



GET STORM READY

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For Immediate Release

Mayor Michael Yenni and his staff are closely monitoring the progress of Tropical Storm Isaac as it enters the Gulf of Mexico. City agencies are on alert and crews are working to address storm preparations throughout the municipality. Kenner residents are urged to prepare in the event our area is impacted by severe weather:

PREPARE A DISASTER KIT

Prepare a disaster kit in case you have to shelter-in-place or evacuate. Some basic items to consider:

- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable food
- Clothing, bedding, hygiene items
- First aid supplies
- Hand tool, flashlight, batteries
- Portable television, commercial radio, weather band radio
- Prescription medications (30 day supply if possible)
- Personal identification, insurance documents, titles, banking records
- Infant formula , diapers
- Cash

Keep these items in a waterproof container that can be easily transported from your home to your car and evacuation destination.

Inspect your vehicle (fluids, tires, windshield wipers) and prepare it for travel. Keep your vehicle fueled.

CLEAN DRAINS AROUND YOUR HOME / BUSINESS

Debris in local storm drains or storm sewers can cause floodwaters to back up and inundate areas that normally do not flood.

Residents are asked to monitor local drains and remove debris when it is possible to do so safely!

Kenner's Public Works Department monitors major drainage canals throughout the City to clear debris to facilitate drainage. Report severely clogged street drains or repetitive roadway flooding to Public Works officials.

Contact Kenner Public Works Department to report drainage problems: (504) 468-7515.

PICK UP AROUND YOUR HOME / BUSINESS

Pick up and store items that may fly around in high wind.

- Garbage can
- Hose and garden tools
- Bicycles, children's toys
- Lawn furniture, ornaments

SIGN UP FOR WEATHER ALERTS

Sign up to receive emergency alerts via cellular phone, beeper or email:

JP ALERT is a Parish-wide alert notification system that allows officials to immediately contact you during a major crisis or emergency and can deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you on all your devices. **Click here to register:** <https://www.jpalert.org>

STAY INFORMED

- Tune in to television and radio news and weather reports on a daily basis.
- Acquaint yourself with the meaning of hurricane, flood, tornado, and severe weather alerts and warnings.
- Remain alert to current road conditions / closures.
- Acquaint yourself with local, regional and state evacuation plans and alternate routes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional **disaster preparedness, evacuation and shelter information**, link to the City of Kenner Emergency Preparedness page at: http://www.kenner.la.us/pages/section_6_77.asp

For a comprehensive list of **severe weather frequently called numbers / contacts**, link to, download and printout: http://www.kenner.la.us/pages/section_77_256.asp