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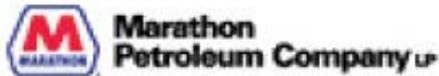
THE BAPTIST PARISH

Hurricane Preparedness

PREPARE! PLAN! STAY INFORMED!



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Terms

TROPICAL STORM: A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds from 39 to 73 mph

HURRICANE: A severe tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with sustained winds of over 74 mph

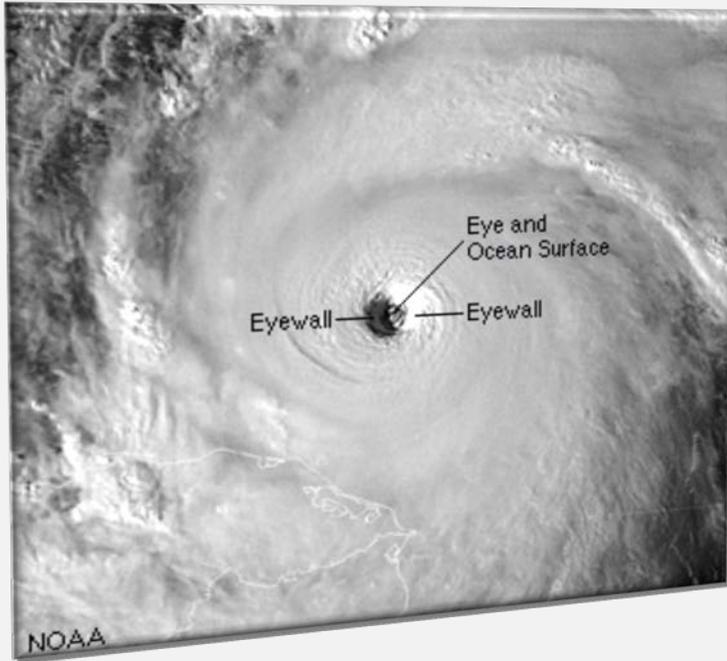
STORM SURGE: A dome of water pushed onshore by hurricane and tropical storm winds. An abnormal rise in sea level accompanying a hurricane or other intense storm

HURRICANE WATCH: Conditions of a hurricane or tropical storm are possible in the area, usually within 36 hours

HURRICANE WARNING: Hurricane and Tropical Storm conditions are expected in the specified area within 24 hours



