

Louisiana Citizen Awareness & Disaster Evacuation Guide **SOUTHWEST**





Disasters can occur anywhere at anytime, and at a moment's notice citizens may need to move quickly out of harm's way. Government agencies have planned and are prepared for possible emergencies that might arise. It is important that you and your family have a plan as well.

This guide will assist you and your family with creating such a plan. I encourage you to study this guide, so that you can be best prepared to evacuate safely and efficiently from impending threats should the need occur. In the event of an emergency, you should stay alert and pay attention to the news and announcements in your area so if a situation develops, you are immediately informed. For more information, please visit the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness at <http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov/> or www.getagameplan.org.

Sincerely,

Bobby Jindal
Governor

FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Setting up a family communications plan ahead of time will help make sure you and your family can connect as easily and quickly as possible.

- Designate an individual outside of the state to serve as a family point of contact. (After a disaster, it's often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area.)
- Make sure that all family members know who this person is and how to contact him/her.
- After a disaster or evacuation, all family members should make contact with the designated individual. Try choosing a certain time for everyone to check in.

OUR FAMILY EVACUATION PLAN

Personal responsibility is the key to safety during a disaster. Ensure your family has a smart and often-practiced plan!

Phased Evacuation

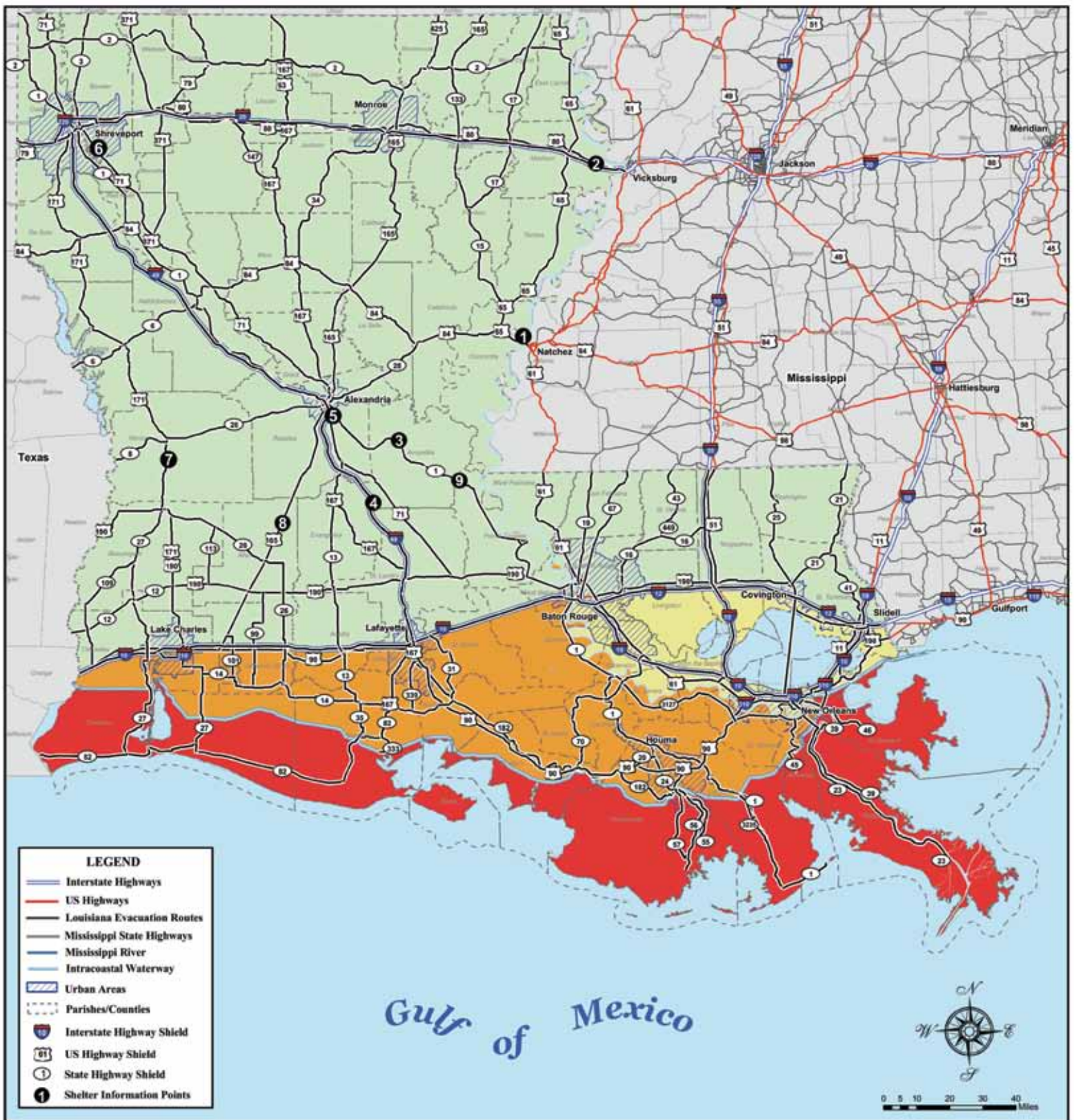
During a threat of a hurricane, a phased evacuation will be based on geographic location and time in which tropical storm winds are forecasted to reach the affected areas.

