



CITY OF KENNER

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HEAVY RAINS POSSIBLE THROUGH SATURDAY; 5 TO 8 INCHES POSSIBLE

Kenner, LA. – Kenner is under a flash flood watch through Saturday morning as periods of heavy rain could result in street flooding. Forecasters expect 5 to 8 inches of rain by Saturday morning – with some isolated areas in southeast Louisiana getting 10 inches.

A weak area of low pressure now south of the Mississippi River is expected to drift slowly westward for the next several days, bringing in plenty of tropical moisture from the Gulf of Mexico.

Occasional bursts of very heavy rainfall are possible at least through Saturday. Kenner officials are urging residents to stay off the roads, if possible, during this weather event, and to drive slowly through any street flooding to avoid pushing water into homes.

“Be flexible and avoid driving during heavy rains when the roads are slick and ponding can make driving conditions even more dangerous,” Kenner Acting Mayor Michael Sigur said.

Sigur advised residents to monitor the city’s website and local news outlets for updates on weather conditions. He reminded motorists that driving slowly on flooded streets is not only safe, but it also is the law. Kenner Code of Ordinance Section 7-66 makes it illegal for motorists to create wakes that pushes water into homes or businesses.

Most of the city received heavy rain this afternoon, and forecasters say the chance for more heavy rains continues overnight, with rains and some heavy storms occasionally moving through the area for the next three to four days.

In addition to the heavy rain, forecasters say to expect frequent lightning and wind gusts of 30 to 40 mph per hour during this rain event.

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