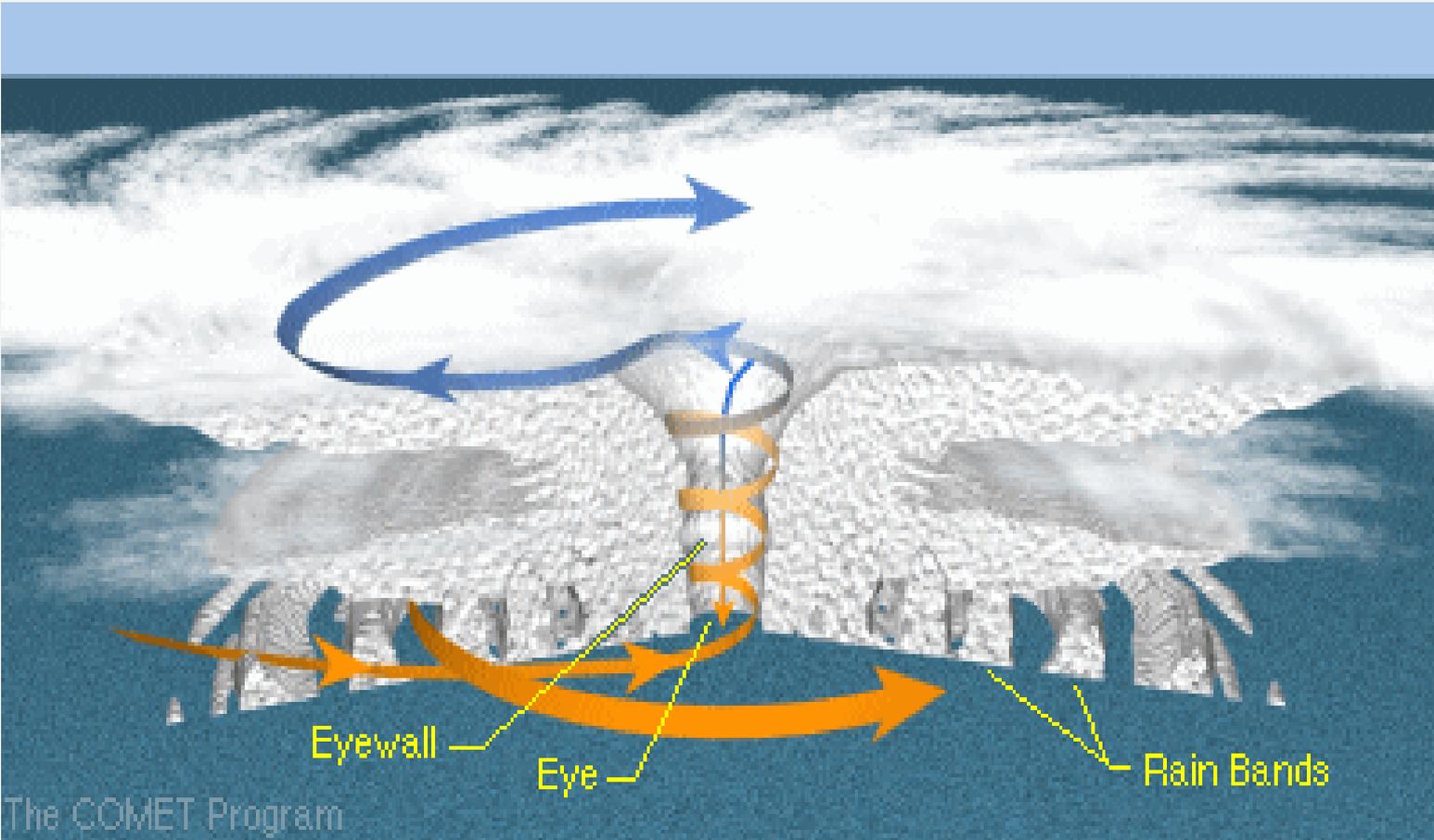
Hurricanes



- Hurricanes have a spiral shape, like a pinwheel
- Average size 600 km (over 300 miles across)
- At the center of a hurricane is a calm area called the eye
- Hurricanes cause damage through: high winds, heavy rain, storm surge, and flooding
- Season is June 1 through November 30, peak is September



Hurricanes



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Hurricanes

What causes damage?

- High Winds
- Flooding
- Storm Surge



WIND

Hurricanes, no matter how weak, are dangerous. The combination of storm surge, wind and other contributing factors determines a hurricane's destructive power. To compare the disaster potential of sustained wind, emergency forces utilize the Saffir-Simpson scale of wind speeds to help them predict potential hazards. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) forecasters use the Saffir-Simpson Scale.



