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Shelters Opening at Larose Civic Center & Thibodaux High School

Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness has announced the opening of two shelters in Lafourche Parish at the Larose Civic Center and Thibodaux High School. These shelters are Refuges of Last Resort for residents who have returned to Lafourche Parish and have found their homes to be uninhabitable.

These centers will begin by providing basic sheltering for residents for no where else to go. Residents choosing to check into the shelter should be doing so with the intention of remaining there for an extended period of time. Any resident utilizing a shelter in Lafourche should bring the essential items utilized during any storm event such as food, water, clothing, personal hygiene products, etc. The Parish is making every effort to ensure that resources such as water, M.R.E.'s and ice will be readily available. We are also working with the American Red Cross to provide as much support to these sites as possible.

The most important thing for residents to remember is that these are REFUGES OF LAST RESORT. If you have any other options, you are strongly urged to consider them.

“These shelters are a last resort for people who have no where else to go,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “If you absolutely cannot stay in your house, we have a place for you to stay.”

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