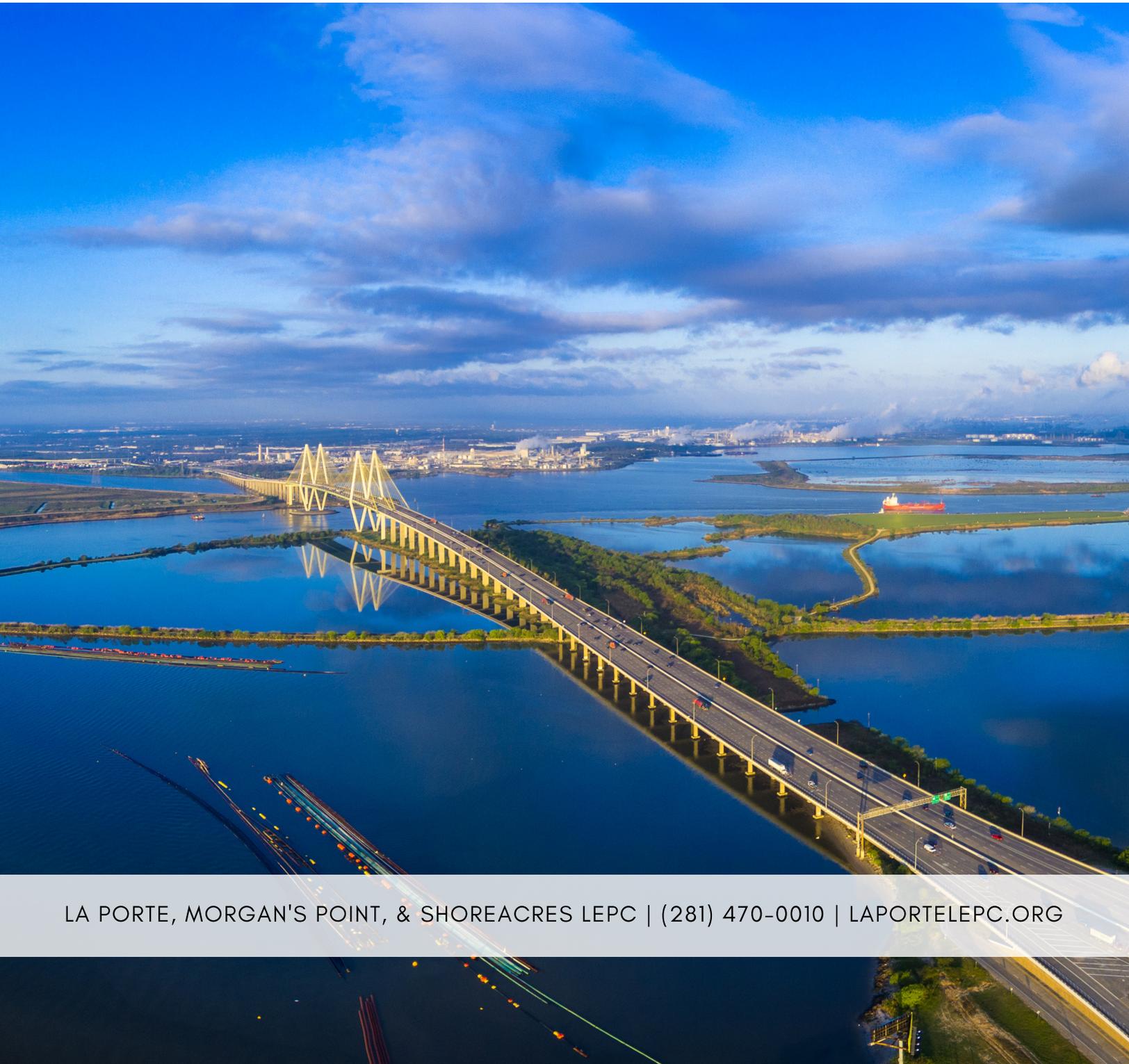


# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

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LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)



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# ABOUT THE LEPC

## LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is made up of local industry, government, businesses, non-profit organizations, citizens, and La Porte ISD. The LEPC provides educational outreach to the community by participating in local events. Partnering with La Porte ISD, each year the LEPC sponsors the Wally Wise program, a city-wide Shelter-in-Place drill, the annual La Porte Health & Safety Fair, and other preparedness activities.

