carry a laminated personal communication board if you might need assistance with being understood.
- Carry medical alert tags or bracelets or written descriptions of your *disability* and support needs in case you are unable to describe the situation in an emergency.
- If you receive *dialysis* or other life-sustaining medical treatment, identify the location and availability of more than one (1) facility and work with your provider to develop your personal emergency plan.
- By law, service animals are allowed in all shelters, even those that do not allow pets.
- If you use a motorized *wheelchair*, have a lightweight manual chair available for emergencies. Know the size and weight of your wheelchair in addition to whether or not it is collapsible, in case it has to be transported.
- Even if you do not use a computer yourself, consider putting important information onto a *portable drive* for easy transport in an evacuation.

Emergency shelter information points are planned to function when shelters are opened. To confirm that information points are open or to confirm locations visit [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org), use the [RedCross Emergency App](http://RedCross Emergency App) or call 2-1-1.

**TA Truck Stop**
Tallulah
Exit 171 – I-20 at U.S. 65

**Y-Not Stop**
Alexandria
US 71 - LA 3179

**Sammy’s Truck Stop**
Bunkie
Exit 53 – I-49/3601 LA 115 W

LA DOTD uses Variable Messaging Signs (VMSs) to send messages to drivers.

Shelters are not opened in areas that are in the predicted path of a storm.
Louisiana Emergency Information

LOUISIANA EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM
In the event of an emergency, turn to your local radio station for emergency information.

FOR TRAFFIC INFORMATION, ROAD CLOSURES, EVACUATION ROUTES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION, VISIT:
Alert FM
alertfm.com

National Weather Service
weather.gov; for Doppler radar images navigate to radar.weather.gov

Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development
511la.org or dial 511 or 888-ROAD-511 (888-762-5511)

Get A Game Plan
getagameplan.org/evacinfo.htm

emergency.la.gov
Louisiana State Police
lsp.org or dial 800-469-4828

Way to Geaux; a new hands-free, eyes-free smartphone application providing Louisiana travelers access to around-the-clock, real-time traffic and road condition updates.
wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Residents/Pages/Travel_Information.aspx

American Red Cross
redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps

REMEmBER TO CALL 911 IN ANY SITUATION THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE FROM THE POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE SERVICES

2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember telephone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community during crisis and at any time.

The 2-1-1 call is answered by an Information and Referral (I&R) specialist who assesses the caller’s needs and refers the person to the appropriate community, social, health and/or government services. The caller is provided with phone numbers, programs and available services, location, hours of operation and whatever other information is relevant to the caller’s inquiry.

For more information about 2-1-1 in Louisiana visit louisiana211.org.

COORDINATED DISASTER INFORMATION
Food, Clothing // Shelters // Special Needs Housing Volunteer Management // Evacuation Routes Transportation Assistance // Crisis Counseling Prescription Assistance // Missing Persons Post Disaster Child Care // Rebuilding Assistance

HOW DOES 2-1-1 WORK IN LOUISIANA?
• Call 2-1-1 from any landline or mobile phone in Louisiana.
• 2-1-1 is staffed 24/7 with trained specialists to guide you to vital resources.
• 2-1-1 provides multilingual services and information for the hearing impaired.
• 2-1-1 maintains a computerized database of more than 15,000 resources and services statewide.
After the Storm – Returning

Downed power lines, broken water, sewer or gas lines, clogged roadways and dangling tree limbs are just a few of the lingering hazards that must be dealt with after a storm has moved through the area. So in addition to making a plan in advance for how your family will prepare for weather emergencies, you should create a family plan for safely navigating your way back to normal life after the weather threat has ended.

**AFTER THE STORM**

- Wait until an area is declared safe before entering; listen to local officials.
- Do not drive in areas where roads are closed. Do not drive around barricades.
- Avoid weakened bridges and washed out roads.
- Keep monitoring radio and TV if possible.
- Check with local officials to determine if water is safe. Do not drink or prepare food with tap water until you are certain it is not contaminated.
- Floodwater can pick up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms and factories. If your home has been flooded, protect your family’s health by cleaning your home immediately.
- Make sure that your children do not play or swim in floodwater.
- Two (2) weeks after floodwater subsides, drain wells, sanitize well and water lines and test water.
- Never try to touch or move downed lines or repair broken electric or gas connections.

- Be extremely careful clearing storm debris, which may camouflage downed power lines, serve as hiding places for wild animals or be contaminated with raw sewage or other hazards.
- **Check all canned or stored dry goods** for quality before consuming them. Toxins can form quickly in the form of bacteria or mold in the hot, humid days after a storm.

If you have the slightest doubt about the water’s safety for drinking, purify it by using one of the following methods:

- Boil for 10 minutes and pour between containers to replenish oxygen.
- Add eight (8) drops of plain liquid chlorine bleach (5.25% sodium hypochlorite/no soap) per gallon and wait four (4) hours before drinking.
- Add water purification tablets per the manufacturer's instructions.

