



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS



HAMMOND, LA

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Compass Career College:985-419-2050
Hammond Police Dept.:985-542-3500
Tangipahoa Sheriff Dept:985-748-8147
La. State Police:985-893-6250
Red Cross:504-620-3105
FEMA: 1-800-621-3362

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Compass Career College:www.compasscareercollege.net
Tangipahoa Parish School System: www.tangischools.org
Southeastern Louisiana University www.selu.edu
National Weather Service:www.nws.noaa.gov
FEMA:www.fema.gov

IMPORTANT TERMS

Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify an extreme weather condition:

Tropical Depression

An organized system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 38MPH (33 knots) or less.

Tropical Storm

An organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39-73 MPH (34-63 knots) or less.

Hurricane

An intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74MPH (64 knots) or higher.

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Watch

Hurricane/Tropical storm conditions are possible in the specified area, usually within 36 hours.

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Warning

Hurricane/Tropical storm conditions are expected in the specified area, usually within 24 hours.

Storm Surge

A dome of water pushed onshore by tropical storm or hurricane winds. Storm surges can reach 25 feet high and be 50-100 miles wide.

EVACUATION

When community evacuations become necessary, local officials provide information to the public through the media. In the event of an evacuation, follow the public advisories and look for the posted evacuation route signs.



EVACUATION CONDITIONS

You should evacuate under the following conditions:

- If directed to do so by local authorities.
- If you live in a mobile home or other temporary structure.
- If you live in a high-rise building.
- If you live on the coast, on a floodplain, near a river, or on an inland waterway.
- If you feel you will be in danger.

EVACUATION PREPARATION

The following is a list of suggested steps to prepare for an evacuation:

- Gather your Disaster Supply Kit.
- Keep a full tank of gas in your car. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay.
- Let others know where you are going.
- Bring cash.
- Make transportation arrangements with friends or your local government if you do not own a car.
- Gather your family and go if you are instructed to evacuate immediately.
- Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
- Be alert for washed-out roads and bridges.
- Do not drive into flooded areas.
- Stay away from downed power lines.

BEFORE . . .

To prepare for a tropical storm or hurricane, you should take the following measures to secure your property:

- Fill gas tanks in all vehicles.
- Trim shrubs and remove dead tree limbs.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters/downspouts.
- Store patio furniture and/or outdoor toys.
- Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows. A second option is to board windows with 5/8" marine plywood. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame of the structure.
- Create a Disaster Supply Kit:
 - First aid supplies
 - Enough food and water for a week
 - Candles
 - Batteries
 - Battery powered flashlight
 - Battery powered radio
 - Personal hygiene items
 - Prescription medications
 - Important documents
 - Cash.

DURING . . .

If a tropical storm or hurricane is likely in your area, you should:

- Listen to radio or TV for information.
- Fill bathtubs and other large containers with water.
- Unplug electrical equipment and small appliances.
- Stay indoors and away from windows or glass doors.
- Lie on floor under a table or another sturdy object.

AFTER . . .

In the aftermath of a tropical storm or hurricane, it is important:

- To remain indoors until public safety officials give an all clear for your area. Weather bands may give the illusion the system has passed.
- Stay away from and report any downed power lines.
- Report the smell of gas right away.

SCHOOL CLOSURE POLICY

In the event of extreme weather conditions, administration may decide to cancel classes and/or close the campus for an extended period of time. Administration will consider weather conditions, recommendations from public safety officials, and the actions of the local public university (Southeastern Louisiana University) in deciding if cancelation of classes or a school closure is necessary. Students should monitor the institutional website for the most current information. Students, faculty, and staff that do not have access to the internet may dial into the main campus phone number (985-419-2050) and listen to the voice mail recording for current information.

- In all cases, follow public advisories on local radio stations. Compass Career College encourages students, faculty and staff to become proactive in making preparations for weather conditions.

The following is a list of suggested steps to prepare for extreme weather:

Tropical Storm/Hurricane

- In advance, prepare a disaster kit that includes first aid supplies, enough food and water for a week, candles, a battery powered flashlight, a battery powered radio, personal hygiene items, a supply of any prescription medications, important documents and cash.
- Have an evacuation plan ready before hurricane season.
- Follow all evacuation orders from state and local officials.
- During a hurricane, stay indoors on the ground floor, away from windows and glass doors. Get on the opposite side of the building from the wind.
- If you observe water coming into the building, get to an upper floor immediately.
- Follow public advisories.

Flash Flood

- Take shelter inside the nearest major building until the flooding subsides.
- If stranded inside a vehicle, remain inside until the flooding subsides.
- Do not attempt to drive through high water.

Tornadoes

- Take shelter in the smallest, most-interior rooms and hallways on the lowest floor.
- Avoid glass enclosed places or areas with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums and gymnasiums.

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