

**City of Thibodaux- Emergency Operations Center  
 Located in the Warren J. Harang Jr. Auditorium  
 310 N. Canal Blvd, Thibodaux, La. 70302**



**City of Thibodaux- Emergency Operations Center  
 Located in the Warren J. Harang Jr. Auditorium  
 310 N. Canal Blvd., Thibodaux, La. 70302**



**Warren J. Harang Jr. Auditorium**

- Regionally Located on a Major Road Structure with Access in All Directions
- Hardened Complex with Industrial Generator Backup Power
- Serves as a Regional Commodities Distribution Site
- Serves as a Louisiana Department of Health Point of Distribution
- Serves as a First Responder/Infrastructure Commercial Work Staging Facility
- Shower and Sleeping Facilities for First Responders and City Employees

**Emergency Operations Center**

- Serves as a Joint Use Facility
- State of the Art Communications
- Unified Command Group Emergency Operations Center
- Point of Distribution Command and Control Center
- Executive Conference Center
- Training Room
- Recording Studio



**City of Thibodaux- Emergency Operations Center**



# State Hazards

## STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The *State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP)* identifies hazards and guides the implementation of hazard mitigation measures intended to eliminate or reduce the effects of future disasters that might impact Louisiana. The plan is reviewed annually. For more information, visit [getagameplan.org/planMitigate.htm](http://getagameplan.org/planMitigate.htm).

## 11 MOST LIKELY HAZARDS IN LOUISIANA



### FLOODING

A natural condition that is the result of an overflowing river, heavy rain, dam break, levee failure or snow or ice melting too fast. Hurricanes and tornadoes can also cause flooding.



### HAILSTORM

Severe thunderstorms in which chunks of ice fall along with rain.



### HURRICANE

A tropical storm with sustained winds at least 74 mph on the Saffir-Simpson Scale. Heavy rain, strong winds and large waves can damage cars, buildings and homes. Hurricane season runs from June 1 – November 30.



### TORNADO

A violent storm that appears as a funnel-shaped cone with winds that can be as strong as 300 mph or more. Tornadoes can also occur within other storms, such as hurricanes.



### ICE STORM

Ice storms consist of freezing temperatures and heavy precipitation, usually in the form of rain, freezing rain or sleet, and sometimes in the form of snow and ice.



### STORM SURGE

Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm, over and above the predicted astronomical tides. Storm surge should not be confused with storm tide, which is defined as the water level rise due to the combination of storm surge and the astronomical tide.



### SUBSIDENCE

Subsidence is the loss of surface elevation due to the removal of subsurface support. Along with sea level rise, subsidence can accelerate coastal erosion and wetland loss, as well as increase flooding.



### WILDFIRE

An uncontrolled fire that spreads through vegetation and possibly exposes and consumes structures. Wildfires can be caused by human acts such as arson or careless accidents, as well as by natural occurrences such as lightning.



### DAM FAILURE

Dam failure can occur when there is a breach or collapse in the structure of a dam.



### LEVEE FAILURE

A levee failure involves the overtopping, breaching or collapsing of a levee.



### HAZARDOUS-MATERIALS INCIDENT

A man-made disaster, hazardous-materials incidents involve accidental or intentional releases of chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear materials.

Should I evacuate, go to a shelter or stay home for a storm? Here are some tips for each decision:


## EVACUATION

Ahead of time, plan your route and what transportation you will use. Fuel up and check your car. Have extra keys. Take photos of your children with you. Give your **children identification information** to carry with them, including his or her name, date of birth, address, phone numbers, etc. If your children are too young or otherwise unable to speak for themselves, consider writing their name, date of birth and parents' names and phone numbers somewhere on his or her body in indelible marker. Give yourself plenty of time to evacuate. Do not wait until the last minute; traffic will most likely be heavy. Have three (3) to five (5) days of emergency supplies ready to travel. Bring cash; ATMs and credit cards may not work. Secure your home; lock up and turn off utilities at the source. **DO NOT turn off natural gas** at the meter unless instructed. A professional serviceman will be required to turn back on. If evacuation is voluntary and trusted neighbors will be staying behind, advise them of your plans and leave spare keys so they can check on your property. If evacuation is mandatory, let family, friends and neighbors know how you can be reached. Stay tuned to news broadcasts for traffic reports, updates and instructions; **listen to local officials**. Secure loose toys or furniture from the lawn. Don't leave your pet behind. The smell of smoke, high winds or lightning may make your pet more fearful and difficult to load into a crate or carrier. Evacuating before conditions become severe will keep everyone safer and make the process less stressful. The location of your evacuation destination may or may not accept pets, so call 2-1-1 or inquire at a shelter information point. Animal shelters will be set up in various parts of the State on an as-needed basis.

