

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 (Channel 15 - RTC, Channel 99 - UVerse-Channel 191 or 1098 - Comcast)
- WWL Radio 870 AM and 105.3 FM
- Communications@stjohn-la.gov

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY FLOOD INSURANCE!

- Insure your property for your flood hazard.
- 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!



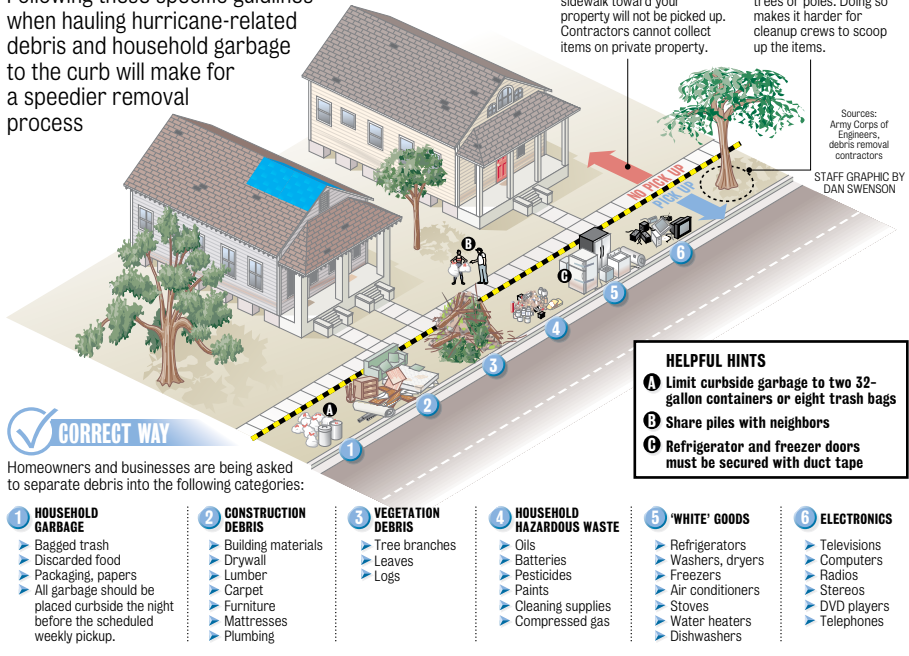
RETURNING HOME

- 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)

PRESORTED  
STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
NEW ORLEANS, LA  
PERMIT NO. 665

St. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST PARISH  
1811 W. Airline Hwy.  
LaPlace, Louisiana 70068

RECOVERY

- DISASTER FOOD STAMPS (DSNAP)**  
www.dcfsls.gov/preapply
- FEMA**  
www.fema.gov  
1-800-621-3362
- DISASTER ASSISTANCE**  
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.gov 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**

Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President  
1811 West Airline Hwy.  
LaPlace, LA 70068  
(985) 652-9569  
www.sjbparish.gov







Parish President  
**Jaclyn Hotard**  
*encourages residents  
to prepare for  
hurricane season.*

Office of the Parish President  
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[www.sjbparish.gov](http://www.sjbparish.gov)

# 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

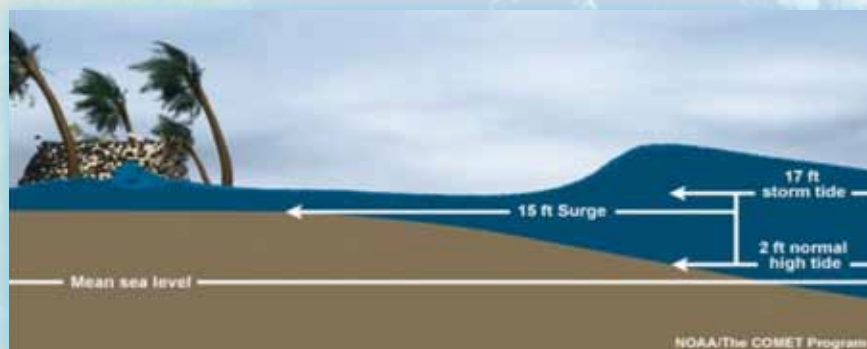
Hurricane conditions including  
heavy rain, tidal flooding, and  
winds above 75 mph are possible  
within 36 hours.

