

Winter Weather Planning

Make a plan with your loved ones now so you know what to do in case of emergency!



Deep Freeze Reminder

- ❄️ Don't bring generators inside
- 🔌 Drip faucets to prevent frozen pipes
- 🔋 Charge all electronics
- 🔥 Use heaters safely
- ❤️ Check on your people

Keep Pipes From Freezing

- 🔌 **Protect your pipes**
- ✔️ Let faucets **drip slowly** (especially overnight)
- ✔️ Open cabinet doors under sinks to let warm air circulate
- ✔️ Locate and label your water main shut-off valve
- ✔️ **Insulate pipes and outside faucets**-wrap exposed pipes with towels, rags, or pipe insulation
- ✔️ Disconnect, drain and store garden hoses
- ✔️ Turn off your sprinklers
- ✔️ **If pipes freeze:**
 - ✔️ Turn off the main water valve
 - ✔️ Open the faucet
 - ✔️ Gently warm the pipe (hair dryer or warm towels — no open flames)

Generator Safety

- ⚠️ **NEVER bring generators inside your home**
- 🚫 **Do NOT use generators indoors**, in garages, or near windows
- 🚫 **Do NOT use grills, ovens, or gas stoves for heat**
- ☠️ **Carbon monoxide is invisible and deadly**
- ✅ **Generators should only be used OUTDOORS**, far from doors and windows

If you smell gas or feel dizzy — get outside immediately and call for help.

Power & Electronics

- 🔋 **Charge and conserve**
- ✔️ Fully charge phones, power banks, and laptops
- ✔️ Lower screen brightness to save battery
- ✔️ Download important info offline
- ✔️ Keep flashlights handy (avoid candles if possible)

Emergency Contacts

Emergency Preparedness

985-652-2222

Emergency and Power Outage

1-800-9Outage

To report flooding, water/sewerage, and health emergencies:

Dial 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Info:

Dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211

To report downed trees:

Dial 3-1-1

Weather:

Weather.gov

Road Info:

511LA.ORG OR DIAL 5-1-1

State Police:

LSP.ORG or 800-469-4828

Find open shelters:

Text SHELTER and your ZIP code to 43362

Find Your Parish's Emergency Management Information



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Gather what you'll need to shelter in place

- ✔ Non-perishable food for one week
- ✔ 3 gallons of water per person
- ✔ Manual can opener
- ✔ Flashlight & extra batteries
- ✔ Matches or lighter for candles, grills, and gas stoves
- ✔ First Aid Kit
- ✔ Week's supply of prescription medications
- ✔ Radio (battery operated or hand crank)
- ✔ Important family documents such as identification, immigration, financial, and insurance records
- ✔ Baby supplies for one week
- ✔ Cash, in case credit lines are down

Prepare for power & water outages

- ✔ Sign up for the special needs registry if you need power for medical equipment.
- ✔ Fill your bathtub with water to clean and flush toilets.
- ✔ Turn your fridge to its lowest temperature.
- ✔ Charge electronic devices and preserve cell phone battery life.
- ✔ Stay away from low-hanging or downed power lines.
- ✔ Prepare to safely use generators outside the home in an open area. Get gasoline early and store in a safe place.

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