

ST. JOHN

THE BAPTIST PARISH

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HURRICANE SEASON

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*encourages residents
to prepare for
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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.

THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON 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



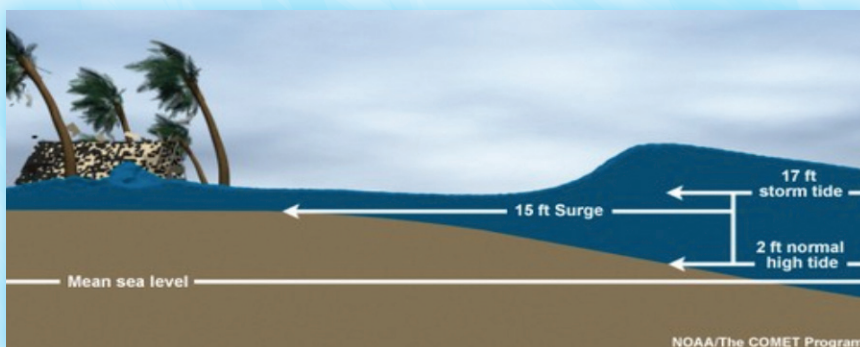
CATEGORY 4

Winds: 130-156 MPH
Catastrophic damage will occur



CATEGORY 5

Winds: > 156 MPH
Catastrophic damage will occur



BEFORE THE STORM

Get a game plan now! www.getagameplan.org



STOCK EMERGENCY KIT

- Essential Supplies
- Important Documents
- Prescriptions/Medications

MAKE PREPARATIONS

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

SPECIAL NEEDS 985-536-4955

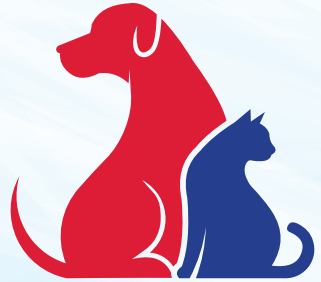
Individuals with special needs should call the **Health and Human Services Office at 985-536-4955** to register for assistance during an evacuation.

PETS

St. John Parish Animal Shelter 985-651-7387

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 pick up point to be transported to the proper shelter.



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.

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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
- 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

