



**"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"**

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## **Sewerage and Water Board Pumping Stations Staffed and Fully Operational In Advance of Severe Weather Forecasted**

Sewerage and Water Board wants New Orleans residents to know that in advance of severe weather forecasted by the National Weather Service for the holiday weekend, all 24 pumping stations are staffed and fully operational.

S&WB crews regularly inspect and clean out large debris that may obstruct drainage at the pumping stations. While this is routine maintenance, crews are always dispatched to inspect and clean out large debris in anticipation of approaching bad weather.

We would remind residents to remove all trash, leaves and/or debris that would block their drainage catch basins.

In addition, we would remind residents that our drainage system is capable of removing one inch of rain in the first hour of an event and one half inch per hour thereafter. Another way to look at this – S&WB will handle the first 1,300,000,000 gallons of water that falls every hour in New Orleans. Localized flooding may occur if we receive more than 1.3 billion gallons of rain in any single hour.

Again, the S&WB is prepared for the advancing severe weather. The preparation is part of the Board's year round continuous drainage operations and planning.

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