Phase I - 50 Hours before onset of tropical storm winds. Includes areas south of the Intracoastal Waterway. These areas are outside any levee protection system and are vulnerable to Category 1 and 2 storms. These areas are depicted in **RED** on the Evacuation Map. During Phase I, there are no route restrictions.

Phase II - 40 Hours before onset of tropical storm winds. Includes areas south of the Mississippi River which are levee protected but remain vulnerable to Category 2 or higher storms. These areas are depicted in **ORANGE** on the Evacuation Map. During Phase II, there are no route restrictions.

Phase III - 30 Hours before onset of tropical storm winds. Includes areas on the East Bank of the Mississippi River in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area which are within levee protection system but remain vulnerable to a slow-moving Category 3 or any Category 4 or 5 storm. These areas are depicted in **YELLOW** on the Evacuation Map. During Phase III, certain routes will be directed and the Contraflow Plan implemented.

Phased evacuation procedures are for traffic management purposes only. Consult your local Office of Emergency Preparedness Director for further evacuation information.



AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION



American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

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- Español 1-800-RED-CROSS
- Acadiana Chapter (Lafayette) or 1-800-733-2767
- Central Louisiana Chapter (Alexandria) 1-800-257-7575
- Louisiana Capital Area Chapter (Baton Rouge) (337) 234-7371
- Northeast Louisiana Chapter (Monroe) (318) 442-6621
- Northwest Louisiana Chapter (Shreveport) (225) 291-4533
- Southeast Louisiana Chapter (Greater New Orleans) (318) 323-5141
- Southwest Louisiana Chapter (Lake Charles) (318) 865-9545
- St. Bernard Chapter (St. Bernard Parish only) (504) 620-3105
- (337) 478-5122
- (504) 277-8163



**Louisiana Department of
Transportation and Development**
www.dotd.louisiana.gov

- Customer Service Center (225) 379-1232
- toll-free (877) 4LADOTD
- or (877) 452-3683



**Governor's Office of Homeland Security
and Emergency Preparedness**
www.ohsep.louisiana.gov

(225) 925-7500



Louisiana Department of Social Services
www.dss.state.la.us



Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
www.dhh.state.la.us



Louisiana State Police
www.lsp.org

- Road Closure Information (800) 469-4828
 - Troop A (Baton Rouge) (800) 969-2059
 - Troop B (Kenner) (800) 964-8076
 - Troop C (Gray) (800) 659-5907
 - Troop D (Lake Charles) (888) 225-5577
 - Troop E (Alexandria) (800) 256-4160
 - Troop F (Monroe) (866) 292-8320
 - Troop G (Bossier City) (866) 853-6580
 - Troop I (Lafayette) (888) 768-8746
 - Troop L (Covington) (888) 339-8659
- or dial *LSP (*577) from a cellular phone