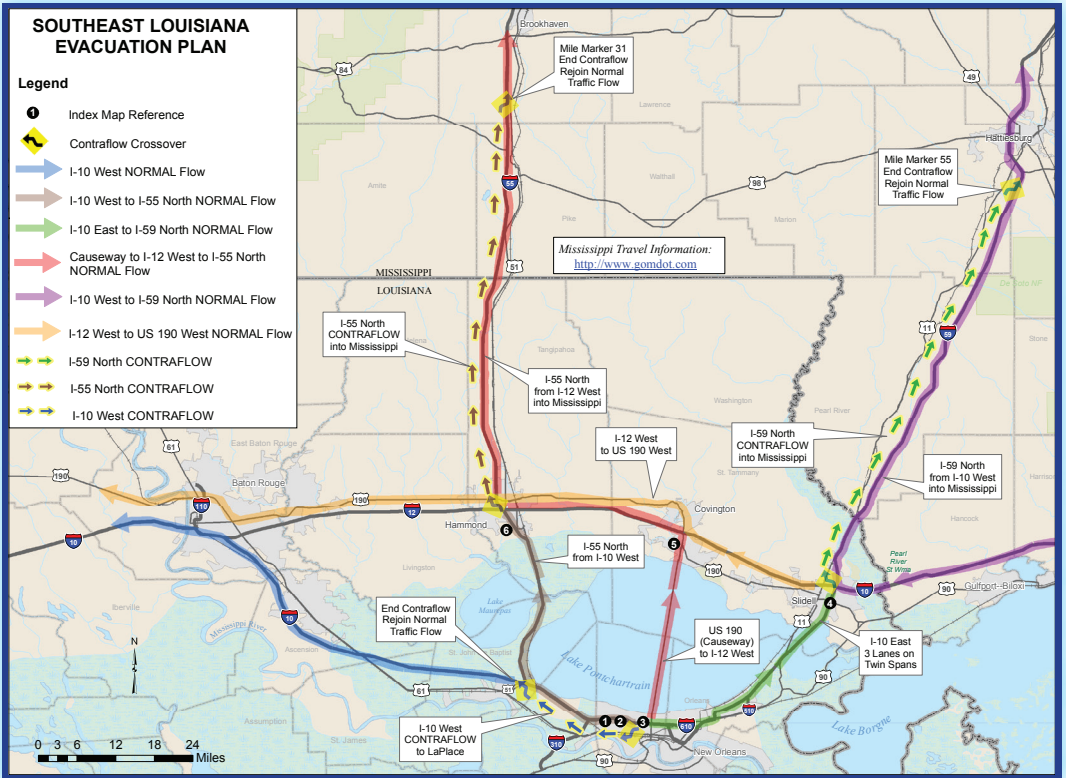
RADIO: 870 AM, 105.3 FM, 101.9 FM

Parish Website: www.sjbparish.gov

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 & 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

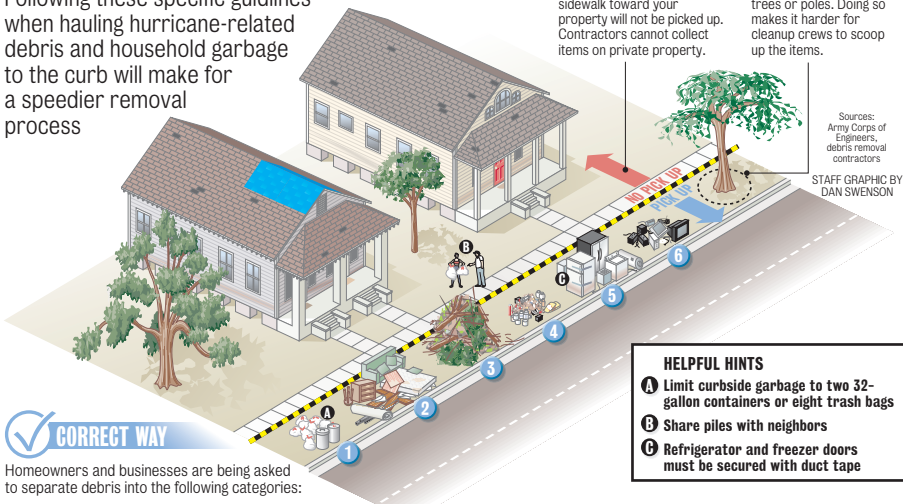
RETURNING HOME

- 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
1-800-9OUTAGE

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



POST-DISASTER BUSINESS RESOURCES

LOUISIANA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

www.louisianasbdc.org · 1-866-782-4159 (Business assistance)

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

www.sba.gov · 1-800-827-5722 · 1-800-659-2955 (Loans & grants)

LOUISIANA BUSINESS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

www.labeoc.org (Activates during disaster, pre-register business now)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency Preparedness – 985-652-2222

Power Outage – 1-800-9OUTAGE

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.gov

Additional Resources:

www.sjbparish.gov



facebook.com/sjbparish



twitter.com/sjbpgov



instagram.com/stjohnthebaptistparish



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

WWL Radio 870 AM and 105.3 FM

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 the Baptist Parish is at some level of flood risk; and flood insurance is available to help reduce the financial impact of a flood whether your building is in a high flood risk area (or the Special Flood Hazard Area) or not.
- 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!





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RECOVERY

DISASTER FOOD STAMPS (DSNAP)

www.dcfslouisiana.gov/preapply

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

[http://www.
disasterassistance.gov/](http://www.disasterassistance.gov/)

FEMA

www.fema.gov
1-800-621-3362

BUILDING PERMITS

St. John Parish Planning &
Zoning
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*** If a disaster recovery center is opened in St. John Parish, information will be available on the Parish website at www.sjbparish.gov and the government access channel (15/99). Additional recovery information will be posted as it becomes available.*