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Beauregard officials issue strong recommendation to evacuate for residents in low-lying areas, mobile homes

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Due to the National Weather Service's latest forecast for Hurricane Laura, Beauregard Parish officials are issuing a strong recommendation to evacuate for residents living in low-lying areas and those living in mobile homes or travel trailers.

Forecasters warn that Laura will be a major water and wind event. Please consider this warning when making your plans. **Officials advise that if residents plan on leaving, they should do so on Tuesday.**

Parish officials have said that if residents remain in their homes during the storm, there will be a period of time — up to 72 hours — when emergency officials will not be able to assist them.

The recommendation was issued Tuesday morning by the Beauregard Parish Unified Command Group, which includes officials with the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Beauregard Parish Police Jury, Town of Merryville, City of DeRidder and Beauregard Parish School Board.