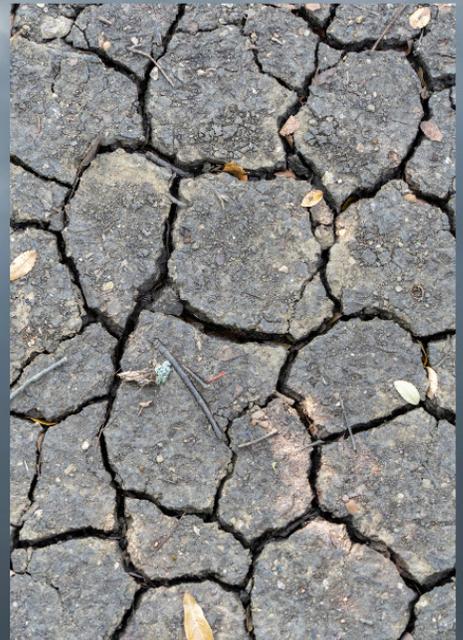
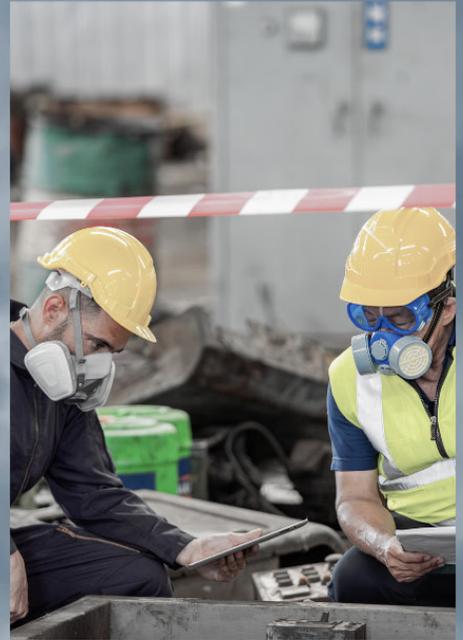


# The Official Brazoria County DISASTER GUIDE



**Preparedness Saves Lives**  
**Are You Prepared?**

# BRAZORIA COUNTY PREPARED

Dear Citizens of Brazoria County,

As we navigate through another year, it's important to take a moment to ensure your readiness for potential disasters.

I urge you to spare a few minutes to review this Disaster and Hurricane Guide. Within its pages, lies invaluable information that could potentially save your life or the lives of your loved ones. Understanding your vulnerabilities and knowing the necessary actions to take in the face of an emergency is crucial.

Stay vigilant and stay informed. It's essential to rely on reliable information sources to make well-informed decisions. Preparedness is the cornerstone of safeguarding your family and property in times of crisis.

Moreover, if you or someone you know will require transportation assistance during a mandatory evacuation, I encourage you to take proactive steps now. Register for the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (S.T.E.A.R) by simply dialing 2-1-1. While registration isn't mandatory, it ensures preparedness and peace of mind in case transportation becomes necessary.

Together, let's be proactive and vigilant in the face of potential disasters.

Be Prepared and Stay Safe, Brazoria County!

Sincerely,



L.M. "Matt" Sebesta, Jr.  
Brazoria County Judge



## BRAZORIA COUNTY Official Communication and Information

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 Brazoria County

 pio@brazoriacountytexas.gov

 www.brazoriacountytexas.gov

24 Hour Emergency Event Hotline  
Numbers:  
979-864-1064



Download the  
"Brazoria County Emergency Mgmt." App.  
Available on the App Store or Google Play.



# Download the Brazoria County Emergency Mgmt. App Today!

## **HELPING TO KEEP YOUR LOVED ONES SAFE**

When it comes to an emergency situation, having a plan can help protect you and your loved ones. That is why Brazoria County has developed a mobile app that helps its citizens stay informed during and after a disaster. You will receive the latest updates and necessary information on evacuation routes, shelters, available emergency services and much more, should a disaster strike.