## SHELTERING

Plan to **leave early** — preferably during daytime and several hours ahead of your desired arrival time, because travel will be slow due to worsening weather and heavy traffic. Be ready to use an alternate route to your shelter destination, in case primary evacuation routes become too congested. **Bring a map.** Pack what you need, and only what you need. Emergency shelters will not have space available to house your family treasures, so limit your packing only to **necessities.** Let family and friends know exactly which shelter you plan to use and where it is located. Make a plan to get in touch and let loved ones know you've arrived safely. Be sure your vehicle is filled with **gas** and in good operating condition. Register at the shelter as soon as you arrive. Follow the shelter guidelines at all times and make sure your children understand the rules as well.

# Emergency Supply Checklist



- FOOD (3-DAY SUPPLY)**
  - fruit: canned, dried, roll-ups
  - meats: canned or dried
  - vegetables: canned
  - powdered milk
  - juices: canned or bottled
  - water: bottled
  - peanut butter
  - crackers
  - soup: canned
  - high-energy bars
- BABY SUPPLIES**
  - diapers, baby wipes
  - milk, food, formula
  - clothes
  - disposable bottles and liners
  - blankets, sheets, bed liners
  - medications
  - portable crib
  - toys
- PERSONAL ITEMS**
  - soap, toothbrush, deodorant
  - towels and washcloths
  - sewing kit
  - shampoo
  - feminine hygiene items
  - shaving kit
  - mirror
  - eyeglasses and contact lenses
  - special items needed for the elderly and disabled
- CHILDREN'S SUPPLIES**
  - quiet toys
  - coloring books
  - crayons
  - puzzles
  - books
  - CD/MP3 player
  - extra batteries
- SANITARY ITEMS**
  - portable toilet
  - plastic garbage bags
  - paper towels, toilet paper
  - liquid detergent
  - disinfectant
- CLOTHING + BEDDING**
  - rain gear
  - sleeping bags, blankets and pillows
  - extra shoes and work boots
  - extra clothes
- COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT**
  - battery-operated radio
  - extra batteries
  - NOAA weather radio
  - cellular phone and charger
  - non-cordless phone
- LIGHTING**
  - waterproof flashlights
  - battery-powered lantern
  - extra batteries
- CLEANUP SUPPLIES**
  - washing detergents
  - mops, brooms, etc.
  - buckets, extra hose
  - old blankets, towels, rags
  - large plastic garbage bags and ties
  - rubber gloves
  - bleach, disinfectants
  - camera to photograph home before cleanup
- PAPERS + VALUABLES**
  - extra set of car keys
  - evacuation route maps
  - driver's license or some form of identification
  - Social Security cards
  - passport
  - birth certificates
  - vehicle registration papers
  - proof of residence (deed or lease)
  - marriage records
  - death records
  - computer backups
  - small valuables
  - extra cash
  - credit cards
  - wills
  - insurance policies
  - medical and vaccination records
  - other important papers (e.g., stocks, bonds, mortgages, deeds, wills, recent tax returns, etc.)
  - checking and savings account information
  - household inventory (photo or video)
  - pet veterinary records
  - books, stationery, pens and pencils
- EXTERNAL MEDICATIONS**
  - antibiotic ointment
  - antibacterial soap
  - baking soda
  - hydrogen peroxide
  - calamine lotion
  - betadine
  - lip balm
  - rubbing alcohol
  - sunblock
- INTERNAL MEDICATIONS**
  - aspirin/acetaminophen
  - sore throat lozenges and spray
  - laxative/anti-diarrhea
  - eyedrops
  - antacids
  - nose spray
  - vitamins
  - cough medicine
  - eardrops
- SAFETY SUPPLIES**
  - fire extinguisher
  - waterproof matches
  - insect repellents
  - work gloves
  - utility knife
  - shovel, hand saw, ax
  - hammer, nails, pliers, shut-off wrench
  - tarp, duct tape
  - small boat
  - chain saw
  - generator/fuel
  - wet/dry vacuum
  - extra oil, gas
  - jumper cables
  - compass
  - written instructions on how to turn off utilities (gas, water, electricity)
- FIRST AID SUPPLIES**
  - first aid handbook
  - scissors
  - tweezers
  - thermometer
  - first aid tape
  - gauze rolls
  - large nonstick pads
  - bandages, such as Band-Aids™
  - arm sling
  - snakebite kit
  - cotton swabs
  - ice/heat packs
  - latex gloves
  - safety pins
- COOKING EQUIPMENT**
  - gas or barbecue grill
  - extra propane gas
  - lighter fluid/charcoal
  - Sterno™ stove
  - cooking utensils
  - manual can opener
  - bottle opener
  - disposable eating utensils
  - disposable plates and cups
  - paper towels
  - ice chest
  - plastic storage bags
- PRESCRIPTIONS**
  - medications (7-day supply)
  - list of each family member's prescriptions, medications, dosage and schedule
  - copy of health insurance cards and prescriptions

*Don't forget pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, waste supplies).*

