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KENNER RESIDENTS URGED TO PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Kenner, LA. - Hurricane season begins on Sunday, June 1, and Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni strongly urges all city residents to make preparations now in the event a tropical system threatens Kenner before the season ends on Nov. 30.

"I cannot stress enough how important it is to have a plan and be prepared," Yenni said. "A few hours of preparation now, when there is no storm headed our way, will be invaluable in the event you and your family have to evacuate sometime this season."

While Kenner dodged a storm last season when Tropical Storm Karen seemed headed for the area in October, it was only two years ago that Hurricane Isaac – a Category 1 storm – caused more than \$4 million in damage in the city.

"What we learned from Isaac is that virtually any storm, depending on the circumstances, is capable of knocking out power for an extended period of time," Yenni said. "The key is to decide now where and when you will evacuate in the face of an approaching storm, as well as what preparations will be necessary. That way, the actual evacuation – if it is ever necessary – will be much simpler to execute."

Yenni said the city has refined some of its emergency plans based on the experience with Isaac and has regularly held meetings involving Kenner's Emergency Action Team to prepare for the upcoming season.

Residents are urged to develop a storm plan for their families now and not to wait for a mandatory evacuation order to protect themselves and their loved ones. Information about storm preparation and extensive advice and tips related to the hurricane season is available on the city's website, www.kenner.la.us. Additional information is available from the state at www.getagameplan.org and the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.ready.gov.

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