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<p>City and Date of the Press Release --><span style="font-weight: bold">ST. CHARLES PARISH (September 3, 2011) </span>- St. Charles Parish is dealing with a handful of flooded streets and downed trees and powerlines this morning due to Tropical Storm Lee.<br />

Street flooding has occurred in the towns of Luling, St. Rose and Boutte. There are no reports of flooded homes in the parish and no road closures at this time.<br />

St. Charles Parish continues to urge its residents to monitor weather reports and prepare for 10 to 15 inches of rainfall through Tuesday; and up to 20 inches in isolated areas. The parish will continue to see squalls pass through that could produce additional tornado warnings. Officials are asking residents to refrain from driving today, if possible.<br />

Residents are asked to report any flooded streets, downed trees, power lines, debris piles and/or blocked culverts and drains to EOC (985) 783-5050.<br />

In addition, residents are asked to refrain from sewer usage, such as clothes washing, dishwashing, etc. to prevent sewer backups within the parish.<br />

Residents should also have an emergency supply kit stocked with nonperishable food, water and flashlights to be prepared for the possibility of power outages. As of 9:30 a.m., Entergy was reporting about 140 customers out of power in St. Charles Parish.<br />

Parish drainage and wastewater crews have been placed on emergency shifts and are monitoring drainage and pump station operations continuously. All pumps have been inspected and are operational.<br />

Sand and sandbags are available at over 30 locations around the parish. A list may be found at stcharlesparish-la.gov/hurricane.

Please also visit www.stcharlesparish-la.gov for the most up-to-date information on Tropical Storm Lee. Entergy customers can also call 1-800-ENTERGY or (985) 783-5050 for information regarding power outages.<br />

If you are in need of sandbags, please call (985) 301-7830. Do not call 911. Please also visit the website www.stcharlesparish-la.gov/hurricane for the most up-to-date information on Tropical Storm Lee. Entergy customers can also call 1-800-ENTERGY or (985) 783-5050 for information regarding power outages. It is illegal to illegally block culverts with debris or sandbags for personal use. To report such illegal activities, please call 911. It is illegal to illegally block culverts with debris or sandbags for personal use. To report such illegal activities, please call 911.
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