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TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

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## Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Voluntary Evacuation Order and Hurricane Nate Update

Houma (October 7, 2017) – Terrebonne Parish is currently under a Hurricane Watch and a Storm Surge Warning.

Due to the current hurricane watch and storm surge warning for Terrebonne Parish from the National Hurricane Center due to Hurricane Nate, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is issuing a voluntary evacuation order, beginning at Noon today for all residents outside or south of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District Morganza to the Gulf levee system.

A shelter is being provided at the Dumas Auditorium in Houma for evacuees that need a shelter. The shelter will be open at Noon today and continue operations until Noon Sunday. Residents needing transportation to the shelter should call 985-873-6357.

Resident utilizing the shelter should bring their own bedding and other supplies such as food, medicine, baby supplies and any other necessary items to last at least 24 hours.

As per the current National Hurricane Center forecast, we are asking all residents to continue preparations for tropical storm force or Category 1 hurricane strength winds to impact Terrebonne Parish. All preparations should be completed by Saturday afternoon as the Parish could experience tropical storm forces winds at early to late evening Saturday.

The Terrebonne Parish Public Works Division is providing sand and sandbags at the following locations:

Adult Softball Complex on Airbase	Cannata's West
Knights of Columbus Hall in Pointe-aux-Chenes	Upper Dularge Fire Station
Bayou Black Fire Station	Ward 7 in Chauvin
West Terrebonne East Fire Station	West Terrebonne Central Fire Station
Bobtown Volunteer Fire Station	Mechanicville Gym
St. Ann Church in Bourg	Devon Keller Memorial Center
Village East Fire Department	

The Terrebonne Parish Public Works Department will continue to offer up to (30) filled sandbags per **TERREBONNE PARISH RESIDENT** at the Public Works Yard (near Shannon Hardware) located at 1860 Grand Caillou Road and at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center off of Civic Center Blvd in Houma, La., today, Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

The Terrebonne Parish Registrar of Voters office will be open from 8:30AM to 6PM for those who wish to early vote for the upcoming statewide and local elections.

Decision on closing Terrebonne Parish Public Schools for Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> will be determined on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> after an assessment of the school system is complete.

Terrebonne Parish Transit system will be cancelling all services today, October 7, 2017

The Terrebonne Parish Levee and Conservation District will complete closure of the Bubba Dove Floodgate by 10:30 a.m. today, October 7, 2017.

Residents should continue to stay informed through local news media, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government website (<u>www.tpcg.org</u>), and the Terrebonne Parish Office of Homeland Security website (<u>www.tohsep.com</u>), Facebook page and Twitter page to obtain the latest information available.

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