

Urgent Weather Message from NWS New Orleans

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MESSAGE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEW ORLEANS
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1011 AM CDT SUN AUG 28 2005

DEVASTATING DAMAGE EXPECTED

**HURRICANE KATRINA MOST POWERFUL HURRICANE
WITH UNPRECEDENTED STRENGTH...RIVALING THE
INTENSITY OF HURRICANE CAMILLE OF 1969. MOST
OF THE AREA WILL BE UNINHABITABLE FOR
WEEKS...PERHAPS LONGER. ATLEAST ONE HALF OF
WELL CONSTRUCTED HOMES WILL HAVE ROOF AND WALL
FAILURE. ALL GABLED ROOFS WILL FAIL...LEAVING
THOSE HOMES SEVERELY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.THE
MAJORITY OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WILL BECOME
NON FUNCTIONAL.PARTIAL TO COMPLETE WALL AND
ROOF FAILURE IS EXPECTED. ALL WOOD FRAMED LOW
RISING APARTMENT BUILDINGS WILL BE DESTROYED.**

**CONCRETE BLOCK LOW RISE APARTMENTS WILL
SUSTAIN MAJOR DAMAGE...INCLUDING SOME WALL AND
ROOF FAILURE. HIGH RISE OFFICE AND APARTMENT
BUILDINGS WILL SWAY DANGEROUSLY...A FEW TO THE
POINT OF TOTAL COLLAPSE. ALL WINDOWS WILL BLOW
OUT. AIRBORNE DEBRIS WILL BE WIDESPREAD...AND
MAY INCLUDE HEAVY ITEMS SUCH AS HOUSEHOLD
APPLIANCES AND EVEN LIGHT VEHICLES. SPORT
UTILITY VEHICLES AND LIGHT TRUCKS WILL BE
MOVED. THE BLOWN DEBRIS WILL CREATE ADDITIONAL
DESTRUCTION. PERSONS...PETS...**

**AND LIVESTOCK EXPOSED TO THE WINDS WILL FACE
CERTAIN DEATH IF STRUCK. POWER OUTAGES WILL**

LAST FOR WEEKS...AS MOST POWER POLES WILL BE
DOWN AND TRANSFORMERS DESTROYED. WATER
SHORTAGES WILL MAKE HUMAN SUFFERING INCREDIBLE
BY MODERN STANDARDS.THE VAST MAJORITY OF
NATIVE TREES WILL BE SNAPPED OR UPROOTED. ONLY
THE HEARTIEST WILL REMAIN STANDING...

BUT BE TOTALLY DEFOLIATED. FEWCROPS WILL
REMAIN. LIVESTOCK LEFT EXPOSED TO THE WINDS
WILL BEKILLED.AN INLAND HURRICANE WIND WARNING
IS ISSUED WHEN SUSTAINED WINDS NEARHURRICANE
FORCE...OR FREQUENT GUSTS AT OR ABOVE
HURRICANE FORCE..

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HOURS.ONCE TROPICAL STORM AND HURRICANE FORCE
WINDS ONSET...DO NOT VENTUREOUTSIDE!LAZ038-
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LOWER JEFFERSON-LOWER LAFOURCHE-LOWER
PLAQUEMINES-LOWER ST. BERNARD-LOWER
TERREBONNE-ORLEANS-ST. CHARLES-ST. JAMES-ST.
JOHN THE BAPTIST-ST. TAMMANY-TANGIPAHOA-UPPER
JEFFERSON-UPPER LAFOURCHE-UPPER PLAQUEMINES-
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