

Emergency Shelters

In Jefferson Parish, including Kenner, **NO-SHELTERS** will be opened in those areas where evacuation is recommended. In the event of a slow-moving Category 3 or a Category 4 or 5 hurricane threatening Southeast Louisiana, no shelters would be opened in Jefferson Parish. In these situations, storm surges can produce flooding to as much as 20 feet above mean sea level and sheltering in the area could be life threatening.

In the event of a Category 1, 2 and fast-moving Category 3 hurricane, Jefferson Parish authorities may open shelters, as needed. The occasion may arise that safe shelter would be best located only on one side of the Mississippi River. The opening and closing of shelters will be announced via radio and television.

Jefferson Parish and Kenner officials stress that if you are ordered to evacuate, you should do so immediately! If you don't, you could be caught by quickly changing or rapidly deteriorating conditions.

Last Resort Refuge

Only if conditions require and circumstances permit will authorities establish a public *last resort refuge* during a storm event. As the name implies, this is a place of last resort that may provide you survival protection during the storm only. It is not a designated emergency shelter. No food, drinking and sanitation water, bedding, meals, security or utilities will be available. The City of Kenner makes no representation as to the availability of a last resort refuge within the municipality during a storm event.

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Authorities may establish *emergency shelters* during or following a storm event, but only when conditions require and circumstances permit. These facilities are designed to provide *temporary* shelter to those in immediate need until more suitable housing arrangements can be made. The opening and closing of emergency shelters will be announced by authorities via radio and television. Residents will be directed where to report for shelter assistance. The City of Kenner makes no representation as to the availability of emergency shelters in Kenner during or following a storm. **YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR OWN PARTICULAR NEEDS. FOOD AND BEDDING WILL NOT BE SUPPLIED AT EMERGENCY SHELTERS FOR THE FIRST 36 HOURS OF YOUR STAY.**

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General Shelter Guidelines

WHAT TO BRING TO A SHELTER

- personal hygiene items
- blankets, pillows, sleeping gear
- non-perishable foods that don't require cooking
- water
- important papers
- extra clothing for each family member
- baby food, formula, diapers, baby wipes
- quiet toys
- flashlight, extra batteries
- medications and special need supplies
- disinfectants
- portable ice chest

DO

- register at the shelter when you arrive
- familiarize yourself with the exits, bathrooms and safest locations
- understand that shelters could be crowded with very little privacy
- comply with shelter guidelines

DO NOT

- bring firearms, weapons or alcohol to a shelter
- bring your pets
- leave until you are told that it is safe
- bring valuables with you

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