Louisiana Attorney General
www.ag.state.la.us

- Fair Housing Hotline (800) 273-5718
- Investigations (800) 488-2770
- Consumer Hotline (888) 799-6885



U.S. Department of Agriculture and Forestry
www.ldaf.state.la.us

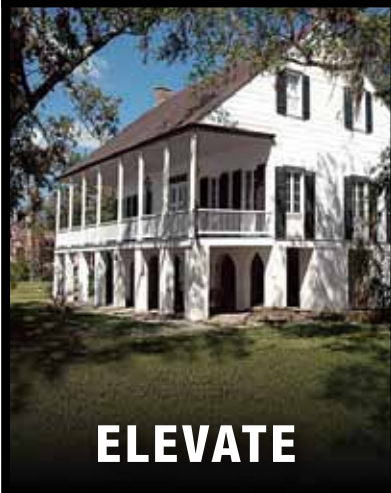


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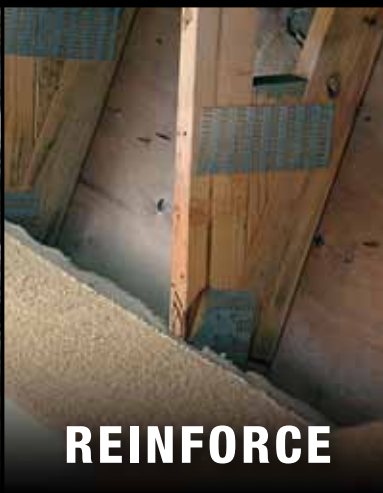


National Weather Service
www.srh.noaa.gov

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EMERGENCY SHELTER INFORMATION POINTS

Evacuation Area of the State	Information Point Location	Address
Re-entry from Mississippi on U.S. 65 & U.S. 84	1 Tourist Welcome Center	U.S. 165 & U.S. 84 1401 Carter Street Vidalia, LA
Re-entry from Mississippi on I-20	2 Tourist Welcome Center	836 I-20 West Tallulah, LA
From Southeast area on La. 1	3 Paragon Casino	Paragon Place Marksville, LA
From Southeast/Central area on I-49	4 Sammy's Truck Stop	I-49, Exit 53 3601 LA 115 W Bunkie, LA
From Southeast/Central areas on U.S. 71	5 Med Express Office	7525 U.S. 71 Alexandria, LA
From Southeast/Southwest/Central areas on U.S. 171 & I-49	6 P.E. Gym LSU-Shreveport	One University Place Shreveport, LA
From Southwest on U.S. 171	7 Pickering High School	180 Lebleu Rd. Leesville, LA
From Southwest/Central areas on U.S. 165	8 Tourist Information Center	8904 U.S. 165 Oberlin, LA
From Southeast area on La. 1	9 Maddie's Truck Plaza	15972 La. 1 Simmesport, LA

RADIO FREQUENCY SYSTEM

• Louisiana Emergency Alert System

The following radio stations are key participants in the Louisiana Emergency Alert System. In the event of an emergency, these stations will broadcast emergency information.

Alexandria AM 970 (KSYL) AM 580/FM 96.9 (KZMZ) FM 93.1 (KQID)	Lake Charles AM 1470 (KLCL) FM 99.5 (KHLA)
Baton Rouge AM 1150 (WJBO) FM 102.5 (WFMF)	New Orleans AM 870 (WWL) FM 101.9 (WLMG)
Crowley FM 102.9 (KAJN)	Northeast AM 540/FM 101.9 (KNOE)
Lafayette FM 99.9 (KTDY)	Ruston AM 1490 (KRUS) FM 107.5 (KXKZ)
	Shreveport AM 1130/FM 94.5 (KWKH)

• NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)

NOAA Weather Radio is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information direct from a nearby National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazardous information 24 hours a day.