La Porte ISD works closely with the LEPC to ensure the safety of our teachers and students in the event of a chemical emergency. Each year, the LEPC provides Shelter-in-Place training for La Porte ISD's new teachers and auxiliary staff. In addition to educational programs, the LEPC has provided each school with Shelter in Place kits and emergency alert beacons that allow for immediate notification in the event of a chemical emergency.

It is our goal to work with the community to ensure the preparedness and safety of all residents and visitors to our area. If you would like to obtain additional literature or materials about the LEPC, contact (281) 470-0010 or visit our website at [laportelepc.org](http://laportelepc.org). The LEPC meets the second Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Meetings are held at the La Porte ISD Support Services building, located at 2015 Sens Rd. Community members are welcome to attend.

# SHELTER-IN-PLACE STEPS

In the event of a chemical emergency that requires you to Shelter-in-Place:

### 1) GO INSIDE.

Close all doors and windows. Turn off A/C or heating systems.

### 2) STAY CONNECTED.

See more details on Page 4.

### 3) FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS.

Do not go outside until you are advised it is safe to do so by local authorities.

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## Shelter-in-Place Kit

There are additional steps you can take to better protect yourself and your loved ones during a chemical emergency. An important resource to have on-hand is a Shelter-in-Place Kit.

Visit [laportelepc.org](http://laportelepc.org) to watch the Shelter-in-Place video, which includes a demonstration on what to include in a Shelter-in-Place Kit and the proper way to use the items in your kit.

# ACTIONS TO TAKE DURING A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

La Porte is home to many industrial facilities that produce and/or use various chemicals each day. In addition, chemicals are transported on our highways, in pipelines, and in railcars on a daily basis. As a result, there is always a risk that a chemical incident could occur in our community. Therefore, it is critical that you and your family know what actions to take during a chemical emergency.

The Cities of La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres will notify residents and businesses of a chemical emergency that requires you to go inside and wait for further instructions. Residents are alerted to Shelter-in-Place (go inside) by the Outdoor Warning Sirens, which sound a "whoop, whoop" tone. The Outdoor Warning Sirens are tested EVERY Saturday at NOON. If you hear the City's sirens at any other time, you should Shelter-in-Place. Residents will be given further instructions via your City's phone notification system, website, social media, and local media. In order to receive alerts when you are away from home, register your cell phone number with your City's phone notification system by visiting their website. Residents of La Porte can register multiple numbers and email addresses in the system by visiting [laportetx.gov/addmycell](http://laportetx.gov/addmycell).

## *Identify a Safe Shelter Room in Your Home or Office*

Plan ahead by identifying a safe place where family members or coworkers could gather in the event of a chemical emergency, preferably in an interior room with no doors or windows. Make sure everyone knows the location. When you hear the sirens, go inside immediately and close all doors and windows. Turn off your A/C or heating systems and bring pets inside. Do not call 9-1-1 unless you are reporting an emergency at your location. If you are in a vehicle, keep doors and windows closed and the vehicle's A/C system off. Do not go outside until the All Clear has been given by local authorities. The All Clear will be communicated through the phone notification system.

## WHEN YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL

In the event of a chemical emergency, the City will notify the schools immediately via the emergency alert beacons and phone notification system. When notification of a chemical emergency is received, school officials quickly respond by sheltering children safely in school buildings.

DO NOT attempt to pick up your child from school. School principals are instructed to keep buildings locked and access restricted when a Shelter-in-Place is in effect. Opening a door to the outside puts you and your child at risk of being exposed to a potentially dangerous chemical.

*Remember, we Shelter-in-Place to prevent exposure.*





## Local Plant Alarm Test Schedules

Local industrial facilities test their internal alarm systems each week. The area plant alarm test schedule can be found at [laportelepc.org](http://laportelepc.org). Under the "Alarm System" section of the website, you can listen to examples of the City's sirens, and watch the Shelter-in-Place video (available in English and Spanish). Don't forget to download the Ready LP app to have quick access to the test schedule, and download the EHCMA CAER Online app to learn more about activities outside the regular test schedule.