Download the Brazoria County Emergency Mgmt. App and get all the information you need in one easy-to-use app.

## **Key Features:**

- ➔ Receive latest alerts and emergency notifications from Brazoria County.
- ➔ Find out about the nearest emergency shelters and special services in your area.
- ➔ A library of resources on your phone.
- ➔ Find out about the current river levels.
- ➔ Register for STEAR.



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## Prepare Your Home



- Install commercial shutters or prepare 5/8 inch plywood panels for your windows.
- Reinforce garage doors so that they are able to withstand high winds. Garage doors are frequently the first feature in a home to fail.
- Trim all dead wood, weak, and overhanging branches from trees as they could damage your or your neighbor's property.

### Before you leave

- Move outside items to safety, such as patio furniture, plants, and grills.
- Put valuable documents in waterproof containers and take them with you when you evacuate.
- Turn off electricity at the main circuit breaker or fuse box.
- Turn off gas at the appliances.
- Remove perishable items from your refrigerator and freezer.
- Make a final walk-through inspection before closing the door.
- Close all interior doors in your home.



## Prepare Your Vehicle

- Fill up with fuel before you leave town. It's smart to keep your tank at least half full during the entire hurricane season.
- Check your vehicle's fluid levels and ensure there is adequate coolant in the radiator.
- Check your tire pressure.
- Ensure you have a jack, a lug wrench, and know where they are in the vehicle.
- Carry enough water and non-perishable food for you and your passengers in case you become stranded.
- Have a working flashlight and extra batteries.
- If you are stranded, stay with your vehicle and use emergency flashers. Tie a white cloth on the antenna or door handle and raise the hood.
- Motorists should fill their tanks before evacuating.
- TxDOT works with the private sector to assure fuel availability on designated evacuations routes only.
- TxDOT courtesy vehicles will be patrolling designated evacuation routes for those stranded.



### If you're traveling with children be sure to pack items to help keep them entertained

- Reading materials, puzzle, games, coloring books, and electronics with extra chargers and batteries.
- Fun road games like Highway BINGO and I Spy.
- Go Online to find lists and ideas.
- Low sugar snacks and sugar free drinks.
- Change of clothes.



## Family Disaster Checklist

### Essentials

- Cell phone and charger
- This guide
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlight
- Extra Batteries
- Cash
- Map of the area

### Baby Needs

- Formula
- Diapers
- Bottles
- Medication
- Powdered milk

### Medical Needs

- Insulin
- Prescription drugs in original containers
- Heart and high blood pressure needs
- Denture needs
- Extra eye glasses
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Doctor's phone numbers

### Clothing & Bedding

- Plastic garbage bags, ties
- Sunglasses
- Rain gear
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Complete change of clothing and footwear per person

### Cooking Preparation

- Mess kits or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Non-electric can opener, utility knife
- Barbecue for outdoor use only with charcoal and lighter, or sterno stove
- Pot or pan
- Manual can opener
- Barbecue utensils and cooking utensils

### Entertainment

- Games & books

### Safety

- First Aid Kit (one for your home and one for each car)
- Fire Extinguisher
- Whistle
- Compass

### Food

- Minimum 7-day supply of nonperishable food that requires no refrigeration or preparation, and little or no water
- Dry cereal
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Canned juice
- Ready-to-eat canned meats
- Ready-to-eat soups (not concentrated)
- Quick energy snacks
- Graham crackers

### Important documents

- Important telephone numbers, i.e. family members, doctor, etc.
- Record of bank account numbers
- Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
- Inventory of household valuables with digital pictures and video
- Copy of will, insurance policies
- Records of credit card account numbers and companies
- Current Utility Bills

### Pet Needs

- Food
- Leash
- Collar/harness
- Carrier
- Non-tip food and water containers
- Pet health records
- Pet medication

### Water

- 1 gallon per person, per day, minimum, in a food-grade, plastic container
- Additional water for sanitation