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:

Storm Surge: An abnormal rise of the sea along a shore as the result, primarily, of the winds from a storm.

Watch: Adverse conditions are **possible** in the specified areas of the WATCH, usually within 36 hours. May be applied to thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods, or hurricanes.

Warning: Adverse conditions are **expected** in the specified area of the WARNING, usually within 24 hours. May be applied to thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods, or hurricanes.

MEASURING HURRICANE STRENGTH

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale

- Category 1:** Minimal Damage. Winds 74-95 mph.
Storm surge generally 4-5 ft. above normal.
- Category 2:** Moderate Damage. Winds 96-110 mph.
Storm surge generally 6-8 ft. above normal.
- Category 3:** Extensive Damage. Winds 111-130 mph.
Storm surge generally 9-12 ft. above normal.
- Category 4:** Extreme Damage. Winds 131-155 mph.
Storm surge generally 13-18 ft. above normal.
- Category 5:** Catastrophic Damage. Winds greater than 155 mph.
Storm surge generally greater than 18 ft. above normal.

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

SHELTER IN-PLACE INFORMATION

"Sheltering in place" is a precaution aimed at keeping citizens safe while remaining indoors. This is not the same thing as evacuating to a shelter and not recommended for hurricanes. When a "shelter-in-place" order is given by either local or state government, citizens within the affected area should take the following protective measures:

- Go indoors and close all windows and doors.
- Turn off all sources of outside air (i.e. air conditioners and ventilation fans/ducts).
- Remain indoors until notified that it is safe to move outdoors.
- Stay tuned to your local radio/television station to receive official notices.
- Limit telephone usage to emergency calls only. This is to prevent the telephone lines from being overloaded with non-emergency calls.



The Homeland Security Advisory System, established in March of 2002, is a tool used to describe threat conditions for a possible terrorist attack. A color-coded threat level system is used to communicate the five threat levels to the American public. Prepare your family for these types of emergencies by following the recommendations in this guide or visit www.ready.gov. For more information on Homeland Security advisories, visit the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness link: www.ohsep.louisiana.gov/homeland/HSThreatAdvisory.thm.

WHAT TO DO DURING A CHEMICAL OR BIO-HAZARD RELEASE

IF YOU MUST BE OUTDOORS...

Protect your breathing by covering your mouth and nose with a cloth or handkerchief.

IF YOU ARE IN YOUR VEHICLE AND CAN'T GET TO A SAFE BUILDING...

1. Pull over to the side of the road.
2. Turn the engine off and close the windows and vents.
3. Listen to the radio regularly for updated advice, instructions and conditions.

PREPARING YOUR ANIMALS

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



Mike Strain DVM
Commissioner

- 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.
- 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.

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Call 2-1-1

Get Connected. Get Answers.

What is 2-1-1?

- 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 or any time.
- 2-1-1 responds immediately and directs callers to services most appropriate for their needs
 - For example, 2-1-1 can offer access to:
 - 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

and MUCH MORE!

How Does 2-1-1 Work in Louisiana?

- Call 2-1-1 from any landline and cellular phone in Louisiana
- Staffed 24/7 with trained specialists to guide you to vital resources
- Provides multilingual services and information for the hearing impaired
- Maintains a computerized database of over 15,000 resources and services statewide
- It is the largest comprehensive Information and Referral system in Louisiana, serving 64 parishes



Travel Trailer/Mobile Home Safety

No travel trailer or mobile home – no matter how new it is – can be a safe shelter from storm force winds.

- FEMA travel trailers and mobile homes are the property of the federal government.
- FEMA travel trailers and mobile homes may not be moved.
- The unauthorized movement, and any resulting damage, to FEMA travel trailers or mobile homes may be prosecuted under federal law.
- The state encourages all travel trailer and mobile home residents to follow all guidance from parish emergency managers.
- State law allows for **privately** owned travel trailers and RV vehicles to be moved during evacuations.
- The State of Louisiana strongly urges those who **must** move their personal trailer or RV to do so before an evacuation order is given.
- Privately owned trailers over 8'6" wide, 75' total length, and 13'6" total height will not be permitted in evacuation traffic in either a voluntary or mandatory evacuation.