## STAY CONNECTED

There are many ways to stay connected to the City before, during, and after an emergency. The following is a list of systems used by the City of La Porte. Visit [laportetx.gov/stayconnected](http://laportetx.gov/stayconnected) for more information on each system, or contact La Porte OEM at (281) 470-0010.

- Phone Notification System (Register your cell)
- City's Website
- Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
- City of La Porte NewsFlash (eNews System)
- Ready LP App (See back cover for more info)
- Morgan's Point: [morganspoint-tx.com](http://morganspoint-tx.com)
- Shoreacres: [cityofshoreacres.us](http://cityofshoreacres.us)

### CAER ONLINE

The East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA) developed CAER Online to provide information on plant activities to the community. You can download the "EHCMA CAER Online" app from the Apple or Google Play stores, or visit [ehcma.org/caeronline](http://ehcma.org/caeronline) for the latest messages.

## OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

REMEMBER, THE SIRENS  
ARE TESTED EVERY  
SATURDAY AT NOON.

During a chemical emergency, the City may activate the Outdoor Warning Sirens. The sirens indicate a chemical emergency has occurred and residents should Shelter-in-Place. The sirens sound a "whoop, whoop" tone. When you hear the sirens, go inside immediately and follow the Shelter-in-Place instructions on Page 2. After the sirens are activated, you will receive more detailed information and updates through the City's phone notification system. This updated information will also be posted on the City's website and social media.

Do not go outside until the All Clear has been issued by local authorities via the phone notification system.

# FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

Before a flood, you and your family should prepare by assembling an emergency supply kit. In your supply kit, remember to include important documents such as copies of insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates, and an inventory of household goods. If heavy rainfall is expected in your area, monitor local radio, NOAA weather radio, and local media stations for current weather updates.

During a flood, seek shelter at higher ground and continue to monitor local weather conditions. Never walk through moving water that is more than 6 inches deep, or attempt to drive through high water as it is not worth the risk. Remember, "Turn Around, Don't Drown". Be cautious when driving at night when it is more difficult to recognize flood dangers. If instructed to evacuate by local officials, take your emergency supply kit, and do not return home until advised to do so by local authorities.

Avoid contact with floodwater, as it may be contaminated and power lines may be down in the area. If you are in need of assistance, contact your local authorities. After a flood, take caution in areas where the water has receded.

## DO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT?

*Don't Forget About Your Pets!*

Every family should have some basic supplies on hand for at least seven days. Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. The following is a list of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet their needs. Don't forget to include supplies for your pet(s), such as food, water, and medicines. Keep items in a waterproof and portable container. Check supplies every 6 months, and rotate supplies as needed.

### SAMPLE SUPPLIES:

Water: one gallon of water per person, per day for at least 7 days; Food: a 7-day supply of non-perishable food; a manual can opener; battery-powered or hand crank radio with extra batteries; flashlight w/extra batteries; first aid kit; important documents, such as copies of insurance policies, identification, and a household inventory list; medications, prescriptions, & medical equipment; cell phone with chargers; etc.

## Flood Insurance

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT!

It is important to invest in flood insurance in order to protect your home from flooding.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Flood losses are not typically covered by renter and homeowner's insurance policies.
- The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) makes federally-backed flood insurance available in communities, such as our three cities, that agree to adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage.
- There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance goes into effect, so don't delay!
- Flood insurance is available whether the building is in or out of an identified flood-prone area.



