

JPALERT Jefferson Parish Community Alert System

JPALERT is an alert notification system that allows officials to immediately contact you during a major crisis or emergency and can deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you on all your devices:

- Email account (work, home, other)
- Cell phone
- Pager
- Smartphone and other handheld devices

Here are examples of when **JPALERT** may be used:

- Life-threatening weather
- Highly disruptive road shutdowns
- Evacuation or Shelter in Place information
- Boil water notices
- Information about emergency shelters
- Other emergency information

JPALERT is your connection to real-time updates with the Parish of Jefferson.

JPALERT is a free service; however, your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to receive messages on your device.

Register today at: <http://jpalert.com>



Safe Rooms

Jefferson Parish has designed and constructed Safe Rooms at 13 of the Parish's Drainage Pump Stations.

Pump station operators and screen cleaning personnel will use these Safe Rooms as havens during the passage of a hurricane.

They are equipped with remote control capabilities to operate the pumps.

- 9 – Westbank Safe Rooms
- 4 – Eastbank Safe Rooms

Safe Rooms are designed to withstand 250 mph wind load and water surge produced by a Category 5 hurricane.



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FAMILY DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

There are six basics that you should stock for your disaster supply kit:



1. Water
2. Non-Perishable Food
3. Clothing and bedding
4. First aid supplies
5. Tools
6. Emergency supplies and special items

Keep these items in a waterproof container that can be easily transported from your home to your car and evacuation destination.

Your family's disaster supply kit should include at least a three-day supply. Special items include infant and medical supplies, important family documents and records including insurance information and account numbers.

Store your kit in a convenient place known to all family members. Keep a smaller version of the supply kit in the trunk of your car. Change your stored water supply every six months so it stays fresh.



Replace your stored food every six months.

Re-think your kit and family needs at least once a year.

Replace batteries, update seasonal clothes, etc.

BROOMS TO BASINS

Brooms to Basins is a public awareness campaign to remind citizens of the importance of clearing leaves and debris from their storm drains.

With everyone's help, we can improve the performance of the Jefferson Parish drainage system.

Here are some steps you can take to reduce street flooding and keep our drainage system working to its capacity:

- Keep grass clippings and branches from accumulating on streets near your property.
- Check catch basins near your home or building periodically and clear away debris.
- Do not leave grass, leaves, or other debris in the street.
- Do not dispose of yard waste into catch basins.
- Do not pour motor oil or any other chemical into catch basins.

JEFFERSON PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCE 16.9 AND 16-9.2 PROHIBITS DUMPING DEBRIS AND WASTE INTO THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM

To have drains near your home or business cleaned and flushed, contact the Jefferson Parish Drainage Department at 736-6578 or 437-4940.



For emergencies during the weekend or after-hours call: 736-6006

EVACUATIONS AS DEFINED BY JEFFERSON PARISH ORDINANCE NUMBER 22803, SECTION 9-9

During a state of emergency or during a named tropical storm or hurricane in or threatening the Gulf of Mexico, the Parish President may order a voluntary or mandatory evacuation.

“EVACUATION” means an operation whereby all or part of a particular population is temporarily relocated, whether individually or in an organized manner, from a sector that has been struck by a disaster or is about to be struck by a disaster to a place considered not dangerous for health or safety of the populace.

“ADVISORY EVACUATION” or “VOLUNTARY EVACUATION” means an evacuation that may be ordered when a disaster or emergency has been declared and evacuation is recommended due to the potential for rapidly changing conditions to develop into a serious threat.

“MANDATORY EVACUATION” means an evacuation that may be ordered when a disaster or emergency has been declared and danger is imminent; conditions exist that seriously imperil or endanger the lives of those in a defined area.

“FORCED EVACUATION” means an evacuation that may be ordered as a last resort when a disaster or emergency has been declared and danger of loss of life is imminent.