

6 HURRICANE EVACUATION GUIDELINES

Prepare to evacuate, if advised to do so by the Governor or local elected officials through radio or television announcements. Plan to evacuate as early as possible - before hurricane gale force winds and storm surge force road closings. Leaving early may also help you to avoid massive traffic jams encountered late in an evacuation effort. Listen to the radio and/or television for evacuation and sheltering information.

Storm advisories are issued as follows:

- **Tropical Storm Watch**
Tropical Storm conditions are possible in the specified area of the Watch, usually within 36 hours.
- **Tropical Storm Warning**
Tropical Storm conditions are expected in the specified area of the Warning, usually within 24 hours.

- **Hurricane Watch**
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EMERGENCY BROADCAST SYSTEM (EBS)

All residents should monitor their local EBS station for authoritative evacuation and shelter information. Evacuation Route Signs (shown below)



are located on all parish as well as State roads which have been designated as major evacuation routes (see map on back page).

EMERGENCY
BROADCAST SYSTEM
(EBS) (Cont'd.)

The smaller sign indicates the EBS radio station to monitor for the particular area of the State through which you are traveling. The EBS radio station will broadcast the latest weather reports, road conditions and shelter locations. In addition, information on what to bring, pre-evacuation measures and re-entry information (date, time and locations) will be announced. As the storm gets closer to the risk area, information will be issued every two hours.



EVACUATION
PHASES

1. **Precautionary**

This phase will concentrate on people who are most vulnerable to the effects of hurricane winds and water. It is directed at offshore workers, persons on coastal islands and persons living in low-lying coastal areas.

EVACUATION PHASES
(Cont'd.)

2. **Recommended**

This phase will concentrate on all people who are at risk.

YOU ARE AT RISK, IF YOU LIVE:

- * Outside of levee protection
- * In a manufactured home (i.e. , mobile home, recreational vehicle, etc.)
- * In a low-lying or flood prone area or
- * The Hurricane is a Category 3 (slow) or any Category 4 or 5.

3. **Mandatory**

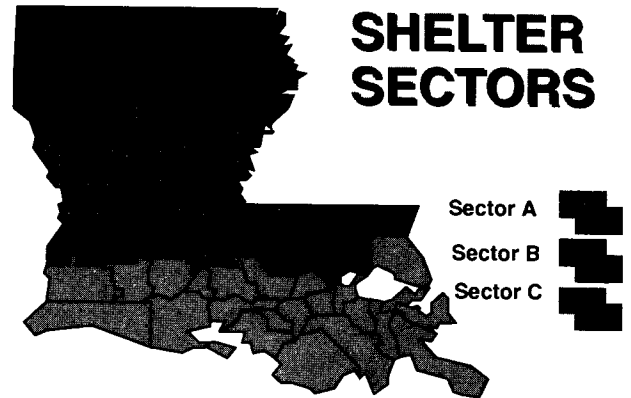
This is the final and most serious phase of evacuation. Authorities will put maximum emphasis on encouraging evacuation and limiting entry into the risk area. Designated State Evacuation Routes will be enhanced by turning two outbound lanes into three wherever possible. When the storm gets close to the risk area, evacuation routes will be closed and any persons remaining in the area will be directed to Last Resort Refuge.



SHELTERING

Shelters have been designated throughout the State for use during emergencies. The State is divided into Sectors A, B and C (see map at right).

Shelters in Sector A will be used first, followed by Sector B. Sector C will be reserved for the special needs population.



GENERAL EVACUATION PROCEDURES:

When told to evacuate:

