

A stylized illustration of a rainy day in New Orleans. In the foreground, a woman in a red trench coat and hat walks a black dog on a red leash. She holds a large red umbrella. In the background, a red and white bus is stopped at a curb. A person in a yellow raincoat and hat stands on a sidewalk under a yellow umbrella. The scene is set against a backdrop of blue buildings and a blue sky with white rain streaks. The text '2018' is written in large yellow numbers, and '#ReadyYearRound' is written in smaller yellow text below it.

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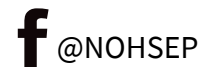
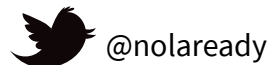
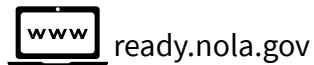
DEAR NEW ORLEANS -

We at NOLA Ready, the City of New Orleans' hub for emergency preparedness, want you to have a joyful and safe 2018, our city's tricentennial year.

Use this calendar as your guide to be #ReadyYearRound.

Help us spread the word! Tell a family member, friend, or neighbor what you do to prepare for emergencies. Because, when we're together, we're ready for whatever may come our way.

- THE TEAM AT NOLA READY



YEAR AT A GLANCE



New Year's Day

Mon., Jan. 1st



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mon., Jan. 15th



Mardi Gras

Tues., Feb. 13th



Valentine's Day

Wed., Feb. 14th



Tet, Vietnamese New Year

Fri., Feb. 16th



President's Day

Mon., Feb. 19th



Daylight Savings Begins

Sun., Mar. 11th



St. Patrick's Day

Sat., Mar. 17th



Good Friday

Fri., Mar. 30th



Passover

Fri., Mar. 30th - Sat., Apr. 7th



Easter

Sun., Apr. 1st



French Quarter Festival

Thur., Apr. 12th - Sun., Apr. 15th



Earth Day

Sun., Apr. 22nd



Jazz Fest

Fri., Apr. 27th - Sun., May 6th



Mother's Day

Sun., May 13th



Memorial Day

Mon., May 28th



Hurricane Season Begins

Fri., Jun. 1st



Eid al Fitr, End of Ramadan

Thur., Jun. 14th - Fri., Jun. 15th



Father's Day

Sun., Jun. 17th



Independence Day

Wed., Jul. 4th



Essence Festival

Thur., Jul. 5th - Sun., July 8th



Eid al-Adha, Feast of the Sacrifice

Mon., Aug. 20th - Tues., Aug. 21st



Southern Decadence

Thur., Aug. 30th - Mon., Sep. 3rd



Labor Day

Mon., Sep. 3rd



Rosh Hashanah

Sun., Sep. 9th - Tues., Sep. 11th



Yom Kippur

Tues., Sep. 18th - Wed., Sep. 19th



Columbus Day

Mon., Oct. 8th



Halloween

Wed., Oct. 31st



Daylight Savings Ends

Sun., Nov. 4th



Election Day

Tues., Nov. 6th



Veteran's Day (observed)

Mon., Nov. 12th



Thanksgiving Day

Thur., Nov. 22nd



Chanukkah

Sun., Dec. 2nd - Mon., Dec. 10th



Christmas Day

Tues., Dec. 25th



New Year's Eve

Mon., Dec. 31st



JANUARY

More at ready.nola.gov/january

When it's cold outside, keep your family safe & warm

1 Leave fireworks to the professionals **2** Practice your fire escape plan with your family **3** Inspect your fireplace each year **4** Get free smoke detectors installed by the New Orleans Fire Department **5** Never leave space heaters unattended or use a stove or oven for heat **6** Have a fire extinguisher and know how to use it

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FEBRUARY

More at ready.nola.gov/february

Stay connected during Carnival & severe weather

1 Stay hydrated **2** Text MARDIGRAS to 888777 for updates & safety info from the City **3** Plan a meeting spot in case your group gets separated **4** Know what to do during severe weather **5** Keep pets safe and warm **6** Listen to officials, they're there to keep you safe

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MARCH

More at ready.nola.gov/march

Before the summer rain, review your home's insurance

1 Talk to an agent now about flood insurance, because a new policy can take 30 days to take effect **2** Check your insurance policy to be sure **wind** and **flood** damage are covered **3** See if you're eligible for a lower rate on flood insurance, since new flood maps were adopted in 2016

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APRIL

More at ready.nola.gov/april

While you're spring cleaning, help prevent flooding & mosquito breeding **1** Clear leaves & debris from catch basins to help water flow to the drain **2** Empty standing water from containers to help control the mosquito population, which can carry disease

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MAY

More at ready.nola.gov/may

Before the summer heat, spruce up your yard & reduce your flood risk **1** Plant a rain garden, a landscaped area that stores & filters rainwater **2** Collect & reuse rain runoff from your roof in a rain barrel **3** Clean your gutters to protect your home from rain **4** Install permeable pavement to allow water to soak into the ground instead of flooding the street

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JUNE

More at ready.nola.gov/june

Get ready for hurricane season, which starts June 1st

1 Make an evacuation plan **2** Gather supplies for a “home kit” **3** Know where your closest evacupot is & call 311 if you have special needs & require extra help during an emergency **4** Pack a “go bag” for everyone in your family **5** Stay informed so you know when a storm’s coming **6** Sign up for NOLA Ready emergency alerts **7** Include your pets in your plans

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JULY

More at ready.nola.gov/july

Stay safe and dry during the rainy season **1** During heavy rain, seek shelter and don't walk through flooded areas **2** Never drive in flooded streets - Turn around, don't drown! **3** Call 911 to report major street flooding

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AUGUST

More at ready.nola.gov/august

Beat the heat during the dog days of summer **1** Stay cool in air conditioning at home or at a public place like a library, recreation center, or mall **2** Check on your family & neighbors, especially those who are elderly or have medical needs **3** Drink lots of water to stay hydrated and don't wait until you're thirsty **4** Know the signs of heat-related illness and what to do

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SEPTEMBER

More at ready.nola.gov/september

For National Preparedness Month, up your
ready game **1** Plan for emergencies that could happen in
New Orleans **2** Sign up for NOLA Ready Emergency Alerts
3 Gather emergency supplies

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OCTOBER

More at ready.nola.gov/october

Flu season is just beginning. Get the vaccine and keep those germs away **1** Everyone over 6 months of age should get the flu vaccination each year **2** Prevent the spread of the flu by washing your hands often **3** Cover your mouth when coughing and stay home if you or a family member is sick

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NOVEMBER

More at ready.nola.gov/november

In the cool fall weather, consider flood mitigation projects **1** Replace your concrete with permeable pavement to reduce rain runoff **2** Protect your utilities from flooding by elevating them **3** Improve drainage at your house with infiltration trenches

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DECEMBER

More at ready.nola.gov/deceMBER

New Orleans is a coastal city. Help restore marshlands that protect us from storms. **1** Take part in activities to help restore the coast, like recycling your Christmas tree to create new marsh habitat - for details, call 311

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