### Sanitation

- Disinfectant
- Household chlorine bleach
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Toilet paper, towelettes, paper towels
- Personal hygiene items
- Cloth towels (at least 3)
- Feminine supplies
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation use)
- Hand Sanitizer

### Supplies

- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Aluminum Foil
- Paper, Pencil
- Plastic sheeting and tarp
- Medicine dropper
- Needles, thread
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Plastic storage containers
- Ziplock bags

### Tools

- Assorted nails, wood screws
- Pliers, screwdriver, hammer
- Heavy rope
- Tape, duct tape and plumber's tape or strap iron
- Patch kit and can of seal-in-air for tires
- Shut off wrench to turn off household gas & water

### You may include

- Family photos
- An external hard drive
- Jewelry

## Boat Marine Preparation

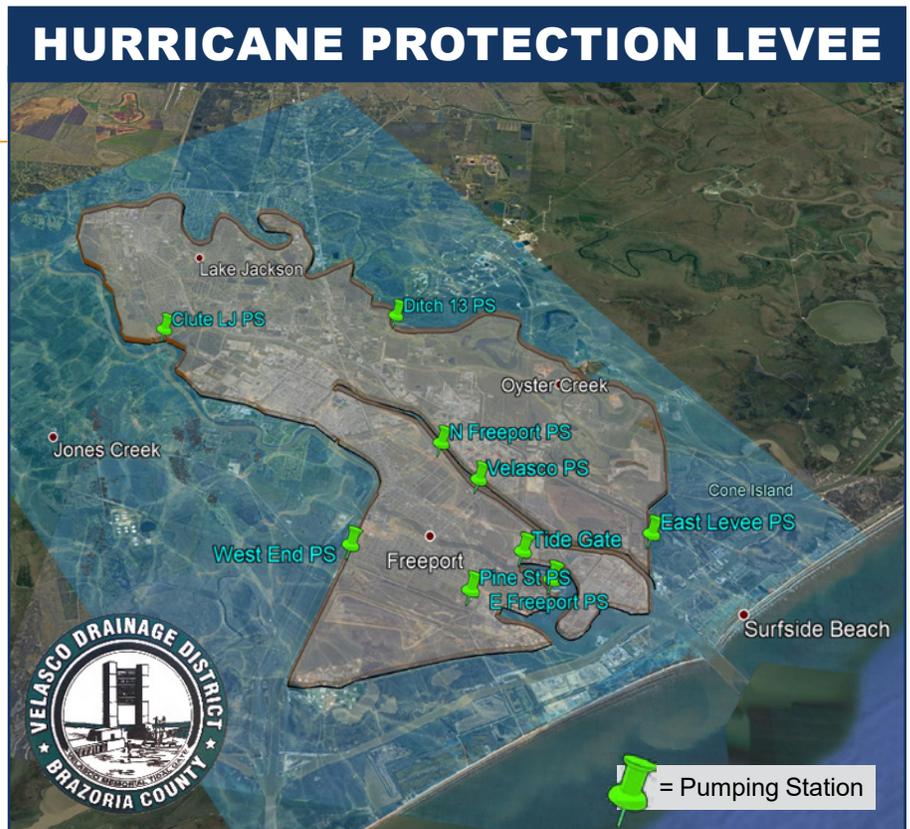
- Check your marina contract for policies and procedures for hurricanes.
- Check with the manufacturer for proper ways to secure your boat during a storm.
- Consider moving arrangements well in advance of an approaching storm.
- Trailerable boats should be removed from the water and securely stored at least 48-hours before a hurricane is expected to make landfall.
- Purchase necessary hurricane materials such as additional mooring lines, crew anchors, fenders, fender boards, chafing gear, and anchors.
- Safe storm moorings should consist of good condition ropes of sufficient diameter and length, with at least three or four substantial anchor points.
- Do not moor parallel to bank. Receding tides often capsize boats in this type of mooring.