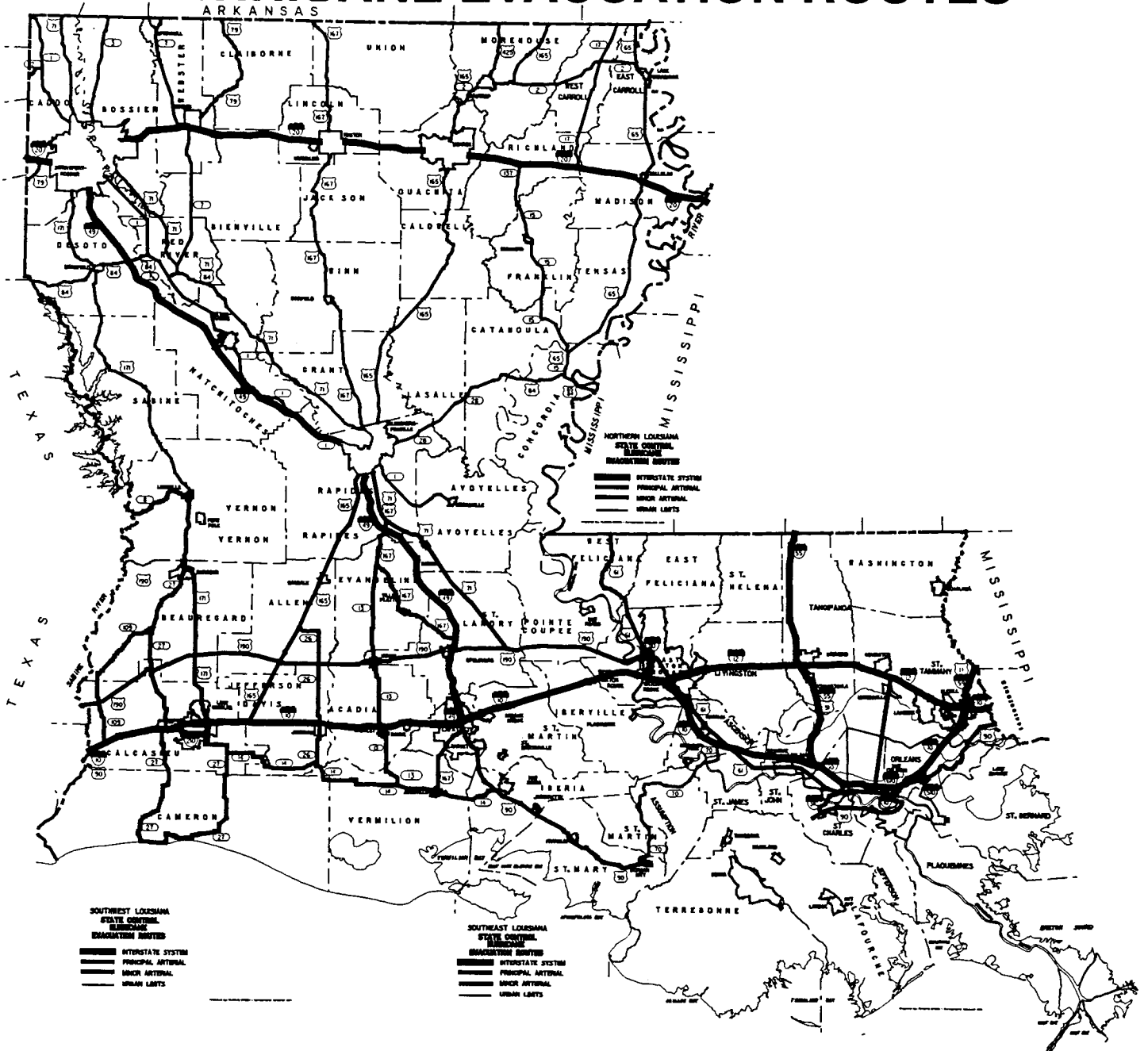
- Stay calm
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank
- Take your disaster supply kit: 3-day water supply, non-perishable food, a change of clothes and footwear, blanket or sleeping bag, and a first aid kit (including prescription medication) per person.
- A battery-powered Weather radio,
- Portable radio and flashlight with extra batteries,
- Extra set of car keys,
- Credit card and/or cash, and
- Special items for infants, elderly and disable family members.

Remember to do the following:

- Turn off all the lights, household appliances. gas. heating, cooling and ventilation systems.
- Leave the refrigerator and freezer on,
- Lock the house,
- Let others know when you leave and where you go and
- Make arrangements for pets since they are not allowed in shelters.

REMEMBER, THE FIRST PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING IS YOU. SO EVACUATE EARLY AND BE PREPARED.

STATE - CONTROLLED HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTES



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