



## **THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS ISSUED A FLASH FLOOD WATCH FOR SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA UNTIL SUNDAY**

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*For Immediate Release*

The National Weather Service has issued a flash flood watch for Southeast Louisiana until Sunday. The National Weather Service in New Orleans has issued a Flash Flood Watch for portions of Southeast Louisiana and Southern Mississippi, through Sunday evening.

Torrential tropical rains are expected to onset today and continue to impact the Mid-Gulf region through the Labor Day Weekend. Rain Rates of one (1) to three (3) inches per hour can result in flash flooding and general ponding of water in streets and low lying areas. NOAA estimates and models show an average of ten (10) inches may occur this weekend across the watch area. Localized higher amounts of fifteen (15) to twenty (20) inches are possible, depending on future developments in the Gulf. Kenner residents and businesses should take precautionary/preparedness actions now to ensure that drainage ditches, catch basins, and culverts are cleared of debris to allow for adequate drainage. Move outside furniture, garbage cans and law equipment indoors in the event of high winds.

Residents should contact the Kenner Public Works Department at 504-468-7515 to report drainage problems. Kenner Public Works personnel are in the field inspecting drainage systems and crews will be available throughout the weekend to respond to street level flooding and emergencies.

The Kenner Office of Emergency Management will monitor weather developments and coordinate municipal emergency response with Jefferson Parish Emergency Management officials. For more information, OEM may be contacted at 504-471-2100.

Conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding, which is a very dangerous situation. Residents should monitor radio and television weather forecasts and be prepared to take action should Flash Flood Warnings be issued throughout the weekend.