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# City of Kenner

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## **MAYOR GLASER AND KENNER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS WORKING WITH IMBEDDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CONDUCT FIELD ASSESSMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE RESIDENTS RECEIVE MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; NUMBER OF FLOODED HOMES CLIMBS TO OVER 500**

Kenner, LA. – (SEPTEMBER 18, 2024) As the number of damaged and flooded homes in Kenner climbs to approximately 515, officials from GOHSEP, FEMA, SBA and Jefferson Parish are conducting assessments with Kenner's Emergency Operations to confirm damages reported as it is our intention to make certain that the City/Jefferson Parish will make the threshold for federal assistance.

The goal is to ensure our residents are eligible for the maximum amount of individual aid available. Residents can expect a presence of City, Parish, State and Federal officials conducting field surveys in affected Kenner neighborhoods. These representatives have been provided with detailed city maps, impacted address lists, and lists of sewerage backup impact reports.

"In the past forty-eight (48) hours, the number of flooded homes has risen from 264 to well over 500, so with continued evaluation and reporting, I am confident Jefferson Parish will meet the threshold for our residents to access all avenues of individual disaster assistance. We are working tirelessly so that accurate numbers result in Jefferson Parish's inclusion in the federal governments emergency declaration," said Mayor Mike Glaser.

Mayor Glaser has already conducted meetings with members of the State Delegation, including Speaker DeVillier, to discuss allocating additional funds for Kenner's infrastructure needs. Meetings with the leadership at the Louis Armstrong International Airport to discuss problem solving processes for drainage issues are ongoing as well.



Additionally, all of the City's departments are in full recovery mode addressing traffic signals, missing signs, as well as clearing medians and drains throughout our major thoroughfares.

### **Post Storm Recovery Resources:**

- Damaged businesses are encouraged to reach out to SBA at <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>
- JEDCO Business Storm Center: <https://www.jedco.org/storm-center/>
- For the latest information and resources from GOHSEP visit <https://emergency.louisiana.gov/events/tropical-storm-francine/>
- Cleanup Assistance Resources:
  - Operation Blessing: <https://www.ob.org/disaster-relief/>
  - VOAD Crisis Cleanup: <https://crisiscleanup.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>
- Emotional Support: Need emergency emotional support? Call, text or chat online to connect to a 988 specialist who can help. 988 specialists provide free, confidential support 24/7 or visit <https://louisiana988.org/>
- Tax Relief
  - State of Louisiana: <https://revenue.louisiana.gov/NewsAndPublications/HurricaneFrancine>
  - IRS: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-relief-in-disaster-situations>
- Jefferson Parish Flood Mitigation Opportunity Grant: <https://riseabove.jeffparish.net/#/>
- Louisiana Fortify Homes Grant Lottery: <https://ldi.la.gov/fortifyhomes>

### **Residential Damage Reporting Reminder-How You Can Help**

- GOHSEP has launched a property damage survey at [www.damage.la.gov](http://www.damage.la.gov). Please fill out the survey to report damage to your home in the aftermath of Hurricane Francine (**residential structures only, no vehicles**).
- Information collected here will help parish, state, and federal authorities better understand the location and severity of damage impacts.

For continuous updates, visit [www.kenner.la.us/francine](http://www.kenner.la.us/francine) and follow us on all social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, and X.

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