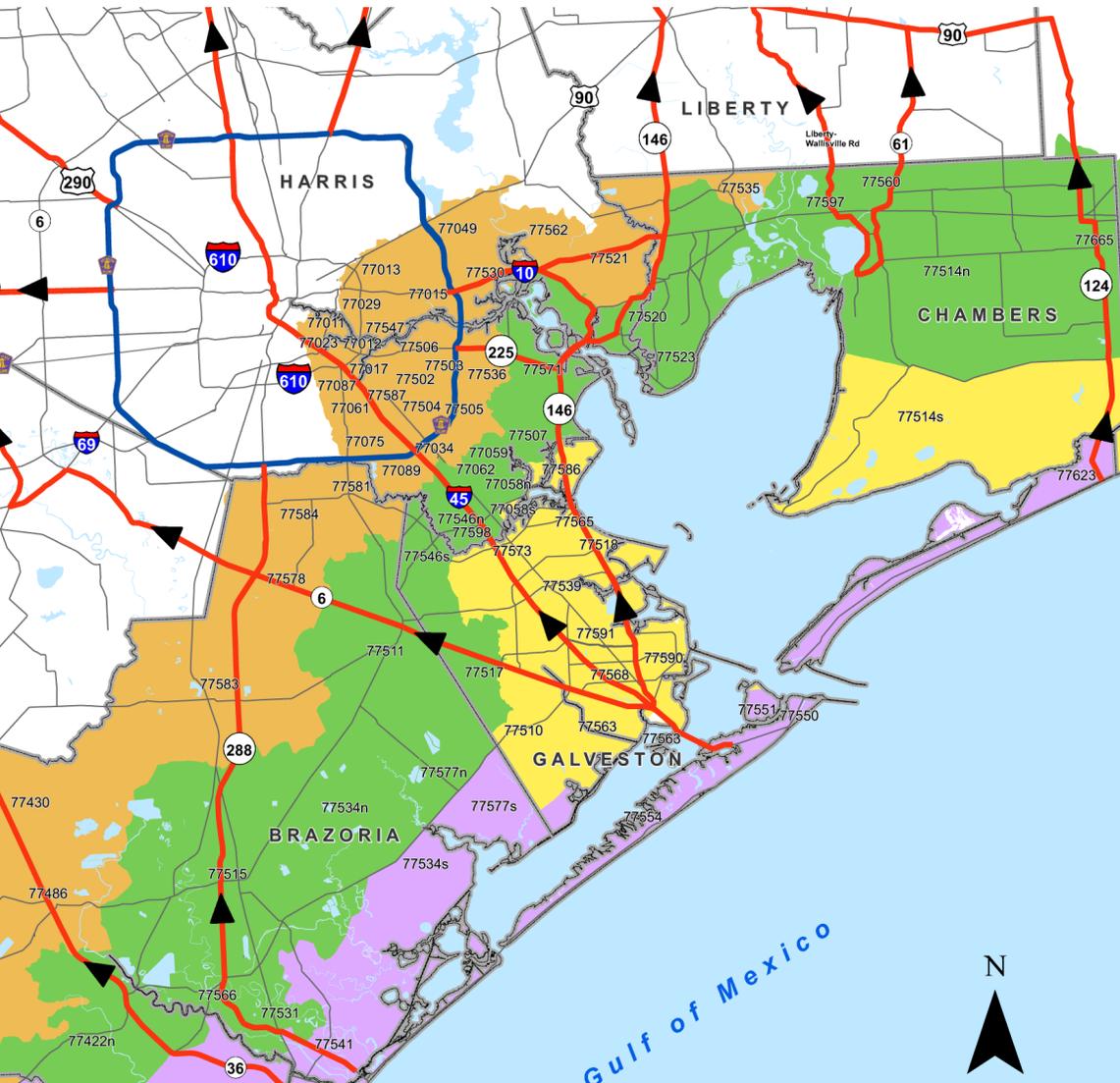
# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricanes are extremely powerful storms that can cause catastrophic damage and loss of life. Strong winds, storm surge, flooding, and tornadoes are all hazards associated with hurricanes and tropical storms. When a hurricane is approaching, you may have little time to prepare. It is possible you will need to survive on your own for an extended period of time. Local officials and relief workers will be on scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. In addition, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut off for days, weeks, or even longer. Hurricane season begins June 1st and lasts until November 30th. Get prepared by creating a family disaster plan and emergency supply kit. In addition, make an inventory of all the items in your home.

Remember to keep your gas tanks full during hurricane season, in case you have to evacuate with little notice. Identify ahead of time where you could go if told to evacuate: a family member's home in another town, a hotel, or a shelter. Keep telephone numbers and maps to each location on hand. If you will need help getting out of town before a storm, dial 2-1-1 to register for evacuation assistance.

The City will notify you of an evacuation order through local media and the City's phone notification system. Listen to instructions from local officials for information on evacuation times and routes. Evacuations will be ordered by Zip-Zone, as seen in the Hurricane Evacuation Map below. If you have to evacuate, take your emergency supply kit with you. After the storm, stay at your destination until advised to return home by local officials.

