

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency Preparedness: 985-652-2222

Power Outage: 1-800-90OUTAGE

Atmos Energy: 1-888-286-6700

St. John Sheriff's Office: 985-652-9513

LA Info & Referral Service: 211

To Report flooding or water/sewerage emergencies: 911

## STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for Emergency alerts via phone, text or email.

[www.sjbparish.com](http://www.sjbparish.com)

Additional Resources:

[www.sjbparish.com](http://www.sjbparish.com)

[facebook.com/sjbparish](https://www.facebook.com/sjbparish)

[twitter.com/sjbpgov](https://twitter.com/sjbpgov)

[instagram.com/stjohnthebaptistparish](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnthebaptistparish)

**SJTV** SJTV channel (RTC/COMCAST 15 & U-VERSE 99)

WWL Radio 870 AM and 105.3 FM

[Communications@stjohn-la.gov](mailto:Communications@stjohn-la.gov)

## NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY FLOOD INSURANCE!

- Flooding can be a major concern. Sources of flooding include flash flooding following a heavy rain, ponding related to drainage issues, backwater flooding and coastal flooding.
- Every resident and business owner in St. John Parish is at some level of flood risk; and flood insurance is available to reduce the financial impact of a flood. To determine if your property is at risk, visit the Planning & Zoning page at [sjbparish.com](http://sjbparish.com).
- While most disasters are covered under a standard homeowner's policy, flooding is not, and remember, there's a 30 day waiting period from the date of purchase before your policy goes into effect. Therefore, NOW is the best time to buy flood insurance.
- Flood insurance claims are paid even when federal disaster assistance is not available. You can speak to a licensed insurance agent to get more information.

## RETURNING HOME

- Do not return home until Parish is declared safe
- Do not walk or drive in flooded areas
- Do not interfere with rescue and recovery workers
- Stay off of the roads
- Use telephone for emergencies only
- Stay away from loose dangling power lines
- Conserve water
- Open windows and doors to ventilate homes



Report downed power lines immediately to Entergy at  
**1-800-90OUTAGE**

### PICKING UP THE PIECES

Following these specific guidelines when hauling hurricane-related debris and household garbage to the curb will make for a speedier removal process



#### CORRECT WAY

Homeowners and businesses are being asked to separate debris into the following categories:

- HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE**
  - Bagged trash
  - Discarded food
  - Packaging, papers
  - All garbage should be placed curbside the night before the scheduled weekly pickup.
- CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS**
  - Building materials
  - Drywall
  - Lumber
  - Carpet
  - Furniture
  - Mattresses
  - Plumbing
- VEGETATION DEBRIS**
  - Tree branches
  - Leaves
  - Logs
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**
  - Oils
  - Batteries
  - Pesticides
  - Paints
  - Cleaning supplies
  - Compressed gas
- 'WHITE' GOODS**
  - Refrigerators
  - Washers, dryers
  - Freezers
  - Air conditioners
  - Stoves
  - Water heaters
  - Dishwashers
- ELECTRONICS**
  - Televisions
  - Computers
  - Radios
  - Stereos
  - DVD players
  - Telephones

#### WRONG WAY

- CROSSING THE LINE**
  - Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up. Contractors cannot collect items on private property.
- PROPPING UP**
  - Do not set debris against trees or poles. Doing so makes it harder for cleanup crews to scoop up the items.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- ➊ Limit curbside garbage to two 32-gallon containers or eight trash bags
- ➋ Share piles with neighbors
- ➌ Refrigerator and freezer doors must be secured with duct tape

Sources: Army Corps of Engineers, debris removal contractors  
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## POST-DISASTER BUSINESS RESOURCES

**LOUISIANA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
[www.lsbdc.org](http://www.lsbdc.org) • 1-866-782-4159 (Business assistance)

**U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) • 1-800-827-5722 • 1-800-659-2955 (Loans & grants)

**LOUISIANA BUSINESS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**  
[www.labeoc.org](http://www.labeoc.org) (Activates during disaster, pre-register business now)

**ST. JOHN**  
THE BAPTIST PARISH



1811 W. Airline Hwy.  
LaPlace, Louisiana 70068

## RECOVERY

**DISASTER FOOD STAMPS (DSNAP)**  
[www.dss.state.la.us](http://www.dss.state.la.us)

**FEMA**  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
1-800-621-3362

**DISASTER ASSISTANCE**  
[www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)

**BUILDING PERMITS**  
St. John Parish Planning & Zoning  
1811 W. Airline Hwy.  
LaPlace, LA 70068  
(985) 651-5565

\*\* If a disaster recovery center is opened in St. John Parish, information will be available on the Parish website at [www.sjbparish.com](http://www.sjbparish.com) and the government access channel (15/99). Additional recovery information will be posted as it becomes available.