The Saffir-Simpson Scale

CATEGORY 1 - 74-95mph

CATEGORY 2 - 96-110mph

CATEGORY 3 - 111-130mph

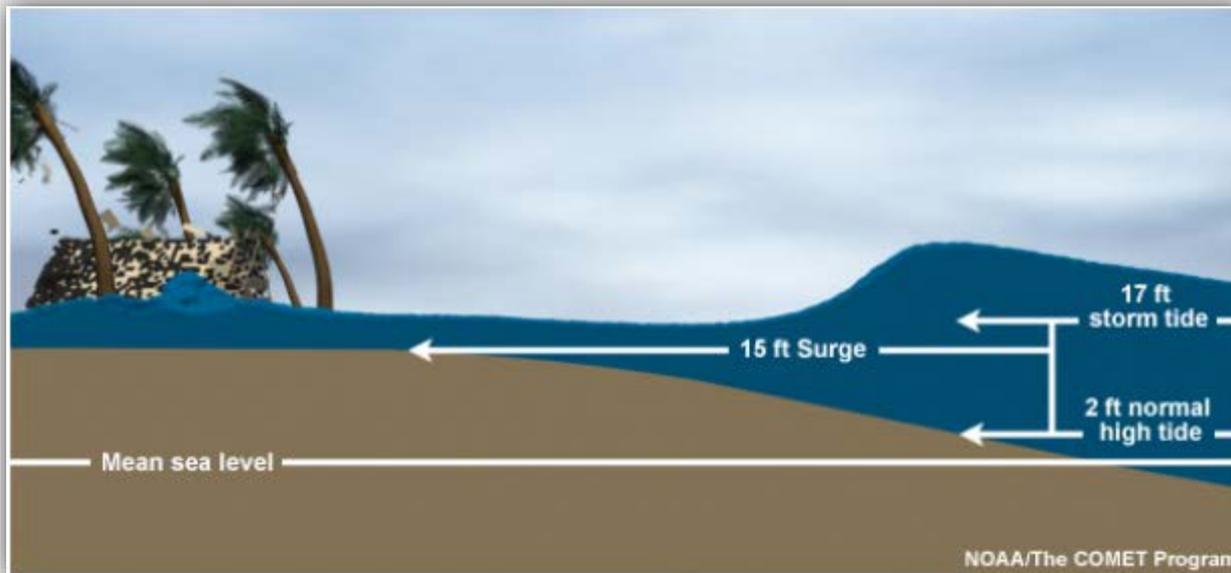
CATEGORY 4 - 131-155mph

CATEGORY 5 - 155 +



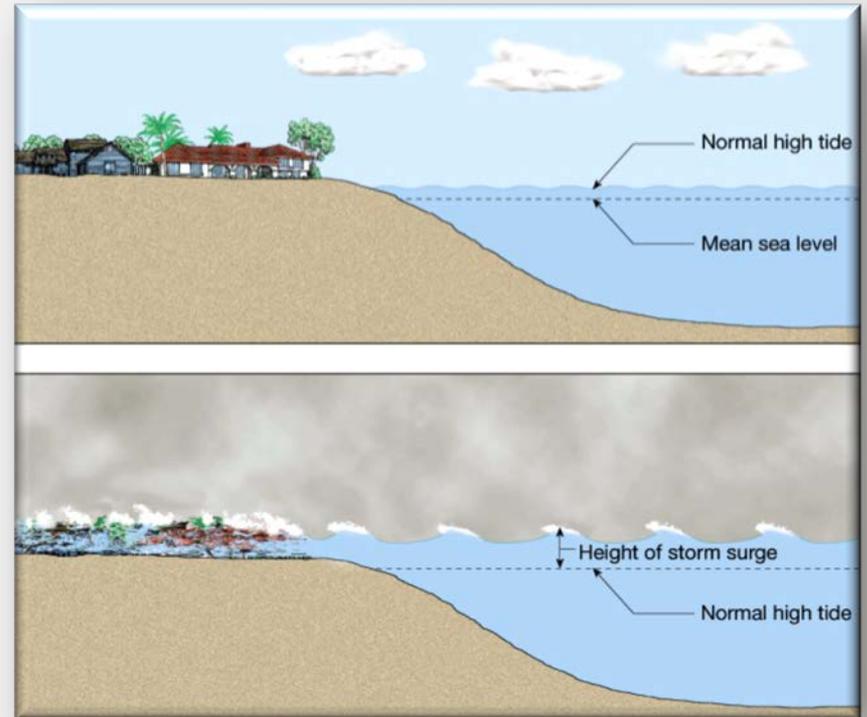
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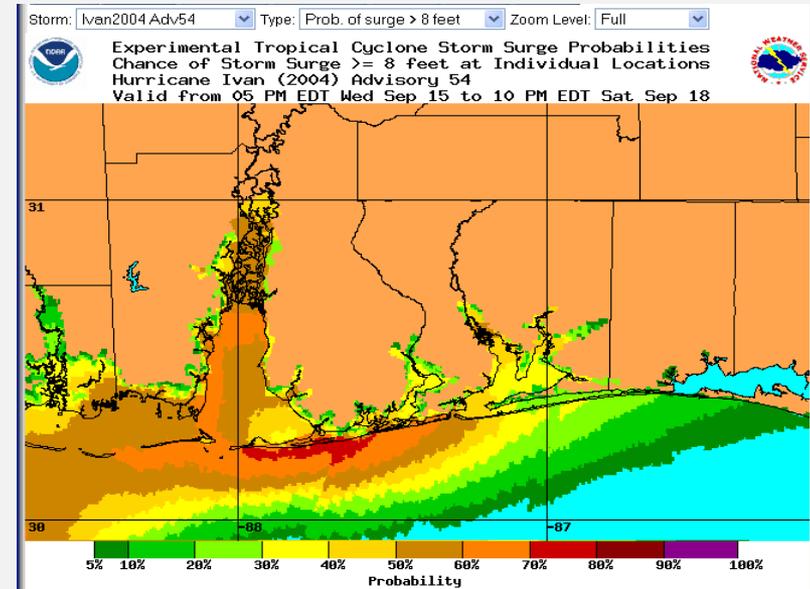
Storm Surge

