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### Lafourche Parish Evacuation Details

The Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness announced Evacuation times earlier today as follows:

- ◆ A RECOMMENDED EVACUATION will be issued at 4:00 P.M. today (Friday) for the area South of the Leon Theriot Floodgates in Golden Meadow.
- ◆ A MANDATORY EVACUATION will be issued at 9:00 A.M. Saturday for the area South of the Leon Theriot Floodgates in Golden Meadow
- ◆ A MANDATORY EVACUATION will be issued at 3:00 P.M. Saturday for the ENTIRE Parish of Lafourche.

At this time, NO shelters will be opened in Lafourche Parish as Gustav is forecast to affect Lafourche Parish as a Category 3 Hurricane.

Residents evacuating during the “Recommended Evacuation” period must have their own means of transportation. Since no shelters will be opened in Lafourche Parish, residents will be able to obtain sheltering information at information points which will be set up along evacuation routes.

A “Mandatory Evacuation” means that all residents of Lafourche Parish should evacuate by any means necessary. This also forces businesses to close in order to allow their employees to evacuate. If a resident makes the decision to stay, they will not be forced to leave their homes; however, assistance may not be available during the storm until conditions are safe for First Responders.

A curfew will be likely be established at some point on Sunday to keep people off the streets. If you are out after curfew, you will be stopped and questioned by law enforcement personnel. The Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Office deputies are patrolling throughout the parish and will be enforcing the curfew when one is issued.

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