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# ST. JOHN

THE BAPTIST PARISH

Stay Connected this  
**HURRICANE SEASON**

**YOUR GUIDE TO PREPARE,  
PLAN AND STAY INFORMED**



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encourages residents to  
prepare for hurricane season.



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# HURRICANES

Hurricane Season is June 1 through November 30,  
with peak season in September.

Hurricanes cause damage through: high winds, heavy rain, storm surge, and flooding.

## WATCH

Hurricane conditions including heavy rain, tidal flooding, and winds above 75 mph are possible within 36 hours.

## WARNING

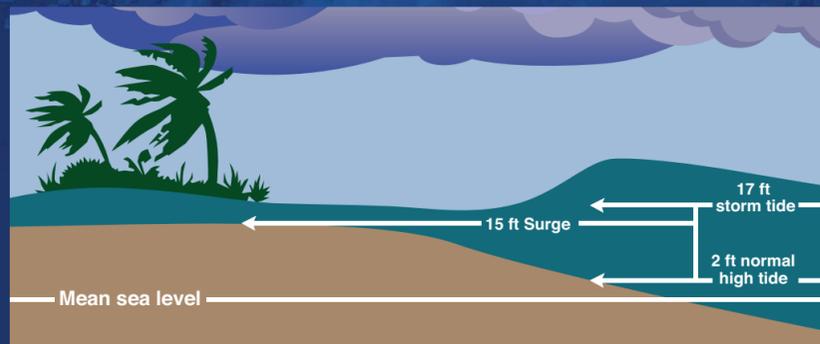
Hurricane conditions are expected within 48 hours. Often, a flood hazard is "imminent" or already occurring. A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property.

## STORM SURGE

Storm surge is a dome of water pushed onshore by hurricane and tropical storm force winds. It is the abnormal rise in sea level accompanying a hurricane or other intense storm.

## SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE

- CATEGORY 1**  
Winds: 74-95 MPH  
Very dangerous winds will produce some damage
- CATEGORY 2**  
Winds: 96-110 MPH  
Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage
- CATEGORY 3**  
Winds: 111-129 MPH  
Devastating damage will occur
- CATEGORY 4**  
Winds: 130-156 MPH  
Catastrophic damage will occur
- CATEGORY 5**  
Winds: > 156 MPH  
Catastrophic damage will occur



## BEFORE THE STORM

### STOCK EMERGENCY KIT

- Essential Supplies
- Important Documents
- Prescriptions/Medications

### MAKE PREPARATIONS

- Personal Evacuation Plan
- Protect Your Home
- Protect Your Valuables



Get a game plan now!  
www.getagameplan.org

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Individuals with special needs should call the **Health and Human Services Office** at (985) 536-4955 to register for assistance during an evacuation.



## PETS

Plan to bring food and water, a manual can opener, leashes, pet carriers, newspaper, veterinary records, including shot records and current identification when evacuating.



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

**ST. JOHN PARISH ANIMAL SHELTER**  
(985) 651-7387

## BUSINESS PREPARATION

**THE REALLY BIG PICTURE** - Building a continuity plan can prevent costly business interruptions, allowing your company to respond and recover after a disaster.

**PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION** - Check with local emergency officials to determine what your community has planned in case of an emergency. Visit **fema.gov** for useful resources and tools in preparing your business for a disaster.

**SHORING UP SUPPLY CHAINS** - Build a list of critical inventory and contact information by using the Institute for Business & Home Safety toolkit. Shoring up supply chains not only means raw materials, it also includes managed data centers or technology providers.