- The maximum potential storm surge for a particular location depends on a number of different factors:
- Intensity, forward speed, size, angle of approach to the coast, central pressure, shape, angle to lakes and rivers
- Storm surge is sensitive to the slightest changes in each storm



Forecasting Storm Surge

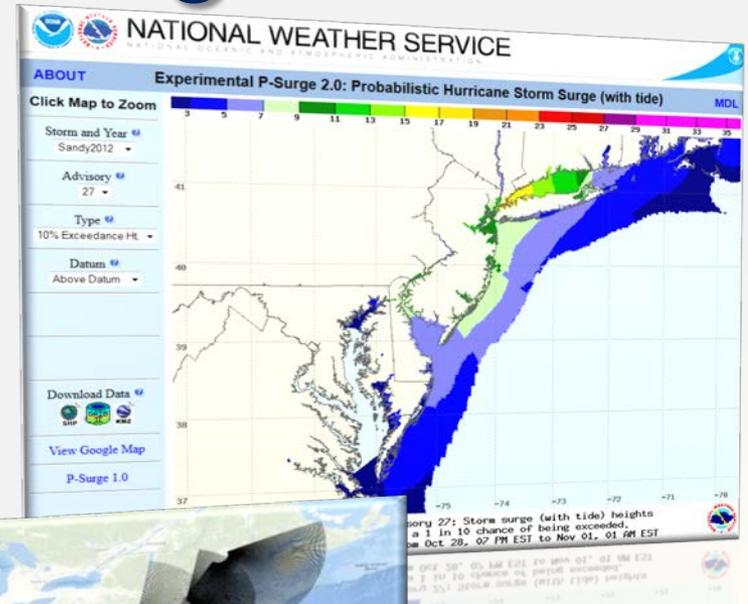
- **P-Surge (Probabilistic Hurricane Storm Surge)**- a model based on the SLOSH model, a storm surge model used by the National Weather Service to help forecast surge from hurricanes
- P-Surge takes the hurricane forecast from the National Hurricane Center (NHC) and uses error statistics from past hurricane forecasts to create many statistically probable storms
- P-Surge computes the possible storm surge from each probable storm and combines them to approximate probable storm surge within the next 80 hours



Forecasting Storm Surge

Probabilistic Storm Surge (P -surge)

- Available roughly 48 hours prior to arrival of TS winds
- Accounts for meteorological uncertainty in:
 - Track
 - Size
 - Forward speed
 - Intensity



Hurricane Isaac

REMEMBER: EVERY **STORM** IS
D I F F E R E N T !

- Wind: 75 mph (Cat 1)
- Rainfall: 14.34 in (Reserve)
- Estimated structures flooded: 7,000
- Water level in homes: Approx. 3-4 ft.



