



Phased Evacuation

During a threat of a hurricane, a phased evacuation will be based on geographic location and time in which tropical storm winds are forecasted to reach the affected areas.

- Phase I - 50 Hours before onset of tropical storm winds.** Includes areas south of the Intracoastal Waterway. These areas are outside any levee protection system and are vulnerable to Category 1 and 2 storms. These areas are depicted in **RED** on the Evacuation Map. During Phase I there are no route restrictions.
- Phase II - 40 Hours before onset of tropical storm winds.** Includes areas south of the Mississippi River which are levee protected but remain vulnerable to Category 2 or higher storms. These areas are depicted in **ORANGE** on the Evacuation Map. During Phase II there are no route restrictions.
- Phase III - 30 Hours before onset of tropical storm winds.** Includes areas on the East Bank of the Mississippi River in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area which are within the levee protection system but remain vulnerable to a slow-moving Category 3 or any Category 4 or 5 storm. These areas are depicted in **YELLOW** on the Evacuation Map. During Phase III, certain routes will be directed and the Contraflow Plan implemented.

Phased evacuation procedures are for traffic management purposes only. Consult your local Office of Emergency Preparedness Director for further evacuation information.