

Are you prepared



for a hurricane?

The City of Lake Charles encourages all residents to follow these important steps in the event of a hurricane threat to Southwest Louisiana:

Listen to local emergency officials, and follow their instructions. Listen to local TV and radio. Visit the City of Lake Charles Web site,

www.cityoflakecharles.com, and click the Emergency Readiness icon for links to related information, including; Louisiana's Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the National Weather Service Forecast Office (NOAA).

Stock your home with food, water, and supplies. Most people need at least one quart of water or other liquid to drink each day, but more would be better.

Food supplies should include healthy, high-energy foods that do not need to be refrigerated or cooked to eat. Stock enough to feed you and your family for at least three days.

General supplies include a battery-operated radio (with extra batteries), a flashlight (with extra batteries), blankets or sleeping bags, paper plates and utensils, matches and candles, a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and other personal grooming items, and medicine and a first aid kit.

Prescriptions supplies should be stocked for two weeks. To prevent the possibility of shortage, it is better to fill your medicines now instead of waiting until a hurricane warning is issued.

Plan now for a possible evacuation. Get ready now. Don't wait until a hurricane is approaching to find a place to go. Have a predetermined destination, and follow emergency routes predetermined by parish and state officials. Prepare you and/or your family a survival kit comprised of the necessary foods to feed your family for at least three days. Let relatives, friends and neighbors know where you are going, and ask them if they need assistance in evacuation. Lock windows and doors. Turn off electrical service at the main fuse or breaker box if flooding is imminent in the area where your home is located.

Help those with special needs or neighbors with challenging circumstances. Make sure they have a plan of action in evacuating the area. For information on the Special Needs Assistance Program, 911-SNAP, visit the Web site www.calcasieu911.com.

Evacuation Guide/Contraflow Map

Visit www.ohsep.louisiana.gov to see the Southwest Louisiana Evacuation Guide and the Contraflow Map for Southwest Louisiana.