Monitor Weather at Home

Visit the National Weather Service website:
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lix/>

The collage features several screenshots from the National Weather Service website:

- Storm Prediction Center:** A red banner reads "A Moderate Risk of Severe Thunderstorms is Forecast Today and/or Tonight" for parts of central and eastern South Dakota and Nebraska. Below it, a map of the United States shows a red box labeled "MDT" and a green box labeled "SLGT" over the central US. A sidebar lists "All Products" and "Watches".
- LIX Tropical Cyclone Potential Impact Graphic:** A map titled "Tropical Cyclone Potential Impacts (TCI) - Experimental TROPICAL DEPRESSION KAREN" showing potential impacts for wind, coastal flood, inland flood, and tornadoes. A legend indicates impact levels: High Wind Potential, Extreme, High, Moderate, Low, and None.
- New Orleans/Baton Rouge:** A page titled "Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Activity" showing a map of the Atlantic region with the text "No tropical cyclones at this time".
- Forecast Office:** A page for "City, St or Zip Code" with input fields for "City, St" and "Go".
- Forecast Tools:** A sidebar with options like "Local Forecast Discussion", "Forecast Planner", "Graphical", "Tropical Weather", "Aviation Weather", "Marine Weather", and "Interactive".
- Navigation:** A top navigation bar with links for "HOME", "NEWS", "SPC PRODUCTS", "WEATHER INFO", "FORECAST TOOLS", "RESEARCH", "OUTREACH", and "HW/SINCEP".





ARE YOU PREPARED?



The 10 Step Plan

Step 1: Decide where you will go

Step 2: Learn the Evacuation Routes & Procedures

Step 3: Prepare your Survival Kit

Step 4: Prepare for those with special needs

(infants/children, elderly, disabled)

Step 5: Make provisions for animals

Step 6: Prepare important documents & memorabilia

(include extra check books)

Step 7: Create insurance & property inventory

Step 8: Protect your home and property

Step 9: Plan for family notification & communication

Step 10: Financial planning



Decide Where You Will GO

DECIDE NOW where you will go to escape the physical dangers of the storm



Evacuate? or Stay?

Friends? or Family?

Hotel? or Motel?

Emergency Public Shelter



Phased Evacuation

(Hours prior to onset of Tropical Storm force winds)

Phase I – 50 hours

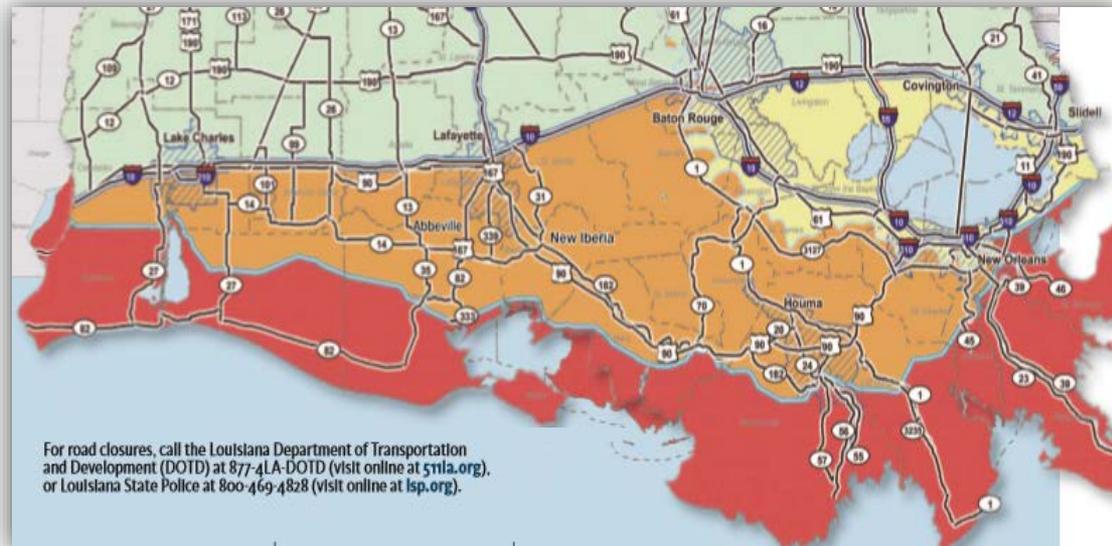
- Area south of Intracoastal Waterway, outside of levee protection system.
- Vulnerable to Category 1 or 2, no route restrictions.

