



# NOLA READY

## BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HURRICANE SEASON



183 days

Hurricane season lasts from **June 1 to November 30.**

New Orleans regularly experiences tropical weather and is at a high risk for hurricanes.

### STAY CONNECTED



Sign up for NOLA Ready emergency alerts. Text **NOLAREADY** to **77295** or go to **ready.nola.gov**.



Check your phone **notification settings** to ensure that emergency alerts are turned **on** with sound.



Mutual aid is a great resource. Build a network through your neighbors or join the **NOLA Ready Volunteer Corps**.



Create a **Smart911 Safety Profile** for your household at **www.smart911.com** or download the Smart911 App.



The **New Orleans Health Department** recommends that ALL residents add their medical information to Smart911, especially if they have a disability, rely on electricity-dependent medical equipment, or have mobility needs.

This profile enables you to receive customized alerts and helps our first responders better plan for emergencies.



**Save money** by weatherizing your home and purchasing **flood insurance**.

**Make a list of emergency contacts and check in with them regularly.**



### Call 911 for an emergency.

Call 311 for information on shelters, evacuation, and other resources.



## MAKE A PLAN

Make plans in case you need to evacuate or shelter at home. Include your family's and pets' specific needs in your plans.



During a **mandatory evacuation**, the city will set-up a free, centralized evacuation location. Get there by making your way to your nearest bus stop.

If you **can't self-evacuate** because of medical needs, you may be eligible to be picked up from your home.

Depending on the impacts of a hurricane, the City may set-up **post-storm** evacuation assistance or resource centers.

Carbon monoxide poisoning from **generators** is one of the greatest causes of injury and death after hurricanes.



**Practice generator safety.**

**Home fires often increase after a hurricane.** Smoke alarms greatly reduce the risks of home fires.



Call the New Orleans Fire Department for **free** smoke alarm installations.

**504-658-4714**

Make sure your pets' **vaccinations** and **identification** are updated.



Consider getting a microchip in case you are separated.

## GATHER SUPPLIES

Gather supplies in advance to **evacuate** or **shelter in place**.



### Make a "go bag"

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| Identification                 | Medications & medical records |
| Cash                           | Birth & marriage certificates |
| Emergency contacts             | Documents proving residence   |
| Clothes                        | Insurance policies            |
| Soap, toothbrush, & toothpaste | Pet supplies                  |
| Bedding                        |                               |

### Make a "home kit"

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| Non-perishable food for 5 days | Matches or lighter            |
| 3 gallons of water per person  | First Aid Kit                 |
| Manual can opener              | 2+ weeks supply of medication |
| Flashlight & extra batteries   | Radio                         |
| Books & games                  |                               |