*View the full  
Evacuation Zip-Zone Map  
at [lpoem.org](http://lpoem.org)*



## Hurricane Evacuation Zip-Zones Coastal, A, B, C

ZIP ZONE COASTAL				
77414s	77422s	77465s	77534s	77541
77550	77551	77554	77563	77577s
77623				
ZIP ZONE A				
77058s	77510	77514s	77518	77539
77563	77565	77568	77573	77586
77590	77591			
ZIP ZONE B				
77058n	77059	77062	77414n	77422n
77465n	77507	77511	77514n	77515
77517	77520	77523	77531	77534n
77546n	77546s	77560	77566	77571
77577n	77597	77598	77665	
ZIP ZONE C				
77011	77012	77013	77015	77017
77023	77029	77034	77049	77061
77075	77087	77089	77430	77444
77480	77486	77502	77503	77504
77505	77506	77521	77530	77535
77536	77547	77562	77578	77581
77583	77584	77587		

Some zip codes are split into north (n) and south (s) for evacuation purposes.

### Route Designation

- Evacuation Corridors
- Evacuation Connections
- Other Roads
- County Boundary

# DO YOU OR A LOVED ONE NEED HELP EVACUATING?

Consider what you would do during an evacuation. If you do not have a vehicle, cannot drive, or cannot make transportation arrangements with family or friends, dial 2-1-1 to register for evacuation assistance prior to hurricane season.

If you have pets, take them with you during an evacuation. Share your emergency plan with your personal support network and keep copies of the plan in your wallet and emergency supply kit.

## CREATE A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN *Are You Prepared?*

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services - water, gas, electricity, or telephones - were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. Families can, and do, cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together as a team.

### CREATING YOUR PLAN STARTS WITH ONE QUESTION - WHAT IF?

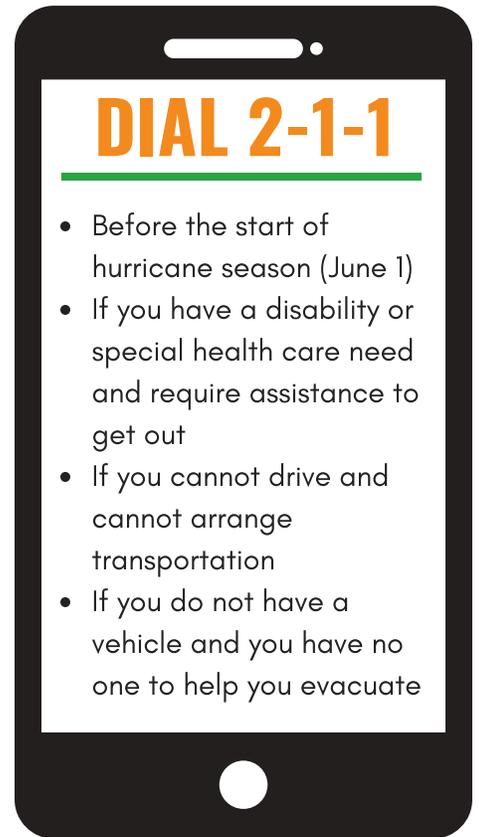
"What if something happens and I'm not with my family?" "Will I be able to reach them?" "How will I know they are safe?" "How can I let them know I'm OK?"

### HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE?

Communication networks, such as mobile phones and computers, could be unreliable during disasters, and electricity could be disrupted. Planning in advance will help ensure that all the members of your household know how to reach each other and where to meet up in an emergency.

### DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS!

It is important to include a plan for your pets when creating your family disaster plan. Consider what you would do with your pets during a Shelter-in-Place or an evacuation. If you are told to evacuate, take your pets with you. When considering where to go in the event of an evacuation, identify locations that are pet-friendly ahead of time. Keep in mind that pets may not be allowed in certain hotels and shelters.





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# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The new "Ready LP" app presented by the LEPC puts important information right at your fingertips. Download the free app today to get emergency preparedness information to help you and your family become better prepared!

- Receive alerts and important information from the City of La Porte.
- Sign up for your City's phone notification system to receive updates from the City by phone, text message and email.
- View the area plant and community alarm test schedules.
- Watch the Shelter-in-Place how-to videos to teach your family what actions to take during a chemical emergency.



There's an app for that!



ARE YOU #READYLP?

- ✓ GET A KIT
- ✓ MAKE A PLAN
- ✓ STAY CONNECTED

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