



# Parish of Ascension

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## **Ascension Parish Emergency Management Officials to Open Hazardous Weather Shelter in advance of TS Barry**

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish Emergency Management officials will open a shelter at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, 9039 S. St. Landry Road, Gonzales – Trademart Building, at 8pm tonight, Friday, July 12, 2019. The shelter is for Ascension Parish residents, especially those residing in low-lying, flood prone areas. Officials encourage residents choosing to seek higher ground to do so before midnight tonight. The shelter will open as a short-term, 24 to 48 hour refuge until the threat of hazardous weather has passed. Residents who choose to shelter are encouraged to bring food, water, bedding, medications, and any comfort items to self-sustain for 24 to 48 hours. The shelter will open as a short term, hazardous weather alternative only. No pets. Residents with pets are encouraged to visit [www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com) for pet friendly accommodations.

The NWS has projected heavy rainfall for Ascension Parish through Monday with possible isolated flash flooding, moderate winds and possible vegetation damage.

All sand bag locations remain open.

Parish officials said Marvin Braud Pump Station pumps are manned and functional.

Henderson Bayou Pump Station pumps are manned and functional, while pumps at Conway are also manned and functional.

Officials said mobile pumps have been prepositioned in flood prone areas.

AP OHSEP Director Rick Webre is urging residents with medical special needs to register for Everbridge (a mass notification system) by calling 225-450-1200.

All residents with inquiries during the storm may call the emergency operations call center at 225-450-1200.

Parish Department of Public Works and East Ascension Drainage Department personnel are at the ready, while parish waterways are being monitored, said parish officials.

OHSEP has initiated an online map to show citizens exactly where sand bag locations are located, as well as other preparedness and response measures that may occur due to Tropical Storm Barry. The map can be viewed at: <http://esp.apgov.us>.