

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

When the siren sounds

- ▶ Seek shelter
- ▶ Shut doors and windows
- ▶ Turn off A/C or heaters
- ▶ Turn on cable television
- ▶ Avoid unnecessary use of telephone

Wait until you get word of an "all clear" before going back outside.

LIVING IN LOUISIANA, we should all know what to do and when to prepare for a hurricane. Our summers also bring many thunderstorms. In the event of a hurricane warning or hurricane watch, please listen to Parish officials to determine if evacuation is recommended or mandatory.

Whether there is a thunderstorm, tropical storm or hurricane, your electricity may be off.

Useful information can be found in the Emergency Guidebook on page 11.

If the Electricity Goes Off...

First, use perishable food from the refrigerator, then use food from the freezer. To minimize the number of times you open the freezer door, post a list of contents on the freezer door.

In a well-insulated freezer, foods will likely have ice crystals in their centers (meaning the foods are safe to eat) for at least three days.

Finally, begin to use nonperishable foods and staples.

For emergency cooking, you can use a fireplace, a charcoal grill, or camp stove outdoors only. You can also heat food with a candle warmer, chafing dishes, and fondue pots. Canned food may be eaten right out of the can. If you heat food in the can, be sure to open the can and remove the label first. Rotate your food supply. Use foods before they go bad and replace them with fresh supplies, dated with ink or marker. Place new items at the back of the storage area and older ones in front.

Your emergency food supply should be of the highest quality possible. Inspect your reserves periodically to make sure there are no broken seals or dented containers.

Place paper or waxed packages in a watertight container, such as a larger plastic bag. This will keep them dry and easier to carry.

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Hurricane Preparedness

Important steps toward saving lives and property:

- The time to prepare is before the storm.
- Assemble a disaster supply kit to include water, nonperishable food items, first aid supplies, clothing & bedding, tools & emergency supplies, and special items.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts. Trim trees and shrubbery.
- Review your insurance policy.

Hurricane Safety Tips

- Fuel and service your vehicle.
- Board up all windows and secure any items that could become flying objects.
- Wedge sliding glass doors so they do not lift off track.
- Have flashlights and first aid kit available.
- Turn refrigerator to the coldest setting in case of power failure and turn off propane tanks.
- Have an extra supply of cash on hand.
- Protect pets.
- Evacuate if advised to do so!

If You Stay At Home

Only stay in a home if you have NOT been ordered to evacuate by local officials. Stay inside a well constructed building. In structures, such as a home, examine the building and plan in advance what you will do if winds become strong. Strong winds produce deadly missiles and structural failure.

- Know how to turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities. Post a set of instructions that can be easily followed by others in the family
- Fill bathtub and large containers with water for sanitary purposes
- Insure that you have a battery operated radio, flashlights, extra batteries, a supply of canned goods, and a non-electric can opener
- Remove objects from around your home that could become dangerous wind-driven projectiles
- Freeze water to create ice. Insure adequate supply by storing extra in large bags.

If you go to a Shelter

In the event of a major storm, shelters will be opened and maintained by volunteers of the American Red Cross.

What to bring to a shelter:

- Blankets, sleeping bags, and pillows
- Medications: insulin, heart, and others
- Baby food and diapers
- Plastic container of water, sandwiches, and snacks
- Flashlight, radio, and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Identification, cash, and valuable papers
- Pets are not allowed in shelters.

Pre-designated shelter areas in Iberville Parish are:

1. Plaquemine High School
2. East Iberville Elementary and High School
3. North Iberville Elementary and High School

Evacuation

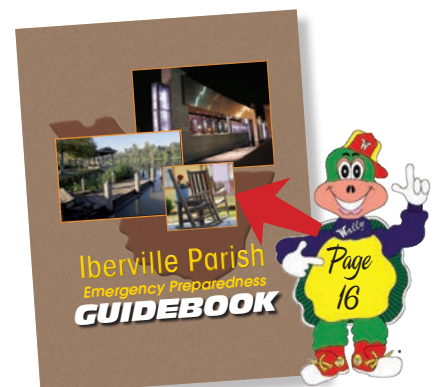
WHEN TOLD TO EVACUATE REMEMBER TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Turn off all the lights, household appliances, gas heating, cooling and ventilation systems.
- Leave the refrigerator and freezer on.
- Lock the house.
- Let others know when you leave and where you plan to go.
- Make arrangements for pets since they are not allowed in shelters.
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank.
- Take your disaster supply kit: 3-day water supply, non-perishable food, a change of clothes and footwear, blanket or sleeping bag, and a first aid kit (including prescription medication) per person.
- Take your battery-powered, portable Weather Radio.
- Take your AM/FM Radio and flashlight with extra batteries.
- Take your credit card and/or cash.
- Take special items for infants, elderly, and for any disabled family member.
- Tie a white rag to the door to indicate that you have evacuated.