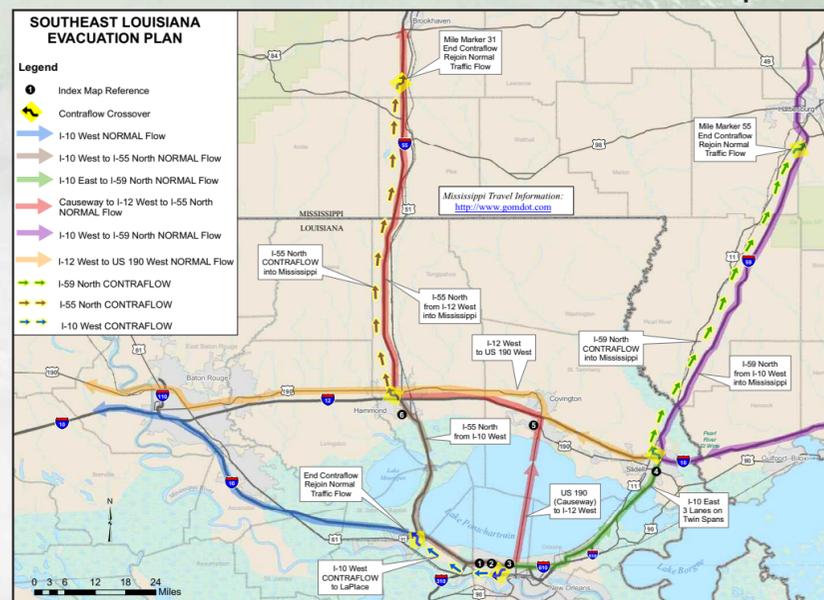
**VIRTUALLY BULLETPROOF** - Ensure your vital records, computer equipment and software are safe by having a back-up system in place. Consider going virtual.

**EMPLOYEE INFORMATION** - Build a list of employee contacts to keep track of employees and provide timely information during an emergency.

## DURING THE STORM

### EVACUATION ROUTES

A look at the six official evacuation routes and three contraflow points:



## 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 and tracked (using the Phoenix System from St. John to the shelter and back). Each person will be allowed one suitcase.

### PICKUP POINTS:

**East St. John Preparatory Academy**  
(Registration & Pickup)  
400 Ory Drive  
LaPlace, LA 70068

**Edgard Courthouse**  
(Pickup ONLY)  
2393 LA-18.  
Edgard, LA 70049

## STAYING HOME

- Have a family survival kit and extra batteries ready
- Stay tuned to radio and television news broadcasts - listen for instructions from local officials
- Limit phone use to important calls and emergencies
- Prepare for extended loss of power and have food and water for at least one week
- Ensure blankets and medical supplies are on hand
- Stay in high places in case of flooding
- Emergency services may be limited based on weather



## 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 (infant/children, elderly, disabled)
- STEP 5:** Make provisions for animals
- STEP 6:** Prepare important documents & memorabilia
- STEP 7:** Create an inventory of insurance & property
- STEP 8:** Protect & safeguard your home and property
- STEP 9:** Plan for family notification & communication
- STEP 10:** Plan finances

## THE SURVIVAL KIT

- Food (3-day supply)
- Baby Supplies
- Personal Items
- Children's Supplies
- Sanitary Items
- Clothing + Bedding
- Battery-operated Radio
- Extra Batteries
- NOAA Weather Radio
- Waterproof Flashlights
- Cleanup Supplies
- Important Documents
- Driver's License or Some Form of Identification
- Social Security Cards
- Birth Certificates
- Proof of Residence (deed or lease)
- Extra Cash
- Household Inventory (photo or video)
- Pet Veterinary Records
- Safety Supplies
- Prescriptions
- Medications (7-day supply)
- List of Each Family Member's Prescriptions, Medications, Dosage and Schedule
- First Aid Supplies



## OTHER RESOURCES

**Emergency Info:** 2-1-1  
**Weather:** Weather.gov  
**Road Info:** 511LA.org or Dial 5-1-1

**State Police:** LSP.ORG or 800-469-4828  
**Radio:** 870AM, 105.3FM, 101.9FM  
**Parish Website:** www.sjbparish.com