## Business & Employee Preparation

- Identify and protect vital records. Backup and store key files off site.
- Protect electronic equipment from possible water damage.
- Have extra cash and blank checks in case extra money is needed after the storm.
- Identify a safe room for employees who must remain in the building.
- Develop a 24-hour emergency contact list with phone numbers for employees to check in and receive company information.
- Establish a temporary location for business operations in case your facility is damaged.
- Give employees enough time to secure their homes and families.
- Consider paying employees before they leave to prepare their homes.

## Do you live in a flood-prone area?

- Determine if you live behind a levee, find out who owns the levee near you, and do your part to promote levee safety.
- Visualize the impact if your levee is over-topped or breached and your neighborhood is flooded.
- Develop an emergency action plan to follow in case of flooding.
- Take advance precautions to reduce potential flood damage.
- Support funding initiatives for levee improvement projects.



# How to prepare for a flood

### *Be Informed*

- Know if you are located in a flood-prone area and your flood risk.
- Stay informed through local media, trusted social media sites, the Brazoria County Emergency Management App, city and county websites.

### *Buy Flood Insurance*

- Remember, there is a 30 day waiting period before newly purchased flood insurance goes into effect. Don't wait!
- Most homeowners insurance policies DO NOT cover flooding.
- To purchase flood insurance, call your insurance company or agent.
- If you need help finding a provider, go to [FloodSmart.gov/flood-insurance-provider](http://FloodSmart.gov/flood-insurance-provider) or call National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at 877-336-2627.

### *If you have pets or livestock*

- Consider precautionary evacuation of your animals. Waiting until the last minute could be fatal for them and dangerous for you.
- Move livestock to higher ground.
- Don't leave companion animals behind if you evacuate your home. Tying up animals can cause the animal to suffer unnecessarily and be vulnerable to the elements and possible drowning.
- Prepare an animal emergency kit. The kit should include food, bowl, leash, crate, bed, toys and any medication your animal may need.

### *Protect your home*

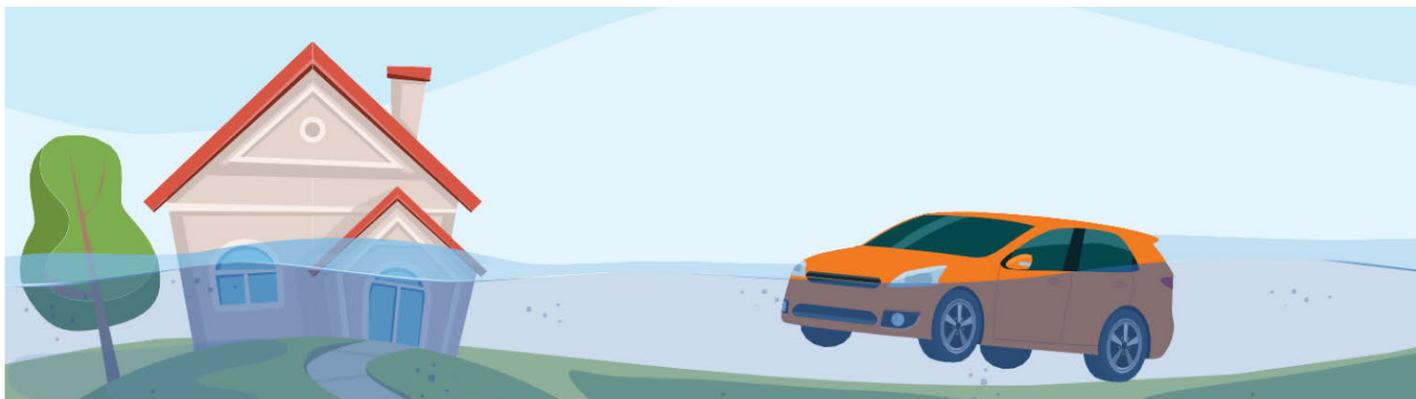
- Clear gutters and drains. Keep gutter and drainage systems clear to carry water away from your home.
- Catalog possessions. Using a digital camcorder or camera, create a home inventory for insurance. Store digital files on a USB drive and take it with you during an evacuation event.
- Raise furniture and move expensive items to a safe location. Take irreplaceable items such as photographs and important documents with you if asked to evacuate.
- Anchor your fuel tanks. Unanchored tanks can float, rupture, and release fuel.
- Turn off your electricity at the breaker box and unplug sensitive equipment, such as computers, TV's, etc. before evacuating your home.

