



**“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 Tropical Storm Cindy**

Sewerage and Water Board wants New Orleans residents to know that in advance of Tropical Storm Cindy forecasted by the National Weather Service, all 24 pumping stations with its 120 pumps have been tested, staffed and are fully operational.

S&WB crews have already inspected and cleaned out large debris that can obstruct drainage at the pumping stations. This is routine maintenance as crews are always dispatched to inspect and clean out large debris in anticipation of approaching bad weather.

You can help by cleaning out your catch basins ahead of the storm. Removing trash, leaves, and debris will help prevent water from pooling in your streets and allow the drainage system to do its job.

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. In other words, S&WB can drain up to 1,300,000,000 gallons of water within the first hour. If we receive more than 1.3 billion gallons of rain in any single hour, localized flooding may occur.

We ask that drivers be mindful of road conditions – especially around underpasses. If there is standing water, it may be deeper than it appears.

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

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