**LOCATING FAMILY AFTER A DISASTER**

If your child is missing, or you are caring for a lost child, contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678).

**safeandwell.communityos.org**

The National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System (NEFRLS):
To register with NEFRLS, or if you wish to find out about someone’s status, call 1-800-588-9822.

https://egateway.fema.gov/inter/nefrls/home.htm

( Please note: The system is only activated to support Presidentially declared disasters and mass evacuations, and is not active at any other time.)

**RED CROSS SAFE AND WELL SITE**

You can search for a missing person or child, or register information about your status and well-being, at the Red Cross Safe and Well site. safeandwell.communityos.org/cms
Recovery Assistance

Successful recoveries depend upon personal and business disaster-preparedness planning. The need for individual and community self-reliance cannot be overstated. When personal resources become overwhelmed, look to family, neighbors, local community resources and faith-based organizations first for help.

In the event of a Presidentially declared major disaster, Federal assistance may also be available. The FEMA Individuals and Households Program (IHP) provides financial assistance to individuals and households affected as a direct result of the Presidentially declared major disaster or emergency. Assistance is available for those who are uninsured or underinsured, have necessary expenses and serious needs and are unable to meet those expenses or needs through other means. Up to $31,900 is available in financial help (adjusted yearly), although some forms of IHP assistance have other limits.

This program supports recovery by providing the financial means to disaster survivors to secure adequate interim and long-term housing, in addition to other necessary expenses and serious needs.

Applicant eligibility for IHP has qualifiers. Visit fema.gov/response-recovery for more information.

Generally, assistance may be available to those:
- Who are in Presidentially declared emergency or major disaster areas.
- Whose primary residence has been damaged or destroyed.
- Whose losses are not covered by insurance and were caused by the disaster.
- Who are citizens of the United States (U.S.), non-citizen nationals or qualified aliens, or are in a household where a member of the household is a citizen of the U.S., a non-citizen national or a qualified alien.

In the aftermath of disasters, FEMA may establish a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) as a location where individuals impacted by disaster may go for information about FEMA and other disaster assistance programs, or for questions related to an individual case. DRCs include staff from FEMA, State and local government agencies, voluntary agencies and other Federal agencies. The range and type of disaster assistance services offered in a DRC is contingent upon the characteristics of the declared incident, specific recovery activities and the availability of local resources. The types of disaster assistance services that are typically in a DRC include access to:
- FEMA disaster assistance programs.
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan programs.
- Information about rebuilding and repairing property.
- Other Federal, State and local government programs (e.g., tax assistance, unemployment information and social services benefits).

How do I apply for disaster assistance?

A number of different services and special programs are made available when the President signs a major disaster declaration. Contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance.

To apply for the FEMA IHP call FEMA or apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov.

FEMA
fema.gov
1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
(TTY: 1-800-462-7585)
WHAT IF I DON’T HAVE ANY OR ENOUGH INSURANCE?
You may qualify for grants from FEMA, low-interest loans from the SBA or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), or you may qualify for tax refunds for items that were not covered by insurance.

For more information, call the USDA/FSA Louisiana State Office: 318-473-7721 or visit disaster.fsa.usda.gov and the Rural Development: 318-473-7721 or visit rd.usda.gov.

For Federal tax information and assistance, contact the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040 (TTY: 1-800-822-4059) or visit irs.gov.

SBA provides loans to homeowners, renters, businesses and organizations to repair or replace real estate, personal property, equipment and business assets that have been damaged in a disaster. Through its office of Disaster Assistance, SBA provides low interest, long-term loans for physical and economic damage caused by a declared event.

sba.gov/disaster
1-800-659-2955

WHAT IF I LOST MY JOB OR CAN’T WORK BECAUSE OF THE DISASTER?
People who lose their jobs due to the disaster may apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). DUA provides weekly benefits to individuals who are unemployed and not eligible for regular Unemployment Insurance Compensation.

For more information, contact FEMA or the local unemployment office or visit workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/disaster.asp.

IS CRISIS COUNSELING AVAILABLE?
The purpose of a crisis counseling program is to help relieve any grieving, stress or mental health problems caused or aggravated by the disaster or its aftermath. These are short-term services, provided by FEMA through supplemental funds granted to State and local mental health agencies and are available to eligible survivors of Presidentially declared major disasters. If you require this confidential service, inquire about it while registering for disaster assistance.

Crisis counseling services are also offered by the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, other voluntary agencies and places of worship.

Additional mental health information may be found on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Center for Mental Health Services’ website, mentalhealth.org.
What Does Hazard Mitigation Mean?

Hazard mitigation is defined as any sustained actions taken to eliminate or reduce future risk to people and property from natural and man-made disasters. Mitigation saves time and money. Preventing damage in the first place is less expensive than restoring damaged property.

Examples of mitigation measures include:
- Trimming tree limbs.
- Installing shutters.
- Elevating electrical panels and air conditioners above flood levels.
- Strengthening your roof.
- Anchoring your manufactured home.
- Using corrosion-resistant hardware in areas prone to storm damage. In coastal environments, using connectors made of double-hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel for best protection.
- Ensuring you or your contractor follows the manufacturer’s installation instructions for any materials used in new home construction, repair or renovations.

