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SEWER SYSTEM STATUS: We continue to ask residents cut down on sewerage usage as widespread power outages are causing sewer backups. This includes activities such as taking showers, washing clothes, washing dishes, flushing, etc. As residents return and the system gets more use, backups will become more of an issue. We will continue to request this of our residents until power is fully restored across the parish. Tap water remains SAFE in St. Charles Parish.

RED CROSS ASSISTANCE: St. Charles Parish has provided a list of damaged homes to the Red Cross, which will be sending outreach teams to those locations to offer assistance beginning today. Those needing Red Cross assistance can call 1-866-GET-INFO.

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE: Parish President V.J. St. Pierre has asked Gov. Jindal to intervene with FEMA to allow St. Charles Parish residents to apply for individual FEMA assistance. At this time residents may pre-apply for disaster food stamps should the program become available in SCP by calling 1-888-524-3578 or visiting dss.louisiana.gov.

POWER UPDATE: As of this morning, 40 percent of the parish has power. Entergy has 250 linemen in the area, 130 tree trimmers and 24 scouts. The current estimate to have power restored to the entire parish is by the end of the day Monday. Please note crews do not always have to be in your neighborhood to restore power to your home. We are posting areas where power has been restored at stcharlesgov.blogspot.com.

GARBAGE PICKUP: Regular residential garbage pickup has resumed as of Aug. 31. This is for cans and bagged