

# Weathering the Storms



“This is a great time to recheck your emergency plans and supplies,” said Governor John Bel Edwards. “As our partners at the National Weather Service often say, it only takes one storm to change the outlook. Louisiana has vastly improved the way we prepare for a storm, but we also need the public to understand their role in preparedness. That includes being aware of the risks you face and knowing what steps to take before, during and after an event.”

The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Director Jim Waskom recommends that everyone Get a Game Plan. “Try to maintain an emergency fund in case you are forced from your home with little notice. As we have seen with past storms, each event is different and includes different challenges. Being prepared means planning now and not waiting for an emergency. An emergency plan can help protect your family and make

recovery easier if we do face a tropical threat.” A list of hurricane supplies, evacuation information and other critical information can be found at [www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org).

“Last year, Hurricanes Florence and Michael reminded us again of the damage and destruction from various hazards such as wind, storm surge, heavy rainfall, and flooding that hurricanes can bring to not only coastal areas but inland areas where flooding

During a tropical event, the state could be impacted by tidal surge, flooding and wind damage. “It is important that you listen for crucial information from GOHSEP, other state agencies, local officials, and your local weather experts,” said Randy Pierce, DEMCO CEO.

You can download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at [www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org). For electric

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from heavy rainfall can be especially deadly,” said Frank Revitte, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service New Orleans/Baton Rouge. “Now is a good time to make sure you have a hurricane plan ready for this upcoming season.”

emergencies that are the result of bad weather, call 911. For non-emergency electric outages or incidents, you can log on to our website at [www.DEMCO.org](http://www.DEMCO.org) or call 1-844-MYDEMCO (1-844-693-3626) or 225-261-1160.