### *Be prepared to evacuate*

- If Mandatory Evacuation is issued by officials, leave the area for your safety and the safety of your family. REMEMBER, take your animals with you.
- For your safety, you will not be able to re-enter an evacuated area until area is deemed safe to return by local officials.

### *Turn around don't drown*

- Do not drive into or go near flooded streets or areas.
- Do not go around safety barriers or barricades.



## Evacuation Plans

### *How do I know when to evacuate?*

**Don't wait! It is NOT safe to wait. Plan to leave early.** Mandatory evacuation orders will come from your local officials. Evacuations will be based on zip codes. Please be prepared to leave immediately. See pages 18–20 for specific information pertaining to your city's contact information.

### *Should I evacuate?*

Do not wait until a mandatory evacuation is issued. Monitor conditions and leave early to avoid heavy traffic. Hurricanes and disasters can be extremely unpredictable and can become much more dangerous in a matter of hours.

### *Where should I go?*

You may evacuate to any city you choose. Brazoria County residents who need shelter should go to the state designated location. If you do not have hotel reservations or family you can stay with, you may evacuate to the state designated shelters for Brazoria County.



### *What route should I take?*

There are no mandatory routes you must take when evacuating from your city. In fact, there are several different routes you may take. When weather is good, take your family on an outing to check routes and become familiar with roadways and fuel locations.

The State has designated evacuation routes: SH-36, SH-288, SH-6, I-45, SH-290, HWY-59. If you choose to take an alternate route, essential services such as food, fuel, etc. are not guaranteed. Depending on the strength of the storm, contra-flow lanes might be open on SH-45, I-10, and SH-290 thirty-six (36) hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds. Plan your evacuation routes carefully (having more than one route planned).



### *If you choose not to evacuate during a mandatory evacuation:*

- **NO SHELTERS** will be open in Brazoria County.
- **NO SERVICES** will be available to you (sewer, water, electricity, etc).
- Hospitals will close.
- Ambulances will not run.
- **Police and fire cannot respond until the storm passes.**

### *Should I carry food and drinks in my car?*

Yes! Stopping for food or drinks during a large scale evacuation may significantly delay you in getting to your destination. Some restaurants and stores along hurricane routes may be closed and those that are open are likely to be very crowded. Additionally, once you leave the evacuation route to purchase food or drinks, it may be difficult to re-enter the flow of traffic.

### *What can I do to help others?*

Check on friends, neighbors and assist them if you can to make sure they can evacuate. If you cannot, help them get in touch with the local emergency management office.

