

NOLA Ready is the City of New Orleans' emergency preparedness campaign, managed by the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.



Each year in New Orleans, hurricane season lasts from June to November.

Tropical weather begins with a low-pressure area of circling winds over water. A system can develop into a tropical depression, tropical storm, or a hurricane. Dangers include high winds, heavy rain, tornadoes, flooding, and power outages, which means you should insure your property for both wind and flood damage.

You're probably no stranger to these storms. Still, it's important to make a plan with your family in case a storm comes our way. This guide offers the basics.

There are extra things to consider during an emergency for seniors, young children, people with medical needs, and pet owners. Find more information on ready.nola.gov. Call **311** to sign up for the special needs registry if you are elderly or have medical or mobility needs.

Helping you stay ready year round,
- THE TEAM AT NOLA READY



NOLA READY GUIDE TO Hurricanes



Stay Connected

Sign up for NOLA Ready Emergency Alerts. Text your zip code to **888777** or go to ready.nola.gov for more sign up options.



Make a Plan

Make a plan to evacuate and to shelter at home. Include your family's special needs and pets in your plans.



Gather Supplies

Gather what you need to evacuate in a "go bag" and what you need to shelter in place in a "home kit."



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SHELTER IN PLACE

Make a “home kit”

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

Clean & secure your property

- Remove debris from gutters & downspouts.
- Clear debris from catch basins.
- Prune trees & shrubs.
- Bring outdoor furniture & decorations inside.
- Secure or bring garbage bins inside.

Prepare for power & water outages

- Fill bathtub with water to clean & flush toilets.
- Turn fridge to its lowest temperature.
- Charge electronic devices.
- Preserve cell phone battery life.
- If you need power for medical equipment, call 311 register your special needs.

Stay safe & informed

- Bring pets inside.
- Lock doors & windows
- Close curtains & blinds.
- Stay inside until officials say it’s safe.
- Call 911 in an emergency. Call 311 for information.
- Storms can be scary for kids. Talk about what’s happening & entertain with games & toys.

Depending on a storm’s severity, a mandatory evacuation might be ordered.

If an evacuation is not ordered, it’s up to you to decide to evacuate or shelter in place.

If the City of New Orleans issues a mandatory evacuation, all residents and visitors must leave.

Find your closest evacuspot



SENIOR EVACUSPOTS

- 1** **Arthur Monday Center**
1111 Newton Ave.
- 2** **Kingsley House**
1600 Constance St.
- 3** **Central City Senior Center**
2101 Philip St.
- 4** **Mater Dolorosa**
1226 S. Carrollton Ave.
- 14** **Sanchez Center**
1616 Caffin Ave.

GENERAL POPULATION EVACUSPOTS

- 5** **Smith Library**
6300 Canal Blvd.
- 6** **Palmer Park**
S. Claiborne & S. Carrollton
- 7** **McMain High School**
5712 S. Claiborne Ave.
- 8** **Lyons Center**
624 Louisiana Ave.
- 9** **Dryades YMCA**
1924 Philip St.
- 10** **Warren Easton High School**
3019 Canal St.
- 11** **Louis Armstrong Park**
801 N. Rampart St.
- 12** **Harriet Tubman Charter School**
2832 General Meyer
- 13** **Stallings Center**
4300 St. Claude Ave.
- 14** **Sanchez Center**
1616 Caffin Ave.
- 15** **Walmart**
4301 Chef Menteur Hwy.
- 16** **East New Orleans Library**
5641 Read Blvd.
- 17** **Mary Queen of Vietnam Church**
14001 Dwyer Blvd.

EVACUATE

Make a “go bag”

-  Clothes
-  Soap, toothbrush & toothpaste
-  Bedding
-  Identification
-  Cash
-  Emergency contacts
-  Medications & records
-  Birth & marriage certificates
-  Documents proving residence
-  Insurance policies
-  Pet supplies

Plan your route

- Know where, how & with whom you’re going.
- Leave with a full tank of gas & plan that it could take 4 times longer than usual.

Use City-assisted evacuation if you can’t evacuate on your own

- During a mandatory evacuation, go to an evacuspot. 5 have extra help for seniors.
- If you can’t get to an evacuspot because of medical needs, you might be eligible to be picked up from your home. Call 311.
- Buses will take you to a shelter outside the area & will bring you back when it’s safe.
- Bring only 1 carry-on sized bag per person.
- Pets should have an ID collar, leash, medications & a carrier.

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