## 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](http://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

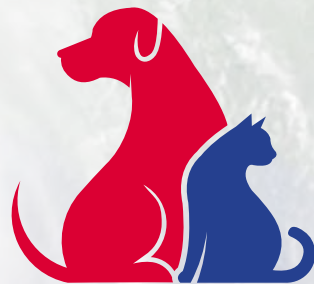
Individuals with special needs should call the **Department of Community Services** Office at **985-536-4955** to register for assistance during an evacuation.

## 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](http://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.

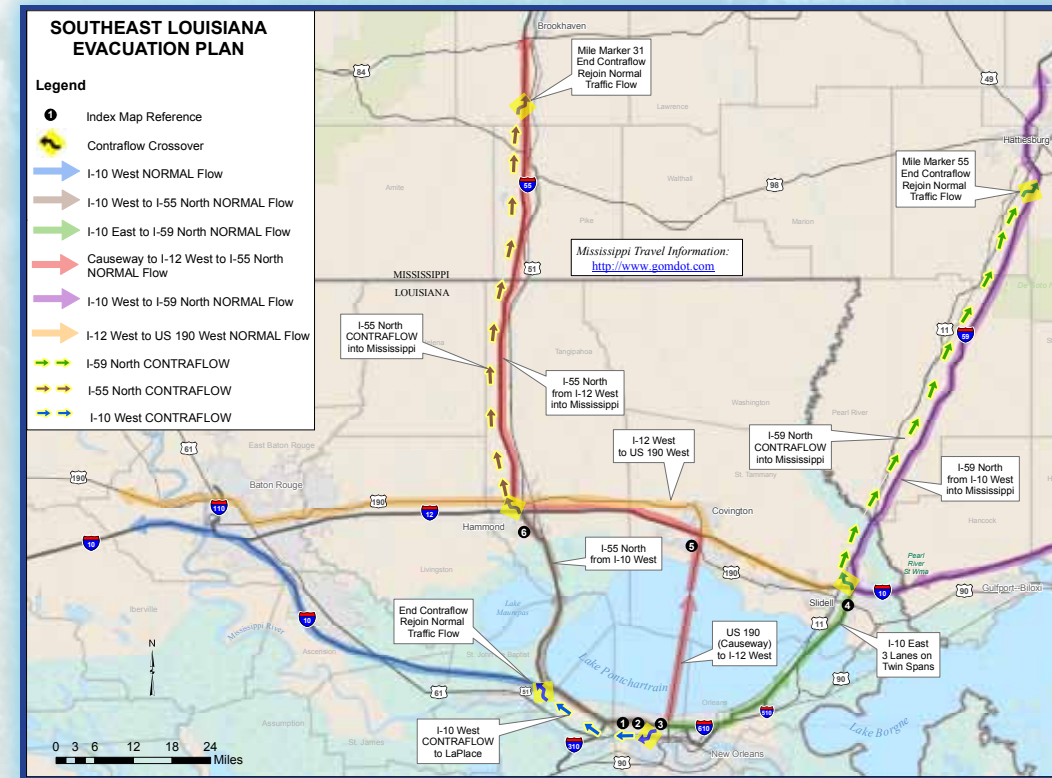
**VIRTUALLY BULLETPROOF** - Ensure your vital records, computer  
equipment and software are safe by having a back-up system in place.  
Consider going virtual.

**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. 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

# 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
- 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](http://Weather.gov)

**Road Info:** [511LA.ORG](http://511LA.ORG) OR DIAL 5-1-1

**State Police:** [LSP.ORG](http://LSP.ORG) or 800-469-4828

**RADIO:** 870 AM, 105.3 FM, 101.9 FM

**Parish Website:** [www.sjbparish.gov](http://www.sjbparish.gov)