IF PARISH OR STATE OFFICIALS TELL YOU TO EVACUATE

- Leave as soon as possible.
- Make a Family Communication Plan. Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
- Take emergency supplies, warm protective clothing, and blankets/sleeping bags to shelter.
- Protect your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and water.
- Turn off the main electrical power switch.
- Turn off the main water valve and disconnect the hose.
- Turn propane tanks off.
- Lock-up your travel trailer or mobile home and leave.

DURING A HURRICANE OR TROPICAL STORM WATCH OR WARNING

- Listen to radio/television for storm progress reports.
- Check emergency supplies.
- Fuel your car.
- Board up windows and check tie-downs on your travel trailer or mobile home.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings.
- Store drinking water.
- Review evacuation plan.

AFTER A STORM

- Stay tuned to local radio or television for information from your local or state officials.
- Return home only after state or local officials advise that it is safe to do so.

Any individual who lives in a travel trailer should pay close attention to radio and television reports to receive important information from local and state officials concerning hurricane precautions.

FAMILY DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

There are six basics that you should stock for your disaster supply kit: water, food, clothing and bedding, first aid supplies, tools and emergency supplies and special items. 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. Your family's disaster supply kit should include at least a three-day supply of:

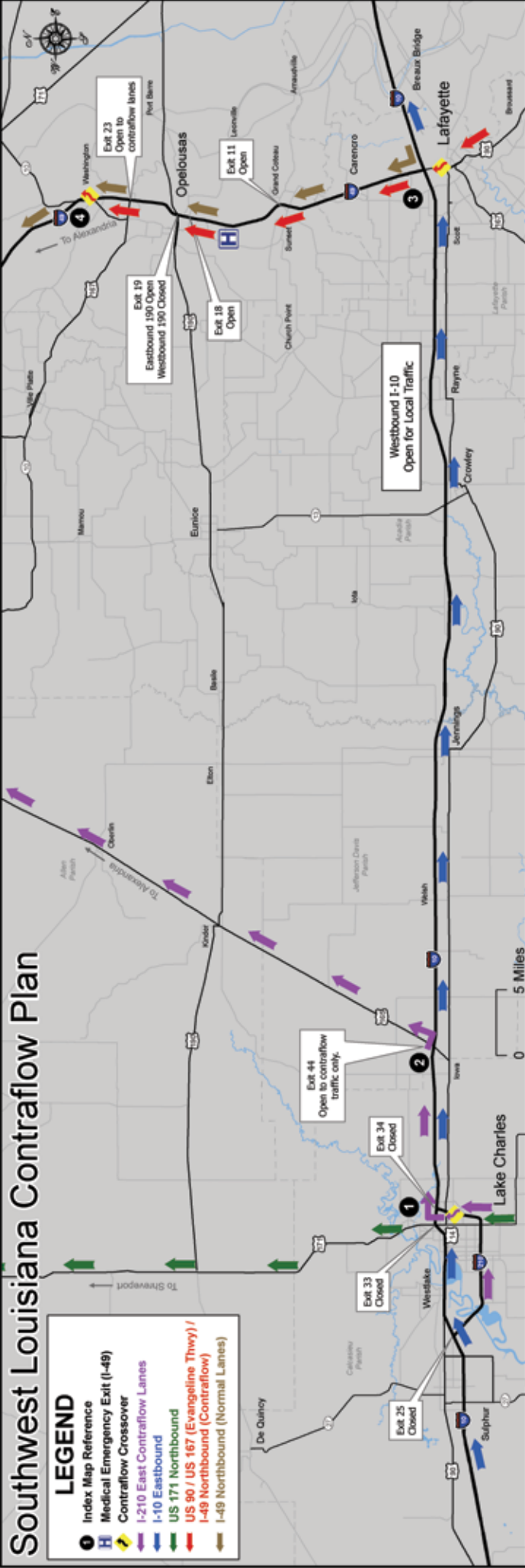
- Water - One gallon of water per person per day
- Non-perishable food - Select food items that are compact and lightweight. Include the following items:
 - Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
 - Canned juices
 - High energy foods
 - Vitamins
 - Comfort goods
 - Condiments
 - Food for infant
- Clothing and bedding - Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person and the following weather-appropriate items:
 - Sturdy shoes or work boots
 - Rain gear
 - Blankets or sleeping bags
 - Hat and gloves
 - Thermal underwear
 - Sunglasses
- First aid supplies – Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car.
- Tools and emergency supplies
 - Emergency preparedness manual
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - Non-electric can opener, utility knife
 - Tube tent
 - Tape
 - Matches in a waterproof container
 - Plastic storage containers
 - Paper, pencil
 - Medicine dropper
 - Whistle
 - Sanitation supplies
 - Louisiana Citizen Awareness and Disaster Evacuation Guide
 - Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
 - Cash or traveler's checks, change
 - Fire extinguisher: small canister ABC-type
 - Pliers
 - Compass
 - Aluminum foil
 - Signal flare
 - Needles, thread
 - Shut-off wrench to turn off household gas and water
 - Plastic sheeting
 - Official DOTD Highway Map
 - Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Special Items
Infant and medical supplies: Remember supplies for family members with special requirements, such as infants, elderly, persons with disabilities and persons taking medication
- Entertainment - Games and books
- Important family documents
 - Wills, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds
 - Passports, social security cards and immunization records
 - Bank account numbers
 - Credit card account numbers and company addresses
 - Inventory of valuable household goods and important telephone numbers
 - Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)

