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Lafayette Mayor-President Josh Guillory, Mayors of Lafayette Parish municipalities and emergency officials said now is the time to prepare needed supplies and an evacuation plan.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, residents should take extra precautions. In case of evacuation to a public shelter, pack items to help protect you and others – soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, disinfectant wipes and two masks for each person. Children under the age of two should not wear a mask.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

- In case of power loss at ATMs, withdraw cash before the storm.
- Water (one gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food), ready-to-eat canned meats, canned fruits and canned vegetables, bread, high-energy foods – peanut butter, nuts, trail mix and dried fruits, for example
- Non-electric can opener
- Toilet paper, paper towels, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Battery-powered lantern
- Extra fuel for generator and car
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- Paper, pens, pencils
- Soap, feminine supplies and other personal hygiene items including denture needs

- Clothing and bedding: a change of clothes, footwear and a sleeping bag or bedroll and pillow for each household member
- Protective clothing, rainwear
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Important Papers and Identification (store in waterproof container)

- Driver's license or personal identification
- Social Security card
- Proof of residence (deed or lease)
- Insurance policies
- Birth and marriage certificates
- Stocks, bonds and other negotiable certificates
- Wills, deeds, and copies of recent tax returns

Prescriptions and Non-prescription Medications

- Prescription medications for all family members (at least a 7 to 10-day supply)
- A list of all prescription medications, including dosage amounts and times
- Prescription eyeglasses, contacts and contact lens solution
- Non-prescription medications – Acetaminophen and ibuprofen pain relievers, antacid, antidiarrheal medication, laxatives

First Aid Kit

- Band-Aids (assorted sizes)
- Antibiotic ointment
- Hydrocortisone
- Antihistamine for allergic reactions
- Epi-Pen for those with allergies
- Antiseptic wipes
- Disposable cold packs
- Gauze pads (assorted sizes)
- Roller gauze
- Surgical tape to secure gauze
- Elastic bandage (like an Ace bandage)
- Oral thermometer
- Cotton balls and cotton swabs
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent

Infants

- Formula
- Diapers, wipes, diaper cream
- Bottles

- Powdered milk
- Extra bottled water
- Medications
- Pedialyte
- Thermometer
- Portable Crib
- A wrap, carrier or stroller
- Extra clothes

Special Needs

- Glasses,
- Hearing aids
- Catheters
- Augmentative and alternative communication devices
- Cane
- Wheelchair
- Scooter
- Walker
- Dressing aids
- Oxygen
- Tubing
- Feeding supplies
- Emergency health information and emergency contacts
- Also keep a list of the type and serial numbers of medical devices you need.

Pets

- Do not leave your pets behind. If it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets.
- Identification tag with name, phone number and medical needs. Have a picture of your pet in case you're separated.
- A week's supply of food, water, medications, cat litter
- Food and water bowls
- Pet carrier, leash or harness
- Bags for pet waste
- Veterinarian contact information
- Ahead of time, find pet-friendly hotels in case of evacuation.
- Locate nearby boarding facilities if you're evacuating to a shelter where pets aren't allowed. Bring medical records. Facilities may require proof of up-to-date vaccinations.
- Ask out-of-town family or friends if they'd be willing to care for your pets.
- Treats and toys

SANDBAG LOCATIONS

Lafayette City and Parish

- North District site at 400 N Dugas Road (located off North University Avenue)
- Foster Park at 399 2nd Street in Youngsville
- Brown Park, 1234 E. Pont Des Mouton Road
- Robicheaux Center, 1919 Eraste Landry Road

Self-bagging; bring shovel and manpower

Bags Per Household

- Please limit sandbags to four bags per exterior door.
- Maximum of 20 sandbags per household.

Broussard

- City Hall, 310 E. Main Street (behind City Hall)
- Deer Meadow Subdivision (corner of Deer Meadow Boulevard and Myette Point Street)
- Broadview Drive (by the Broussard Community Center)

Self-bagging; bring shovel and manpower. Sandbag stations are open until the threat of heavy rain has passed.

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- Community Center, 5115 N. University Avenue (behind the Community Center)

Self-bagging; bring shovel and manpower.

Duson

- Duson Park at South A Street

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- Public Works Department, 116 Lions Club Road

Sandbags are available beginning Friday, August 21, 2020 throughout the weekend. Also, if needed, on Monday, residents can pick up already-filled sandbags but are encouraged to self-bag this weekend.

Youngsville

- Foster Park at 399 2nd Street in Youngsville

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