Road Closures

For statewide road closures dial 511 or visit

www.511la.org





Free and Fun Hurricane Preparedness Games For Kids

Visit Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Department of Homeland Security to learn what kids can do to best prepare for hurricanes and other emergencies. On the I-CAER website, we have a section specifically for kids. <http://i-caer.org/hurricane-info-preparation/#Kids> You may also visit www.getagameplan.org/planKids.htm.

Kids, check out these two games: **DISASTER MASTER** and **BUILD A KIT**

Play the Disaster Master Game: www.ready.gov/kids/games/data/dm-english/index.html

Play the Build a Kit Game: www.ready.gov/kids/games/data/bak-english/index.html



The Fun Way to Learn About Safety!

2019 proved to be another successful Safety Town experience. Iberville Parish Kindergarten students learned about safety during the Safety Town program sponsored by I-CAER and the Iberville Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness. Safety Town is a fun way for students to learn about emergency preparedness, chemical, fire, gun, weather, bicycle and vehicle safety. Hands-on activities included singing songs, decorating their bike helmets and role playing with a "911" operator to learn the best way to report an emergency. The fire department visits in full dress and explains "stop, drop and roll." Safety Town's turtle mascot is Wally Wise Guy who demonstrated Shelter-In-Place. Students rode a big wheel and learned traffic and bicycle riding rules. Not only do the students learn and have fun, but also the I-CAER/LEPC sponsor members thoroughly enjoy the excitement! Safety Town proved to be a memorable experience cherished by all and accomplishing its safety goals.



Register Your Cell Number for Emergency Alerts!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Many residents no longer have land line phones in their homes - they use their cell phones. These residents are not receiving critical emergency messages.



You must register your cell phone to get messages from the parish's emergency message system.

The parish has no way of getting your cell phone number unless you register it.

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WAYS TO REGISTER YOUR CELL PHONE:

- Call the Iberville Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness at 225.687.5140 and provide the cell phone number, OR



- Go to www.IbervilleParish.com and click on the emergency cell phone registration icon shown at left. Complete the simple form, and you can opt to get text messages.

Register for Emergency Alerts

Register your cell phone now to receive critical messages from the parish's emergency alert system. To register visit <http://ibervilleparish.com/Departments/Emergency-Preparedness> and click on Cell Phone Registration or call the Office of Emergency Preparedness at (225) 687-5140.

Iberville Parish Homeland Security/E-911 utilizes CODE RED Emergency Notification to deliver recorded telephone messages. Since many people no longer have home phones (land lines), it has become increasingly difficult to notify the public during emergencies. Registering your cell phone to your address will ensure you receive our emergency notifications when your address is within an area affected by an emergency. ***This database is strictly confidential and will not be made available to any other vendors.***

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT to complete the appropriate information to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts, such as evacuation notices, bioterrorism alerts, boil water notices and missing child reports.

The Purpose of Drills

I-CAER and LEPC members and the Drill Committee host table top and full scale drills at least twice per year in an effort for members and emergency responders to be prepared for a variety of emergency situations and continuously improve their response and performance. Drills are a form of training and testing – and effective drills showcase the requisite teamwork.

Our Drill Committee develops a scenario and members role play. Some scenarios are staged in more populated areas of Iberville Parish, whereas others are set in surrounding rural areas. Though the more populated area scenarios would potentially affect more people, residents and businesses, emergency response assets are more available and a faster turnaround for first responders could be expected. Likewise, though a rural scenario may affect fewer people, the emergency response time may incur obstacles. Scenarios practiced may involve trains, 18-wheelers, interstate or bridges, boats, resident vehicles or any combination thereof.

The purpose of drills is practice, training and testing, all performed in the effort to keep communities, employees and environment safe. Among skills tested are communications, emergency response and

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This is only a DRILL!**



notifications. A key component of drills is community awareness and emergency response, the very name of CAER. We prepare, practice, identify weaknesses and work together during a crisis. If an actual incident was to occur, the group has experienced working together, developed strong relationships and are comfortable with the process, procedures and incident command requirements. Just as a high school football player rehearses drills on the field, part of the purpose is muscle memory – automatically doing the correct action and continuously improving. Full scale drills include communication with the public and alerting them that ***"this is a drill, this is only a drill."***



Reminder: **FREE** Smoke Detectors and Installation

In an effort to reduce fire-related deaths and injuries, the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's office launched a program which offers a free smoke detector to any homeowner who does not have one. If you do not have a smoke detector and would like a free one, simply call your local fire department or the Emergency Operations Center at **(225) 687-5140**. A fireman or Red Cross representative will deliver it to your home and install it for you.

