HURRICANE SAFETY

HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1- NOVEMBER 30

Before the Hurricane Season (Pre-season preparedness):

- Check into the storm surge history and elevation of your area
- If you live in a floodprone area, know where the nearest shelters are or make arrangements to stay with relatives or friends
- Stock up on plywood, waterproof plastic sheeting, tarps, and concrete nails for boarding up
- Trim trees near powerlines or buildings
- Secure outbuildings, fuel supply, emergency cooking gear, and first aid supplies
- Gather essential items: flashlights, batteries, battery-powered radio, rain gear, boots
- Know the Parish Disaster Coordinator for your area





Hurricane Watch Issued (Possible Impact in 36–48 Hrs)

- Fill your vehicle's gas tank; check battery and tires
- Stock up on water
- Stock up on non-perishable foods and refill any prescription medications
- Secure outdoor items (furniture, dishes, bins)
- Store valuables and documents in waterproof containers
- Prepare a survival kit (food, water, tools, first aid)

! Hurricane Warning Issued (Conditions expected within 24 hrs)

- Board up windows and shutter/glass doors; apply tape to glass if needed
- Wrap and store important documents, pictures, valuables
- Turn off electricity at the main switch; unplug appliances
- Charge devices, ensure you have backup power supplies
- Keep listening to official updates and evacuation orders
- Assist vulnerable neighbours (elderly, disabled) as needed





During the Hurricane

- Stay indoors; keep away from windows and glass
- Use flashlights, battery radio, and keep essentials nearby
- If structural damage begins, shelter under sturdy furniture
- Maintain communication, stay updated via radio/tuned in channels

After the Hurricane

- Only return home when local authorities declare it safe
- Beware of downed power lines, debris, and damaged infrastructure
- Report hazards (leaks, downed lines) to appropriate agencies
- Seek medical attention for injuries