Phase II – 40 hours

- Area south of Mississippi River, levee protected.
- Vulnerable to Category 2 or higher. Suggested routes but no restrictions.

Phase III – 30 hours

- Areas on the East Bank of the Mississippi River in the New Orleans Metro Area, which are within the levee protection system but remain vulnerable.
- Contraflow may be initiated.



Contraflow

SITUATION:

- 2 million people at risk; 1.5 in New Orleans Metro Area alone
- Limited evacuation routes, limited choices
- Heavy traffic
- Governor sets contraflow in motion with input from LSP superintendent, LA DOTD Secretary, and other local government officials



Phase III Contraflow

Learn the Evacuation Routes



Visit Isp.org for evacuation information and contraflow information

Familiarize yourself NOW with your destination and its route

Know road conditions, traffic controls and restrictions on a planned route

Plan to leave before contraflow is activated



Prepare for Special Needs

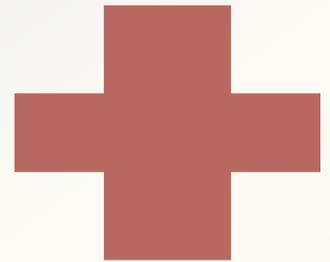
Elderly - Homebound - Disabled - Toddlers - Infants

- Carry medical alert tags or bracelets or written descriptions of your disability
- If you receive dialysis or other life-sustaining medical treatment – identify a location availability of more than one facility and work with your provider to develop an emergency plan
- By law, service animals are allowed in all shelters
- Have a lightweight manual wheelchair available for emergencies
- Bring prescriptions of at least 7 days
- Buddy System – Offer assistance to someone in need



Prepare for Special Needs

Individuals with disabilities or special needs seeking assistance are asked to call the Health & Human Services Office at (985) 536-4955 to register for assistance and be processed



Pet Provisions

- Food and water (minimum 7 days)
- Manual Can Opener
- Sturdy Leashes, Harnesses and Pet Carriers
- Newspapers, Paper Towels, Trash Bags, Grooming Items, Litter Box
- Pet Medications & Medical Records
- Current Photos and Description for Identification



St. John Parish Animal Shelter:
985-651-7387



Important Documents & Memorabilia

- Social Security Cards
- Birth, Marriage & Death Certificates
- Driver's Licenses
- Wills
- Cash & Credit Cards
- Insurance policies, Deeds & Mortgages
- Bank Account records
- Computer backups
- Photographs, Memorabilia, Small Valuables



Protect Your Home & Property

Property Inventory

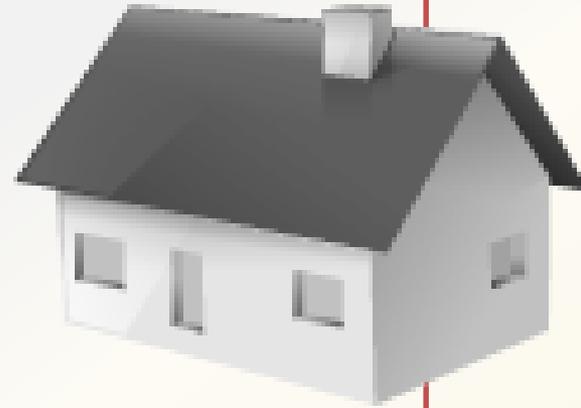
- Video or Photograph
- Inventory Checklist
- Inventory apps – Consider a mobile phone app

DON'T FORGET the contents of closets, drawers and cabinets. Keep all receipts, especially for big items such as jewelry, furs and collectibles. Update list after big purchases.

www.knowyourstuff.org

Property Insurance

- ✓ Homeowner's
- ✓ Wind & Hail
- ✓ Renter's
- ✓ Flood



www.floodsmart.gov



Family Notification & Communication

Communication Message Plan

- Contact out of state friends & family
- Identify meeting locations for families & re-grouping locations
- Point of contact for all family members



Emergency Funds

- The survival kit
- Securing your home
- Evacuation – fuel, hotel, boarding, pets, restaurants
- Cash on hand (credit cards, ATMS may be down)



Parish Assisted Evacuation Plan

MANDATORY EVACUATION ONLY

St. John Parish will transport residents via school bus to public shelters in North Louisiana.

