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Rainfall Causes Street Flooding in Northern & Central Lafourche *All Schools Open Today*

Overnight rainfall in excess of three (3) inches has caused street flooding in several areas of Northern and Central Lafourche. Officials with the Lafourche Parish Government Office of Emergency Preparedness and the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office reported street flooding throughout the night especially in the areas of Bayou Blue, Raceland, Thibodaux and Choctaw. Portions of LA-1 in Raceland also had water on the road, and there was also water reported on U.S. Highway 90 at the foot of the Bayou Des Allemands bridge.

Parish Government and Sheriff's Office work crews responded throughout the night placing sandbags in areas most in need to avoid potential residential flooding. Those crews are still active this morning in areas where flooding is being reported. All pump stations are operational, and no problems were reported through the night. Sandbags are currently available at all parish field offices, and there is also a supply of sandbags available for residents in the open area near the foot of the Grand Bayou Bridge on LA Highway 20 in Chackbay.

Officials with the Lafourche Parish School Board indicated that all schools are open today.

A flash flood warning remains in effect for Lafourche Parish until 9:00 A.M., and a flash flood watch has been extended to 6:00 P.M.

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