



## Be Smart. Be Safe. Be Prepared.

The 2017 hurricane season is here, and the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is urging its residents to prepare for potential storm threats. The safety and welfare of HANO residents remains the agency's greatest priority, especially in times of emergencies.

Hurricane season begins every year on June 1st and concludes on November 30th. Forecasters from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predict an above average 2017 hurricane season, with expectations of 11 to 17 named storms. Here are some quick tips to use when preparing for an emergency:



### 1. PREPARE A PLAN!

- Talk with family members and develop a plan for emergency events. Develop a checklist; purchase and store essentials in a safe location.
- Keep an emergency kit handy and secure outdoor objects before a storm approaches.

## Emergency Preparation Kit

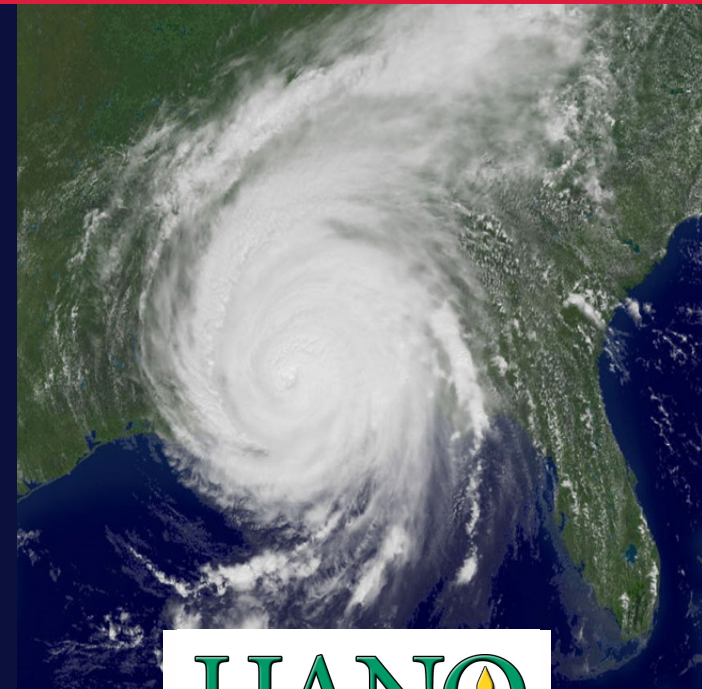
*If an emergency occurs, the agency will activate the HANO Disaster Line at 1 (877) 426-6674.*

### Prior to Evacuating for a Storm Threat:

- **Clear your yard.** Properly store items that are not nailed down such as lawn furniture, trash cans, toys, and garden equipment.
- **Shut off electricity, water, and gas.**
- **Windproof windows.**
- **Protect valuables indoors.** Move valuables to higher levels in your home to prevent water damage.
- **Gather up pets.** Make plans to stay at a pet friendly hotel - most emergency shelters will only accept service animals for individuals with disabilities.
- **Lock your house.** Lock all doors and windows, and don't leave house keys in an obvious place, such as the mailbox.

### Basic Disaster Survival Kit for Sheltering in Place:

- **Water** - one gallon per person per day, for **drinking and sanitation.**
- **Food** - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, and a **manual can opener.**
- **Battery-powered radio, flashlight,** and extra batteries.
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Whistle** to signal for help.
- **Wrench or pliers** to turn off utilities.
- **Other essential family needs,** such as prescription medications, infant formula, diapers, and any important documents.



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## 2. EVACUATE WHEN CALLED!

- Dial 3-1-1 to register for the City Assisted Evacuation Plan (CAEP) through the City of New Orleans if you are in need of assistance in evacuating.
- The CAEP provides assistance to Orleans Parish residents who cannot self-evacuate due to medical issues or lack of transportation during a mandatory city-wide evacuation. Although the City makes their best effort to help everyone in need, the CAEP does not guarantee assistance due to emergencies.
- Be sure to identify your family members' special needs, and whether you will require medical attention. Pack a small bag with essentials such as important paperwork, identification, medications and prescriptions to keep handy in a convenient location.



## 3. STAY INFORMED!

- Purchase a weather radio and monitor news alerts for instructions from local officials.
- Register at <http://new.nola.gov/ready> to receive real time text messages and e-mail news alerts.



☆ **If a mandatory evacuation is not called by the Mayor of New Orleans, residents may elect to shelter in place. Here are some tips to utilize after a potential storm threat:**

- If major damage occurs in the city following the storm, please be aware that HANO or the management staff at your HANO community may not be able to respond to any emergencies or damage to your unit or property until the area has been cleared and deemed safe by emergency management personnel.
- You may also be without power for a significant amount of time.
- As a result, remember to secure all outside equipment, lodge pets in homes, and store enough food items, water supply, and medications to last several days.
- Residents are encouraged to tune into local radio or television stations for timely updates from city officials.

☆ **The City also urges residents to register for news alerts by dialing 3-1-1 or visiting their website, <https://nola.gov/ready/alert/>. For immediate weather updates, all HANO residents can call 1 (877) 426-6674 or visit [www.HANO.org](http://www.HANO.org) during a weather emergency.**

## Hurricane Preparedness Resources



**HANO's Tips on Preparing for an Emergency:**  
([www.HANO.org/hurricane\\_preparedness.aspx](http://www.HANO.org/hurricane_preparedness.aspx))

**City of New Orleans:**  
([www.NOLA.gov](http://www.NOLA.gov))

**Sign up for Emergency Text Alerts from the City of New Orleans:**  
(<https://new.nola.gov/ready/alert/>)

**Receive Helpful Tips on Emergency Preparedness:**  
([www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov))

**Download Contraflow Evacuation Maps:**  
([www.dotd.louisiana.gov](http://www.dotd.louisiana.gov))

**Find federal resources in the aftermath of a natural disaster:**  
([www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov))

**Evacuation Route Pickup Locations:**  
(<https://www.nola.gov/ready/evacuspots/>)

**Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness:**  
([www.GetAGamePlan.org](http://www.GetAGamePlan.org))