Residents will be registered & tracked using the Phoenix System from St. John to the shelter and back.



PICK UP POINTS:

1. East St. John Elementary (Registration & Pickup)
2. Edgard Courthouse (Pickup ONLY)

PETS:

If a mandatory evacuation is called, please bring pets to a St. John Parish pickup point to be transported to the proper shelter.



What to bring to a shelter:

- Change of clothing, blanket, and pillow for each family member
- Your disaster supply kit including:
 - Food
 - Medications
 - Comfort items
 - Special items for infant or elderly family members

Due to limited space, each person will only be allowed one suitcase through assisted evacuation

What **NOT** to bring to a shelter

- Weapons
- Drugs
- Alcohol



Emergency Shelter Information Points

VIDALIA	TOURIST WELCOME CENTER	U.S. 65 & U.S. 84/1401 CARTER ST.
TALLULAH	TA TRUCK STOP	EXIT 171 – 1-20 @ U.S. 65
MARKSVILLE	PARAGON CASINO RESORT	711 PARAGON PLACE
BUNKIE	SAMMY’S TRUCK STOP	EXIT 53 – 1-49/3601 LA 115 W
ALEXANDRIA	MED EXPRESS OFFICE	7525 U.S. 71
SHREVEPORT	P.E. GYM @ LSU-SHREVEPORT	ONE UNIVERSITY PLACE
LEESVILLE	PICKERING HIGH SCHOOL	180 LEBLEU RD.
OBERLIN	TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER	8904 U.S. 65
SIMMESPORT	MADDIE’S TRUCK PLAZA	15972 LA 1

NOTE: Emergency shelter information points are planned to function when shelters are opened. To confirm locations are open, visit [RedCross.org](https://www.RedCross.org) or call 2-1-1.



Business Preparation

- Register your business for re-entry by calling the Office of Emergency Preparedness at 985-652-2222
- Document employee roles and responsibilities during a crisis situation
- Conduct a drill to make sure staff understands their roles; have an emergency plan
- Ensure vital records are protected
- Secure the premises; move or store equipment away from large windows
- Protect doors and windows
- Secure important documents, such as finance records and an assets inventory, laptops and insurance policies



Stay Home

Be on your own

- Secure your home: board windows, bring in outdoor furniture – minimize what could become flying debris
- Raise furniture
- 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 only
- Food & Water for one week
- Prepare for extended loss of power
- Ensure you have blankets and medical supplies on hand
- Stay in high places in case of flooding
- Emergency services will be limited based on weather conditions



Stay Connected



SJTV

RTC & Comcast Ch. 15
ATT U-verse Ch. 99



sjbparish.com



E-mail News Alerts
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[twitter.com @SJBPgov](https://twitter.com/SJBPgov)



