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SAFETY AND SECURITY RE-ENTRY INFORMATION

On behalf of Mayor C. Ray Nagin and the City of New Orleans, Welcome Home! We are putting back our City and need your cooperation. Please be advised that although we are slowly returning our City back to normal operations, there are some precautionary measures you need to know about to follow. **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY**

1. You are entering the City of New Orleans at your own risk whether business or residential. There are still many health and safety issues.
2. **THERE IS A CURFEW IN PLACE FROM 6 PM to 8 AM EVERY NIGHT** that will be strictly enforced until further notice. This means you may not be outside between 6 pm and 8 am, by vehicle or on foot. Keep personal identification with you at all times.
3. There are limited police and fire services.
CALL 911 FOR POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.
4. The traffic lights are out throughout the City. **ALL INTERSECTIONS ARE FOUR-WAY STOPS** and the speed limit is 15 mph, regardless of the posted speed limit. You are required to follow all street directions. Proceed with extreme caution.
5. You are not permitted to go beyond your designated zip code area. Travel in your zip code only when absolutely necessary.
6. There is very little access to medical services at this time. We are not prepared to handle critical care patients. **You should have tetanus shots before you enter the City.**
7. **YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS MAY NOT BE STRUCTURALLY SOUND; ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK.** Use extra caution when navigating upper floors and attic space.
8. The sewage system has been compromised. With the exception of Algiers, you are advised not to drink, bathe or wash your hands in water from your tap. **WE RECOMMEND THE USE OF BOTTLED WATER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. BRING A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF BOTTLED WATER FOR DRINKING, BATHING AND PERSONAL USE.** You may flush toilets.
9. Important numbers for your use:

Police, Fire and Emergency	911
Red Cross	1-800-435-7669
Remains Management	1-225-763-5480, 1-225-763-5760
Entergy (Gas and Electric)	1-800-368-3749, 1-800-968-8243

10. Standing water and soil may be seriously contaminated; avoid contact. If you come in contact with dirt or water you should wash with antibacterial soap and bottled water as soon as possible.
11. Federal authorities suggest you limit your exposure to airborne mold and wear gloves, masks and other protective materials to protect yourself. You must supply your own protective equipment.
12. Bring sufficient food and any medical supplies required to sustain you and your family for an extended period of time. **FOOD AND WATER WILL NOT BE PROVIDED TO YOU.**
13. Have sufficient fuel with you before you enter the city. Gas stations are not fully operational and fuel is limited.
14. **AVOID CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING.** Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent Carbon Monoxide build-up. Do not connect electrical generators to the electrical panel or an outlet in your business or home.
15. To assist in the collection of trash and debris, we ask residents to separate debris into different piles at curbside for collection.

separate collections. This will speed the removal of your trash and debris. Items should be separated into the following categories:

1. Household garbage (dispose as usual) except spoiled food **MUST** be bagged in black plastic trash bags.
 2. Tree debris and clean wood
 3. Carpet, sheetrock, insulation, flooring and furniture, etc.
 4. Roofing materials
 5. Appliances such as refrigerators (emptied of contents), stoves, and air conditioners
 6. Household hazardous wastes such as pesticides, paints, solvents, automotive fluids and cleaning products (we are working on developing a program to handle these items, which will be announced at a later date. In the meantime, please store them in a safe place.)
16. Electric customers with property damage must have the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker **TURNED OFF**. Don't step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker. Call a licensed electrician for advice when necessary. **A LISCENSED ELECTRICIAN MAY NEED TO INSPECT YOUR PROPERTY'S ELECTRIC WIRING BEFORE ENTERGY CAN RESTORE POWER TO A HOME OR BUSINESS.**
17. **Natural gas customers: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TURN GAS ON YOURSELF.** Please have repairs made by a licensed plumber and certified by a city inspector. Call Entergy at 1-800-ENTERGY (1-800-368-3749) when repairs are complete.

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