YOUR ROOF
Roofs catch the brunt of wind and wind-driven rain. Reinforce framing connections — from the rafters to the foundation — so they will hold together in the face of storms. The most common technique involves installing anchor bolts and metal plates and straps to strengthen connections. Roof straps, also called hurricane straps, more firmly affix the house’s roof to load-bearing walls, resulting in the roof being less likely to blow off in high winds. Straps, not clips, should connect wall framing to each rafter or truss.

Install it right. Many roofing failures occur because the shingles are not installed properly. Something as simple as using all the required nails in a shingle or the addition of roof straps can make a big difference.

SHUTTERS
The building code requires that windows be protected from flying debris when the building is located in an area where the design wind speed is 120 miles per hour or greater. Using impact-resistant windows or covering the windows with impact-resistant shutters can provide protection.

Think about adding window protection even if it’s not required. It just makes good sense.

ELEVATION
Elevation becomes a requirement when a building in a flood-prone area has been substantially damaged or is being substantially improved. Substantially damaged or improved is defined by the Biggert-Waters Act of 2012 as when the cost of the improvement equals or exceeds 30 percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement.

BUILDING CODES
Building codes are put into place to help you build safer, stronger and smarter. For better protection, use code requirements for higher-risk zones. This can help protect your home or business from future hazards, sometimes 10-20 years from now. Ask your developer, contractor or local building code official to help you identify the risks your home or business may have, as well as mitigation techniques that provide extra protection. Louisiana has adopted International Residential Code (IRC) 2009 and uses this as the residential building code standard.

INSURANCE
A significant mitigation strategy is insurance. Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Once roof protection is installed, contact your insurance agent to find out if discounts may be available to you. Some homeowners who implement mitigation measures may save a percent of the windstorm portion of their policy premium.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MITIGATION VISIT:
getagameplan.org/planMitigate.htm
lsuagcenter.com
FLASH.org
blueprintforsafety.org
disastersafety.org
NIBS.org
My Emergency Preparedness Plan

CREATE YOUR OWN PERSONAL PLAN + CHECKLIST

I have made a plan to communicate with family members through this out-of-state contact and have asked my family to keep this name and number with them at all times.

Name: ____________________________________________
Phone number: ____________________________________

I plan not to evacuate and will go to a friend's or family member's home in the area. I have notified them and made all of the appropriate arrangements.

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Phone number: ____________________________________

I plan to evacuate and will go to a friend's or family member's home outside of the area. I have notified them and made all of the appropriate arrangements.

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Phone number: ____________________________________

I have made plans for my special needs family members. My plans are the following: ____________________________________________

I have made plans for my pets. My plans are the following: ____________________________________________

I have completed my property inventory and placed it in a safe waterproof place. Location: ____________________________________________

I have completed the necessary precautions for the following:

- Exterior windows
- Large windows and glass doors
- Garage doors
- Roof gable ends
- Roof protection
- Indoor hazard protection plan
- Outdoor property
- Trees
- Utility shut-off
- Automobile
- Special needs equipment
- Pets
- Important documents

I have identified any anticipated extra expense due to a disaster, and I have calculated an approximate amount of money that will be required to see my family and myself through. That amount is: $ ____________________________

If our family is separated and we need to regroup, the following location is where we will meet: ____________________________________________

I have studied the evacuation route that best suits my needs. My evacuation route will include the following: ____________________________________________

I have made an assessment of my insurance needs. I have the following:

- Homeowners insurance
- Wind and hail insurance
- Flood insurance
- Renters insurance

Insurance information: Name of company, agent, phone number and address: ____________________________________________

Alternate hotel/motel location north of I-10.

Name of hotel/motel: ____________________________________________
Phone number: ____________________________________
Location and city: ____________________________________________

I have calculated the driving time to my destination north of I-10 at approximately four (4) times the normal driving time, and it is: ________ hours.

I have completed my property inventory and placed it in a safe waterproof place. Location: ____________________________________________

I have made plans for my special needs family members. My plans are the following: ____________________________________________

I have made plans for my pets. My plans are the following: ____________________________________________

I have completed the necessary precautions for the following:

- Exterior windows
- Large windows and glass doors
- Garage doors
- Roof gable ends
- Roof protection
- Indoor hazard protection plan
- Outdoor property
- Protection plan

I have identified any anticipated extra expense due to a disaster, and I have calculated an approximate amount of money that will be required to see my family and myself through. That amount is: $ ____________________________

I have studied the evacuation route that best suits my needs. My evacuation route will include the following: ____________________________________________
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Remember . . .

One of the most important things you can do to prepare for and lessen the impacts of a disaster is to identify and implement mitigation strategies.

Strengthen roofs, reinforce framing connections, properly tie down manufactured homes, add shutters, protect windows, elevate air conditioning units and electrical panels, buy insurance, include flood insurance and MORE!

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