

## PREPARING FOR A HURRICANE



## **QUICK REFERENCE CHECKLIST**

## WATCH

A Hurricane Watch is announced when weather conditions are a threat within 48 hours. This is the time to review hurricane plans, keep informed and be ready to act if a warning is issued.

- FREQUENTLY MONITOR radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins as the storms progress.
- PREPARE TO COVER window and door openings.
- ✓ FUEL AND SERVICE vehicles.
- CHECK FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES.
  - Have clean, airtight containers on hand to store at least two weeks of drinking water (14 gallons per person).
  - Stock up on canned food.
- STOCK UP ON EXTRA BATTERIES for radios, flashlights and lanterns.
- HAVE AN EXTRA SUPPLY OF CASH on hand.
- CHECK AND REPLENISH first-aid supplies.
- KEEP A SMALL COOLER with frozen gel packs handy for packing refrigerated items.
- CHECK PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES and obtain a supply for at least two weeks.

# WARNING

A Hurricane Warning is put into effect when conditions are expected WITHIN 36 HOURS.

Complete storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

- CLOSELY MONITOR radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins.
- FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered to do so.
- **EVACUATE AREAS that might be affected by storm surge flooding.**
- IF EVACUATING, leave early (if possible, in daylight).





#### **KEEP THESE PET EVACUATION TIPS IN MIND:**

- Have a current rabies vaccine, license and tags on your animal. Make sure your animal is vaccinated.
- ► Have a carrier, a collar and leash for each animal.
- ► Have a two-week supply of food and water for your animal plus any medications.
- Bring a copy of your animals' current vet records with you. If your animal does not travel well, check with your vet about medicines to ease anxiety.
- ► PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ANIMALS BEHIND!



#### STAY CONNECTED DURING STORMS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

#### INTERNET

- WEBSITE: www.stcharlesparish-la.gov
- FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/stcharlesgov
- YOUTUBE CHANNEL: www.youtube.com/stcharlesgov
- TWITTER: www.twitter.com/stcharlesgov
- LOUISIANA STATE EMERGENCY BLOG: emergency.louisiana.gov

#### **TELEVISION**

 St. Charles Parish TV is available to Cox subscribers as Channel 6, U-Verse as Channel 99, or view online at www.scp-tv.com.

#### **RADIO**

• 1370 AM transmits emergency information during and after hurricanes.

#### **PHONE**

- Emergency Information Line: 1-888-SCP-9EOC
- Emergency Operations Center: (985) 783-5050
- Parish President and Council Main Line: (985) 783-5000

#### **Norco Manufacturing Complex**



#### **NEWS AND EMERGENCY MESSAGING**

- Visit scpemergencyalerts.com or click on www.stcharlesparish-la.gov to sign up for the Emergency Alert System (texts and phone calls). The E-newsletter at www. stcharlesparish-la.gov/news includes emergency news, community news and road closure information.
- Receive parish Tweets via text message by texting "follow stcharlesgov" to 40404.
- Get Facebook updates by visiting www. facebook.com/stcharlesgov and hovering over the "Like" button on the parish page and then clicking "Get Notifications."