



# OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE



ARE YOU PREPARED?  
JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 30

## “THE FIRST 72 HOURS ARE ON YOU”

**D**uring a storm, services may not be available, transportation may be cut off and roads may be inaccessible. In some cases, you may be forced to evacuate. Be ready to respond to any situation by assembling and maintaining a Disaster Supply Kit with enough food, water, and other supplies for each person in your family for 72 hours. It may take up to 72 hours for relief supplies to be delivered to Terrebonne Parish.

**A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASSETS THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CAN HAVE PREPARED. AN EXAMPLE OF A FULLY STOCKED DISASTER SUPPLY KIT SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

(AT MINIMUM, A THREE DAY SUPPLY)

Water, non-perishable food, formula, and diapers for infants, first aid kit, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies, cash or travelers checks, flashlight and extra batteries, non-electric can opener, utility knife; fire extinguisher (ABC-type), shut-off wrench to turn off household gas and water, sanitation supplies, Official DOTD Highway Map, entertainment, important family documents, inventory of valuable household goods and important telephone numbers, and family records (birth, marriage, death certificates).

**FOR HELP BUILDING YOUR DISASTER SUPPLY KIT, GO TO [WWW.GETAGAMEPLAN.ORG](http://WWW.GETAGAMEPLAN.ORG)**

Store your kit in a convenient place known to all family members. Keep a smaller version of the supply kit in the trunk of your car. Change your stored water supply every six months so it stays fresh. Replace your stored food every six months.

Re-think your kit and family needs at least once a year. Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.

Keep these items in a waterproof container that can be easily transported from your home to your car and your safe place. Assemble your kit now to allow for immediate action during an emergency.

## GET EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS VIA PHONE, TEXT AND EMAIL

To sign up for **EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS** through **TERREBONNE ALERT**, visit [tohsep.com/terrebonnealert](http://tohsep.com/terrebonnealert) and click sign up to begin your registration.

## PUBLIC SHELTER INFORMATION

Shelters are operated by trained individuals and ensure that the safety, security, and basic needs of its residents are met.

What to bring to a shelter?

- Change of clothing, blanket, and pillow for each family member.
- Your disaster supply kit, including food, medications, comfort items, and special items for infant or elderly family members.

### WHAT NOT TO BRING?

- There are no weapons, drugs or alcohol allowed.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PATIENTS

For residents who have medical special needs, or will need transportation during an evacuation of Terrebonne Parish, please contact the Terrebonne Council on Aging at **(985) 868-8411**.

To pre-register for Disaster Food Stamp assistance, please call **1-888-LA-HELP-U (1-888-524-3578)**.

## SEVERE WEATHER TERMS TO KNOW...

Natural disasters most likely to occur in Louisiana, particularly in low-lying areas bordering the Gulf of Mexico, include hurricanes and flooding due to heavy rains. Residents should be familiar with several terms that describe severe weather conditions. To learn more visit [www.weather.gov/safety/hurricane-ww](http://www.weather.gov/safety/hurricane-ww)

### STORM SURGE/TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE WATCH

Adverse conditions are **possible** in the specified areas of the **WATCH**, usually within 48 hours. May be applied to thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods, or hurricanes.

### STORM SURGE/ TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE WARNING

Adverse conditions are **expected** in the specified area of the **WARNING**, usually within 36 hours. May be applied to thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods, or hurricanes.

## PREPARING YOUR ANIMALS

Making plans for your family is extremely important. Don't forget to plan for the animals in your life, too!

- The location of your evacuation destination may or may not accept pets, so call ahead and check. Animal shelters will be set up in various parts of the state on an “as-needed” basis. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry works year round with the Louisiana State Animal Response Team (LSART) to provide sheltering opportunities. Species-specific disaster preparedness advice is available at [www.lsart.org](http://www.lsart.org).
- Create a disaster readiness kit for your animal that includes food, water, first aid supplies, feeding supplies and other items that are necessary to keep your animal comfortable for at least 3 - 5 days.
- Remember, animal ownership is a responsibility! Be ready to take care of your whole family.