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.

Southwest Louisiana Contraflow Plan

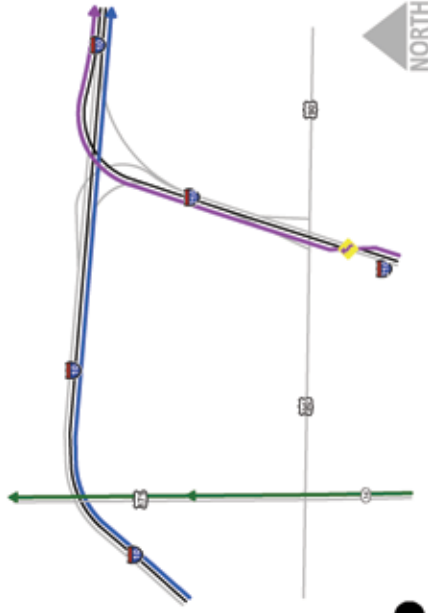
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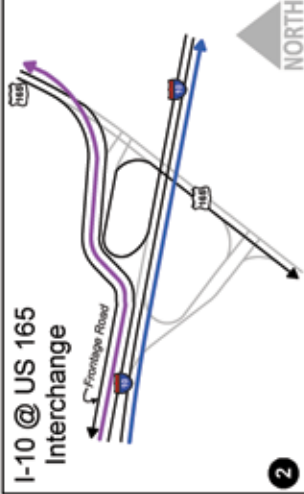
US 171 Northbound

I-210 @ I-10 Eastbound



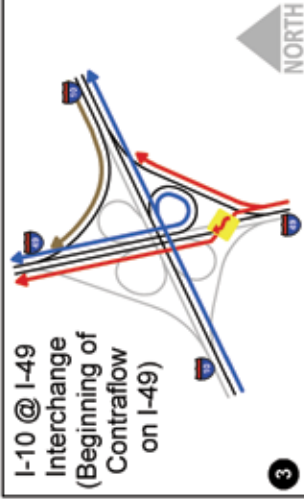
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I-10 @ US 165 Interchange



