



*The District Attorney's
Disaster Response Team says:*

DON'T BE A VICTIM!

Facts on post-hurricane price gouging

- ✓ In the weeks following Hurricane Katrina, prices sharply increased for some construction services, tree work, ice, gasoline, generators, hotels, building supplies, and rentals and leases of goods and services.
- ✓ Price gouging rules apply to vendors during a declared emergency in an affected area, such as Mobile County.
- ✓ A price gouger sells products or services for a price more than 25% over what the average price for the product or service was during the 30 days before the emergency.
- ✓ Higher prices may be justified if the vendor's supplier experiences increased costs due to factors other than supply and demand.

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REPORT SUSPECTED PRICE GOUGING

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The District Attorney's Disaster Response Team is a network of Mobile County's leading financial institutions, business and professional organizations, government agencies and law enforcement officials working together to help protect victims of Hurricane Katrina.

We urge all our citizens to remain vigilant, to protect themselves, and to report all suspected crime as we repair and rebuild Mobile County in the coming months.

-- District Attorney John M. Tyson Jr.