Emergency Announcements
sjbparish.com

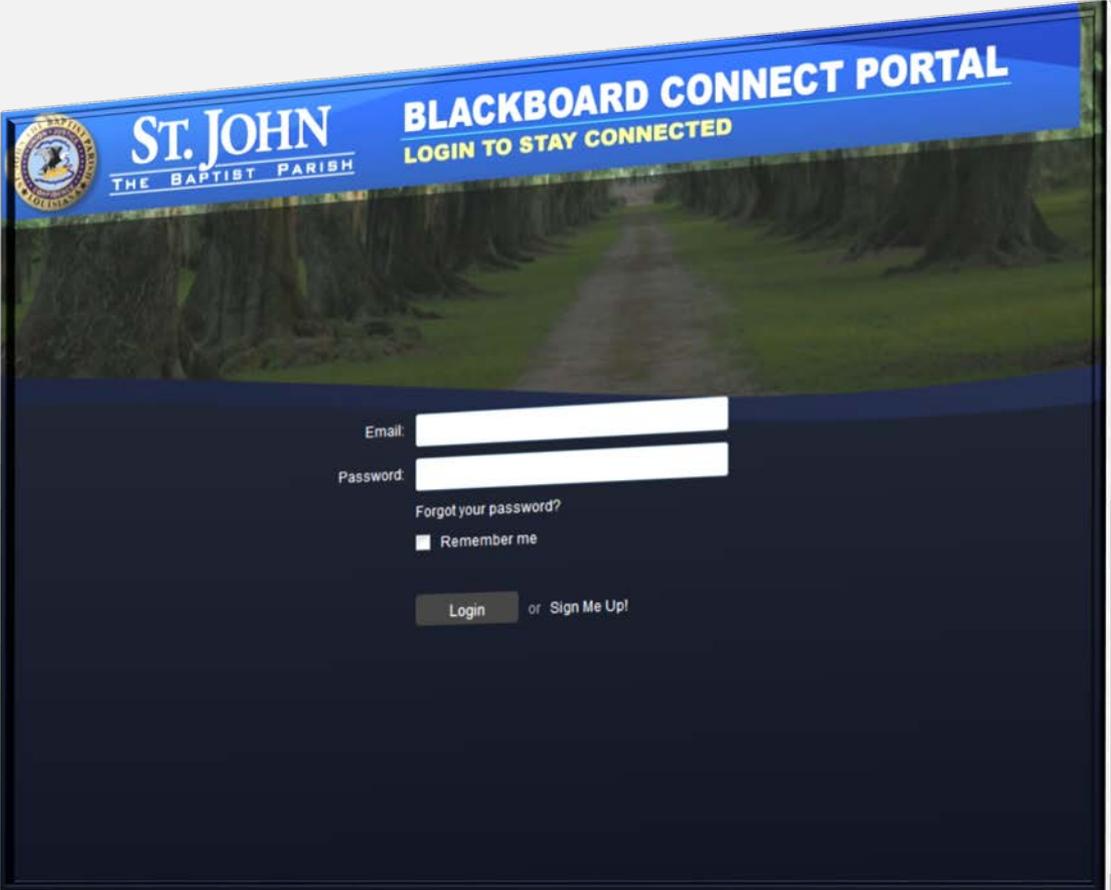
OTHER RESOURCES:

- EMERGENCY INFO: 2-1-1
- GETAGAMEPLAN.ORG
- WEATHER: WEATHER.GOV
- DOTD: 511LA.ORG OR DIAL 511
- LA STATE POLICE: LSP.ORG or 800-469-4828
- RADIO: 870 AM, 105.3 FM , 101.9 FM



Stay Connected

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number(s)
- Email



The screenshot shows the login interface for the Blackboard Connect Portal. At the top, a blue banner contains the text "BLACKBOARD CONNECT PORTAL" and "LOGIN TO STAY CONNECTED". To the left of the banner is the St. John Baptist Parish logo, which includes the text "ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH" and "THE BAPTIST PARISH". Below the banner is a background image of a dirt path through a forest. The login form consists of two input fields for "Email:" and "Password:". Below the password field are links for "Forgot your password?" and a checkbox labeled "Remember me". At the bottom of the form are "Login" and "Sign Me Up!" buttons.



Don't Wait

Prepare your family emergency plan now

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK QUESTIONS

learn the hazards for your area

1. Decide Where You Will Go
2. Learn Evacuation Routes & Procedures
3. The Survival Kit
4. Prepare For Special Needs Family Members
5. Provisions For Animals
6. Prepare Documents And Memorabilia
7. Insurance And Property Inventory
8. Protecting Your Home And Property
9. Family Notification And Communication
10. Financial Planning



Returning Home

- Expect the worse and take precautions to assure safety
- Stay out of dangerous areas
- Do not interfere with rescue and recovery workers
- Stay off of the roads
- Use telephone for emergencies only
- Beware of loose dangling power lines
- Conserve water
- Open windows and doors to ventilate home





**Office of the Parish President
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**Emergency Operations Center
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