

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