All About LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)

WHAT IS AN LEPC?

Authorized under the Hazardous Materials Information Development, Preparedness, and Response Act, also known as the Right-to-Know Act, a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a gathering of representatives in a parish community that have an interest in emergency planning. As a group they are tasked with identifying potential risks that the parish faces from chemicals manufactured, used, stored and/or transported throughout the parish community.

WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

The LEPC should seize ways to help minimize the risk, prevent accidents, and develop a plan to deal with chemical emergencies, as well as assist other entities and businesses in developing their plans. Education and community outreach are core components of an LEPC. From the LEPC, the public is able to seek out information about chemicals in their communities and learn the appropriate precautions to take during an emergency.

WHAT DOES AN LEPC DO?

An LEPC is a repository for community hazardous material (HAZMAT) information. It increases the public's HAZMAT awareness. It also develops and maintains partnerships with Federal, State and local agencies and participates in HAZMAT-related training. The LEPC is responsible to develop a Hazardous Material Emergency Response Plan (HMERP) that addresses hazardous substances and is expected to meet at least once a year to review the HMERP and make necessary changes to the plan to ensure coordination of the plan with HMERP of other emergency planning districts. The LEPC acts as a repository for the notifications required by the Right-to-Know Law, both hazardous materials inventory reporting within the parish and the incident/release reporting. Requests for information from the public are handled by the LEPC.

GENERAL LEPC FUNCTIONS

- Increase awareness in the community about the presence of hazardous chemicals.
- Be a vital link between citizens, government + industry.
- Develop + maintain comprehensive emergency response plans for HAZMAT incidents.
- Receive information about reportable incidents + accidental releases.
- Collect + manage + provide public access to information on hazardous materials within the community. » Including maintaining + administrating Tier II information.
- Educate the public about risks associated with hazardous materials.
- Work with facilities to minimize risks to the community
- Assist with HAZMAT-related training of the public and of first responders.

GOALS + RESPONSIBILITIES

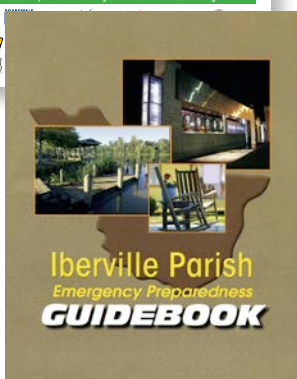
LEPC goals include:

- Effectively administering the core requirements of Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).
- Increasing the public's HAZMAT awareness. (Especially by sharing details of this drill with you in this newsletter.)
- Being a source of accurate + timely information for HAZMAT incidents.
- Developing + maintaining partnerships with Federal, State and local agencies.
- Participating in HAZMAT-related training.

From the Louisiana Emergency Response Commission handbook on LEPCs:
http://gohsep.la.gov/Portals/0/Documents/Publications/WebLEPC_Handbook_Layout_v75_01-30-15_915a.pdf



Community education efforts through this newsletter, the Emergency Guidebook, full-scale emergency exercises to student outreach via Safety Town are examples of the I-CAER/Iberville LEPCs commitment to these goals and responsibilities.



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Meet Your I-CAER/LEPC Team Member!

MARK HUDSON: OLIN CHLOR ALKALI PRODUCTS – ST. GABRIEL PLANT



Mark Hudson
EHS&S Technician/Coordinator



ST. GABRIEL PLANT

Length of Service at this Company:

23 Years (LEPC/I-CAER member since 2006)

Personal Info/Hobbies:

Camping, Hunting, Fishing and LSU and Saints Tailgating

Products Made in Iberville:

Chlorine and Caustic Soda

End Products Made from Your Products:

Chlorine end uses include textiles, plastics, flexible and rigid foam, crop protection and good old fashioned bleach. Caustic soda end uses include textiles, soaps, food processing, ore and mineral processing, water/wastewater treatment and many household products.

Website:

<http://olinchloralkali.com>

About Olin Chlor Alkali:

Our success as a company is directly linked to our commitment to operate with integrity every day, in every way and by every employee in our company. Success comes from never being satisfied. We must continually challenge ourselves, be open to new ideas, solve problems and look for ways to reduce cost and eliminate waste. Employees define Olin's future. We must respect the diversity of our workforce and treat others as we would want to be treated. We must also take and accept responsibility and be a role model for others.