Hurricane Planning

Each year, hurricane season in Louisiana lasts from June 1st to November 30th. Dangers from these storms include high winds, heavy rain, tornadoes, flooding, and power outages.

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

Gather what you’ll need to shelter in place

- Non-perishable food for 3 days
- 3 gallons of water per person
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Matches or lighter
- First Aid Kit
- Week’s supply of prescription medications
- Radio (battery operated or hand crank)
- Books & games

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.
- Preserve cell phone battery life.
- Stay away from low-hanging or downed power lines.

Stay safe and informed

- Bring pets inside.
- Lock doors and windows. Close curtains and blinds.
- Stay inside until officials say otherwise.
- Call 911 in an emergency. Call 311 for information or to report non-emergency service requests like downed trees.
- Storms can be scary for children. Talk to your family about what’s happening, and keep games and toys on hand to entertain.

Evacuate

If the City orders a mandatory evacuation, all residents and visitors must leave.

Leave as early as possible if your city orders an evacuation.

If you need assistance evacuating in New Orleans:

The Smoothie King Center will be the hub for evacuation for residents who can’t leave on their own. To get to the Smoothie King Center from your home, there are multiple options:

- Evacuspots: There are 17 pickup locations across the city, called evacuspots, where dedicated shuttle buses will be bringing evacuees to the Smoothie King Center. 5 evacuspots are specifically for seniors.
- RTA Bus Routes: RTA will run on a Saturday schedule & all bus routes ending at Duncan Plaza will make a final stop at the Smoothie King Center.
- Special Needs Registry: If you need to be picked up from your home due to medical or mobility needs, sign up for the special needs registry.
- Drop Off or Walk Up Uber/Lyft/Rideshare