

Roto-Rooter Monroe Reveals Plumber Insights As NOAA Forecasts Wetter Winter

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Roto-Rooter Monroe shares plumber insights on how a wetter winter could strain home drainage across Louisiana, following the release of NOAA?s 2026-2027 Winter Outlook. The forecast renews attention to the effects of heavy rain on household plumbing, from yard drainage to sewer connections. Homeowners have several weeks to prepare before the forecast period begins in December.

NOAA issued the outlook on Oct. 15, covering December through February. It describes a winter shaped by a very strong El Niño, with wetter-than-average conditions favored across the southern tier of the United States, including Louisiana. National Weather Service Director Ken Graham said a very strong El Niño will likely shift the jet stream south and east, which makes stormier conditions more likely across the South.

He added that additional rain and snow could ease drought in some areas, but heavy precipitation falling on dry ground can still produce damaging flash floods and mudslides. Roto-Rooter Monroe notes that a wet season's plumbing effects usually start outdoors. Storm runoff gathers around foundations, flows into exterior

drains carrying leaves and soil, and soaks the ground surrounding buried pipes.

Soil conditions add to the strain. Clay-rich ground can swell when saturated and shrink as it dries, and that repeated movement may stress the joints in older drain and supply lines. Joints are a common point of stress because they connect separate pipe sections that may not move together as the ground shifts.

Autumn is a practical time to prepare, according to the company, because fallen leaves can collect in gutters, downspouts, and yard drains just as the wetter months approach. Clearing those paths and extending downspouts away from the foundation lets stormwater move off the property instead of pooling beside the house. Blocked gutters can overflow along the roofline and drop water directly beside the foundation.

Indoor warning signs can appear during or after a storm. Slow drains in several fixtures at once, gurgling from toilets or tubs, and sewage odors can point to a partial blockage in the main sewer line. A licensed plumber in Monroe, LA, can inspect the line with a camera to locate the problem.

Heavy rain can also push excess flow into municipal sewer lines. When those lines reach capacity, wastewater can back up into connected homes, surfacing first at floor drains and ground-level fixtures because they sit lowest in the system. Even a home with a clear sewer line can be affected when the municipal system is overloaded.

Roto-Rooter Monroe recommends locating the sewer cleanout before heavy rain arrives and keeping it accessible. An accessible cleanout gives a plumber direct access to the line if a backup develops, which can shorten the time needed to restore flow. Limiting heavy water use during a storm, such as running multiple laundry loads, can also reduce the volume sent into a line that may already be running full.

Households that notice slow drainage after the rain stops should schedule an inspection rather than waiting for the problem to worsen. Persistent wet areas in the yard are another indicator. Standing water that lingers for days after rainfall can result from poor surface grading, but it can also reveal a leaking or broken underground line, which is why a professional assessment can separate the two causes.

NOAA?s outlook describes probabilities, not certainties, and rainfall totals vary by location. Any single storm can still stress drainage, whether or not the forecast proves accurate. The plumber insights outlined here, such as clearing drainage paths and locating the cleanout, apply to any heavy rain event.

Roto-Rooter Monroe is a family-owned plumbing company that has served the Monroe, LA community for about five decades. The company is an active member of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors

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