## STAYING HOME

Designate alternate locations for children in case adults are unable to make it home. **Secure your home.** If severe weather is approaching, you may want to board windows, bring in outdoor furniture, minimizing what could become flying debris. If a bio-threat, chemical or toxic spill is likely, consider whether you want to cover windows and doors with plastic sheeting. Have your family survival kit ready at all times. Stay tuned to radio and television news broadcasts; **listen for instructions from local officials.** Limit phone use to important calls and emergency communication. Make sure you have food and water and other supplies to last **72 hours.** Use the checklist on pages 5 and 6 to prepare your disaster kit. Prepare for **loss of communications** and **electricity.** Ensure you have blankets and medical supplies on hand. Stay in **high places** in case of flooding; in the case of high winds, stay away from **walls.**

**Emergency response may be limited when sustained wind speeds reach 35-45 mph.**



# Louisiana Emergency Information

REMEMBER TO CALL 911 IN ANY SITUATION THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE FROM THE POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE SERVICES

## LOUISIANA EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

In the event of an emergency, turn to your local radio station for emergency information.

### FOR TRAFFIC INFORMATION, ROAD CLOSURES, EVACUATION ROUTES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION, VISIT:

Alert FM

[alertfm.com](http://alertfm.com)



National Weather Service

[weather.gov](http://weather.gov); for Doppler radar images navigate to [radar.weather.gov](http://radar.weather.gov)



Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development

[511la.org](http://511la.org) or dial 511 or 888-ROAD-511 (888-762-3511)



Get A Game Plan

[getagameplan.org/evacinfo.htm](http://getagameplan.org/evacinfo.htm)



[emergency.la.gov](http://emergency.la.gov)



Louisiana State Police

[lsp.org](http://lsp.org) or dial 800-469-4828



Way to Geaux; a new hands-free, eyes-free smartphone application providing Louisiana travelers access to around-the-clock, real-time traffic and road condition updates.

[www.sp.dotd.la.gov/Residents/Pages/TravelInformation.aspx](http://www.sp.dotd.la.gov/Residents/Pages/TravelInformation.aspx)



American Red Cross

[redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps](http://redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps)



2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember telephone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community during crisis and at any time.

The 2-1-1 call is answered by an Information and Referral (I&R) specialist who assesses the caller's needs and refers the person to the appropriate community, social, health and/or government services. The caller is provided with phone numbers, programs and available services, location, hours of operation and whatever other information is relevant to the caller's inquiry.

For more information about 2-1-1 in Louisiana visit [louisiana211.org](http://louisiana211.org).

## COORDINATED DISASTER INFORMATION

Food, Clothing // Shelters // Special Needs Housing  
Volunteer Management // Evacuation Routes  
Transportation Assistance // Crisis Counseling  
Prescription Assistance // Missing Persons  
Post Disaster Child Care // Rebuilding Assistance

## HOW DOES 2-1-1 WORK IN LOUISIANA?

- Call 2-1-1 from any landline or mobile phone in Louisiana.
- 2-1-1 is staffed 24/7 with trained specialists to guide you to vital resources.
- 2-1-1 provides multilingual services and information for the hearing impaired.
- 2-1-1 maintains a computerized database of more than 15,000 resources and services statewide.

# My Emergency Preparedness Plan



## CREATE YOUR OWN PERSONAL PLAN + CHECKLIST

I have made a plan to **communicate with family members** through this out-of-state contact and have asked my family to keep this name and number with them at all times.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan **not to evacuate** and will go to a friend's or family member's home in the area. I have notified them and made all of the appropriate arrangements.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan **to evacuate** and will go to a friend's or family member's home outside of the area. I have notified them and made all of the appropriate arrangements.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to go to a **public shelter**. City: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to stay in a **hotel/motel** as far north of I-10 as possible.

Name of hotel/motel: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location and city: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate hotel/motel location north of I-10.

Name of hotel/motel: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location and city: \_\_\_\_\_

I have calculated the **driving time** to my destination north of I-10 at approximately four (4) times the normal driving time, and it is: \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

I have studied the evacuation route that best suits my needs. My **evacuation route** will include the following: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If our family is separated and we need to regroup, the following location is where **we will meet**: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have made plans for my **special needs** family members. My plans are the following: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have made **plans for my pets**. My plans are the following: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have completed my **property inventory** and placed it in a safe waterproof place. Location: \_\_\_\_\_

I have made an assessment of my **insurance needs**. I have the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Homeowners insurance      \_\_\_\_\_ Wind and hail insurance

\_\_\_\_\_ Flood insurance      \_\_\_\_\_ Renters insurance

Insurance information: Name of company, agent, phone number and address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the necessary **precautions** for the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Exterior windows      \_\_\_\_\_ Large windows and glass doors

\_\_\_\_\_ Garage doors      \_\_\_\_\_ Roof gable ends

\_\_\_\_\_ Roof protection      \_\_\_\_\_ Indoor hazard protection plan

\_\_\_\_\_ Outdoor property protection plan      \_\_\_\_\_ Trees

I have identified any anticipated **extra expense** due to a disaster, and I have calculated an approximate amount of money that will be required to see my family and myself through. That amount is:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_