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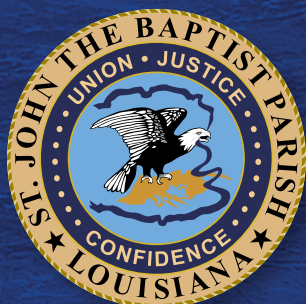
THE BAPTIST PARISH

Stay Connected this
**HURRICANE
SEASON**

NEW!

Text

SJPWEATHER to 888-777
for text alerts



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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

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CATEGORY 1

Winds: 74-95 MPH

*Very dangerous winds
will produce some damage*

2

CATEGORY 2

Winds: 96-110 MPH

*Extremely dangerous winds
will cause extensive damage*

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CATEGORY 3

Winds: 111-129 MPH

Devastating damage will occur

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CATEGORY 4

Winds: 130-156 MPH

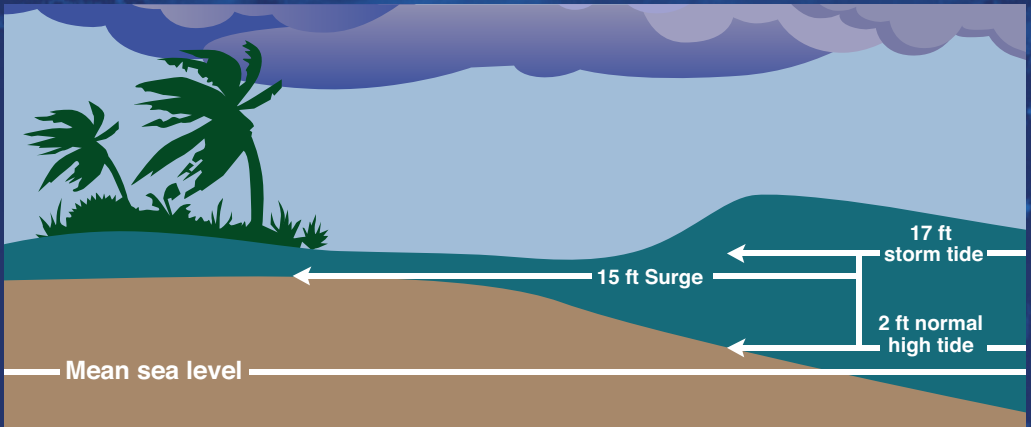
Catastrophic damage will occur

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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 pick up 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.

▶ 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

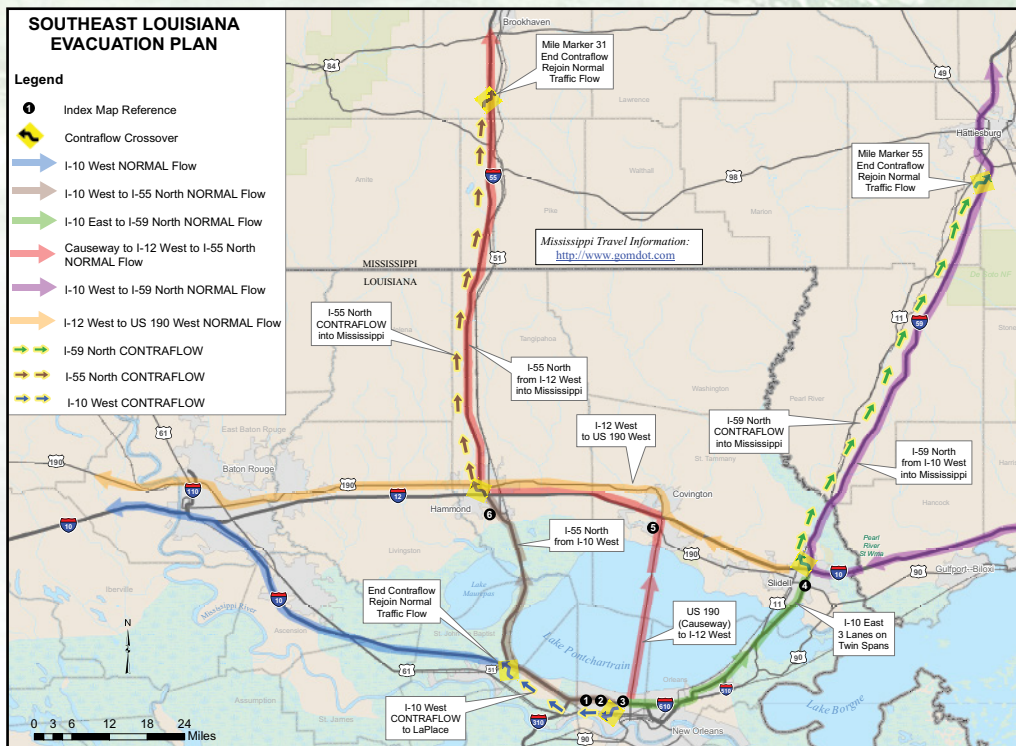
Radio: 870AM, 105.3FM, 101.9FM

Parish Website: www.sjbparish.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 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



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

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.

CORRECT WAY

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

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| 1 HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bagged trash ➤ Discarded food ➤ Packaging, papers ➤ All garbage should be placed curbside the night before the scheduled weekly pickup. | 2 CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Building materials ➤ Drywall ➤ Lumber ➤ Carpet ➤ Furniture ➤ Mattresses ➤ Plumbing | 3 VEGETATION DEBRIS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tree branches ➤ Leaves ➤ Logs | 4 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Oils ➤ Batteries ➤ Pesticides ➤ Paints ➤ Cleaning supplies ➤ Compressed gas | 5 'WHITE' GOODS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Refrigerators ➤ Washers, dryers ➤ Freezers ➤ Air conditioners ➤ Stoves ➤ Water heaters ➤ Dishwashers | 6 ELECTRONICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Televisions ➤ Computers ➤ Radios ➤ Stereos ➤ DVD players ➤ Telephones |
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HELPFUL HINTS

- A** Limit curbside garbage to two 32-gallon containers or eight trash bags
- B** Share piles with neighbors
- C** 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 • 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:

Website: www.sjbparish.gov

 facebook.com/sjbparish

 twitter.com/sjbpgov

 instagram.com/stjohnthebaptistparish

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

Radio: WWL Radio 870 AM and 105.3 FM

Email: Communications@stjohn-la.gov

Text: SJPWEATHER to 888-777

▶ 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.
- 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.dss.state.la.us

FEMA

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

DISASTER ASSISTANCE 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 and the government access channel (15/99). Additional recovery information will be posted as it becomes available.**