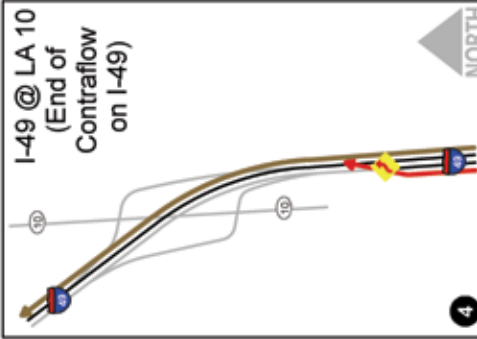
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I-10 @ I-49 Interchange (Beginning of Contraflow on I-49)



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I-49 @ LA 10 (End of Contraflow on I-49)



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Study this map and **CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE WISELY.**

There will be many restrictions on the Interstate System. Upon entering the Contraflow area, it may not be possible to change routes. If you do not wish to evacuate under the Contraflow restrictions, your best strategy is to **LEAVE EARLY** before Contraflow is activated.

Lake Charles Area Instructions

- I-210 East (contraflow lanes) - To Alexandria or Baton Rouge (PURPLE)
- Eastbound I-210 traffic will cross over to the westbound lanes of I-210 just before (south of) US 90.
- The crossed-over traffic will then contraflow (travel east) on the westbound lanes of I-10 to US 165 North.
- Traffic using the I-10 contraflow lanes will be diverted northbound onto US 165.
- I-10 Eastbound - To Alexandria or Baton Rouge (BLUE)
- I-10 eastbound traffic (normal lanes) will not be allowed to exit at the following exits: Exit 25, I-210 East, Exit 33, US 171, Exit 34, I-210 West, Exit 44, US 165
- All other exits along I-10 will be open.
- I-10 eastbound lanes will flow as normal to Lafayette through the Lake Charles area.
- US 171 North - To Shreveport (GREEN)
- To access US 171 North, traffic must use LA 14 North from Lake Charles.
- I-10 eastbound traffic will NOT be allowed to exit onto US 171.
- I-10 West at US 165
- Westbound I-10 traffic will be diverted at Exit 44 to US 165 South to US 90 West.
- US 165 North
- To access US 165 North, traffic must use I-210 East.

Lafayette Area Instructions

- I-10 East and West - To Alexandria or Baton Rouge (BLUE)
- Eastbound I-10 traffic may continue East or travel North on I-49.
- Westbound I-10 traffic from Baton Rouge will be diverted to I-49 North if Lake Charles has begun contraflow.
- US 90 / US 167 (Evangeline Thwy) / I-49 North (contraflow lanes) - To Alexandria/Shreveport (RED)
- Northbound traffic on US 90/US 167 (Evangeline Thwy) through Lafayette will cross over to contraflow lanes just before (south of) the I-10/I-49 interchange.
- Northbound traffic on US 90/US 167 (Evangeline Thwy) also will be allowed to travel East to I-10.
- Northbound I-49 traffic (contraflow lanes) will be allowed to exit at Exit 23 (US 167).
- All other exits along the I-49 North contraflow route, including US 190, will be closed.
- I-49 North (normal lanes) - To Alexandria/Shreveport (BROWN)
- Northbound I-49 traffic (normal lanes) may exit US 190 (Exit 19) to the east but not US 190 to the west.
- Northbound I-49 traffic (normal lanes) will be allowed to exit at Sunset/Grand Coteau (Exit 11) and Cresswell Lane (Exit 18).
- All other exits on I-49 North (normal lanes) between I-10 and Washington will be closed.
- I-49 South Traffic
- Southbound I-49 traffic will be diverted at the Meeker Exit (US 167). From there, drivers can use US 167/LA 130/US 71 to continue South.

Medical Emergencies

Drivers with medical emergencies on I-49 (normal and contraflow lanes) will be allowed to exit at Harry Guldbeau Road (Exit 15). No other services are available at this exit.

GET A GAME PLAN



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