

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS











# Hurricane Basics







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## What are hurricane season's tropical weather hazards?







### **Damaging winds**

- Insure for wind •
- Inspect roof •
- Prune trees •
- Secure outdoor  $\bullet$ furniture
- Cover windows  $\bullet$

### Tornadoes

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Pay attention to watches & warnings

### **Flooding from rain**

- Insure for flood
- Clear gutters & • downspouts
- Clear catch basins
- Move property to highest floor
- Elevate home & • utilities

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### **Coastal flooding**

- Pay attention to watches & warnings
- Elevate home & utilities

# Community

# Preparedness





# **How New Orleans Combats Flooding**



### **LEVEE SYSTEMS**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** 



### **PUMPING STATIONS**

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans



# GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE Resilience NOLA



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 Water is kept out of the City using a series of natural and man-made surge barriers.

 Water is drained through catch basins, funneled to the pump stations and then pumped into outfalls and Lake Pontchartrain.

Green infrastructure and wetlands reduce flooding by holding, absorbing, and slowing down rainwater.

## Lake Borgne Surge Barrier



# **City of New Orleans Hurricane Plans**

### **Emergency Plans & Operations in Place:**

- Pre-Storm and Post-Storm Evacuation
- **Emergency Resource Centers**
- Shelters  $\bullet$

Depending on the circumstances of each incident, these emergency plans *may be activated* to connect residents to essential services and keep them out of harm's way. Each plan prioritizes inclusivity and accessibility. Services are FREE for ALL residents, regardless of immigration status, identification, primary language, or functional needs.







- A mandatory evacuation order relies upon coordination with the
  - state, national guard, and surrounding parishes.
- Ahead of a rapidly intensifying storm, we may have

to condense our evacuation timeline.

## **Pre-Storm Evacuation**

- If a mandatory evacuation order is issued, the City of New
- Orleans will activate the **City-Assisted Evacuation Plan**.





# **Post-Storm Evacuation**

- If a hurricane causes major infrastructure damages, the
- City may operate a post-storm evacuation.
- This plan may be activated when there are significant delays or disruptions in public services or utilities.
- If you do not evacuate ahead of a major hurricane, prepared with your go-bag in case you need to evacuate after landfall.



# **Emergency Resource Centers (ERCs)**

(ERCs) in affected neighborhoods.

- **Emergency Resources Centers (ERCs) are designed** 
  - to provide residents access to information,
  - community, and disaster resources.

- If residents need help accessing essential services,
- the City may open **Emergency Resources Centers**



If there is a need to shelter locally, the City

has several scalable sheltering options.

 Shelters located in Orleans Parish may be open to general or specific populations, including unhoused populations and those with other specific medical needs.



# Personal

# **Preparedness:**

# **Staying Ready**

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# **Year-Round**



### Get flood insurance & get ready for rain



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# Emergency preparedness is as easy as 1-2-3





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### **STAY CONNECTED**

### **MAKE A PLAN**

## **GATHER SUPPLIES**





Know what's happening during hurricane season, and throughout the year too.



Text NOLAREADY to 77295 for alerts

# **STAY CONNECTED**



# What type of info will you receive via emergency alert?

- Severe weather alerts
- Flood watches and warnings
- Neutral ground parking updates
- Boil water advisories
- Public safety incidents
- Hazardous material incidents
- Storm preparedness

Watches and Warnings



National Weather Service











### Citywide Freeze Plan

When "feels like" temperatures are below 35°F for more than four hours overnight, the City of New Orleans activates the Citywide Freeze Plan to provide shelter for unhoused residents.

More at ready.nola.gov/winter



Call 3-1-1 to report downed trees, and call 9-1-1 to report downed power lines.



### During a tornado

warning



Seek shelter immediately

or download the Smart911 app

If outside, protect yourself

🛃 Cover your head





## **Know the Difference Between:**

## Watches



A watch means there is a POTENTIAL for an emergency to occur in New Orleans.

EX: The National Weather Service has issued a tornado WATCH for Orleans Parish until 10PM. This means that there is potential for tornadoes in NOLA.

A warning means an emergency is currently HAPPENING in the area. EX: If a tornado WARNING is issued, that means there is a tornado in the area and you should seek shelter immediately.





# Sign-up for text alerts





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## How to create a Smart911 profile

 For more information on how to sign up for Smart911 visit:







### Include your Smart911 health information



You have not yet listed any Preferred Providers. These can include your specific air ambulance, ground ambulance, and hospital choices.

 Include ALL medical information on your Smart911 profile, especially if you have a disability, or if you have mobility needs.

Identify a helper to assist you in creating a Smart911 profile.

Need assistance registering for Smart911? Call 3-1-1





# Create and practice your plan so your family will know what to do in a crisis.





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# MAKE A PLAN

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## **Know the Difference Between:**

# Voluntary **Evacuation**

All residents and visitors are encouraged to consider leaving as the forecasted conditions may be dangerous. Consider your needs and the needs of your

household when deciding whether you will evacuate.

All residents and visitors must leave. The conditions will seriously endanger lives and threaten significant damage or destruction to property.

Public services and first responders will be suspended for some time, and there will be an imminent call to shelter in place.



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# Mandatory **Evacuation**

# What is contraflow?









disaster.





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# **GATHER SUPPLIES**

## Make sure you have the supplies you may need during an emergency or

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# **Gather Supplies**



- ID, birth or marriage certificate
  - Cash
  - **Emergency contacts**
  - Medical records & insurance policies
  - **Documents proving residence**
  - **Medications**
  - First aid kit
  - Radio, flashlight, batteries
  - Clothes, toiletries, bedding
  - Pet supplies



- 3 days of non-perishable food 3 gallons of water per person **First Aid Kit** 1 to 2+ week supply of medications Flashlight, radio, batteries Matches or lighter
  - Pet supplies
- Books & games



### **Ready.nola.gov/gather-supplies**



### Make a "home kit"





# After a Hurricane





### Here are some tips for power outages





### **STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD.**

- Watch out for downed power lines.
- four-way stop.

### **USE GENERATORS SAFELY.**

- Follow the 20-20-20 rule:
- 20 feet away from the house.
- 20 mins of cool down before refueling.
- \$20 for a carbon monoxide alarm.



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# $\circ$ If a traffic light is out, treat the intersection as a



### More tips for power outages



### **PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY.**

- Use flashlights, not candles.
- Keep generators outside your home.
- Stay away from downed power lines.

### **PRESERVE DEVICES AND APPLIANCES.**

- Preserve cell phone battery life.
- Keep fridge doors closed. Most refrigerated food will keep
  - in a closed refrigerator for several hours.
- **Disconnect appliances, equipment, or electronics.** 0





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# **Get Involved**





# Train Up or Volunteer!

Join the NOLA Ready Volunteer Corps and

help your neighbors during emergencies.



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# **NOLA Ready Trainings** Available

**Request a FREE training at** 

ready.nola.gov/training



Stay connected, Plan for Emergencies, Gather Supplies.

### **Active Shooter Preparedness**

- **Bystander Response Training**
- **Stop the Bleed**
- **Overdose Prevention**
- **Hands-Only CPR**
- **Hurricane** Preparedness
- **Business Continuity**



# Questions?











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