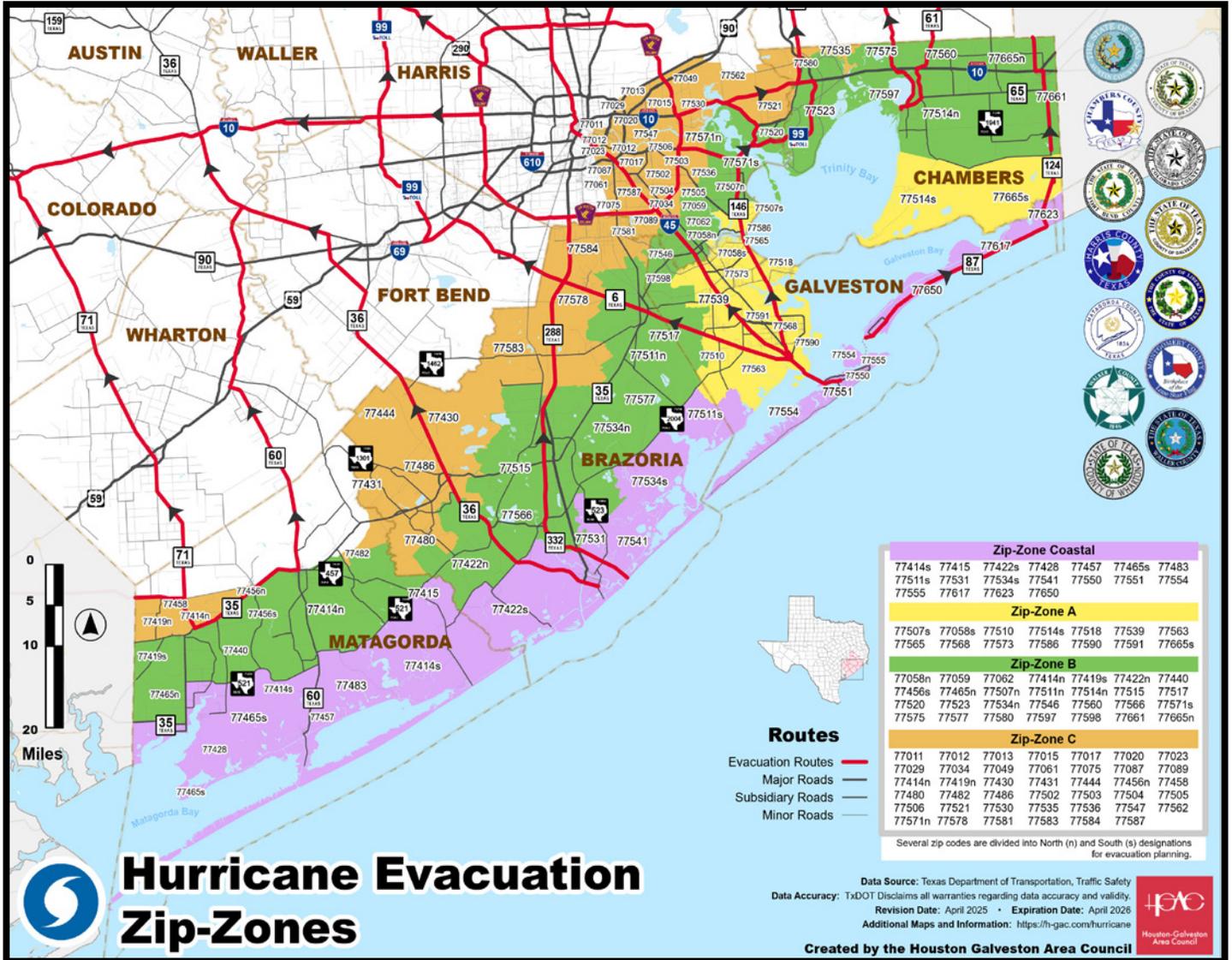
### *When evacuating you should:*

- **Leave early and avoid heavy traffic.**
- Coordinate your departure with the people who will be traveling with you.
- Notify an out-of-area person of your evacuation plans.
- Make arrangements for your pets.
- Pack your disaster supply kit into your vehicle.
- Secure your home.
- Double check your evacuation route and leave.



# Know Your Evacuation Zone

Mandatory evacuations will be based on zip codes. Be prepared to leave immediately after your zip code is called.



Scan to check COUNTY road conditions online.



Scan to check STATE road conditions online.

[www.drivetexas.org](http://www.drivetexas.org)

1-800-452-9292

# IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION

## Evacuating Pets



All food and medication must be provided by owner. If you have questions, please contact your local emergency manager (pages 18–20).

- As a general rule, pets will be sheltered separately with the exception of service animals that must stay with their owners.
- If you are evacuating to a hotel, ask about pet policies that might exist. Not all facilities accept animals.
- All animals must be housed in a sturdy plastic or metal cage.
- All food/medication must be provided by owner.

### Important pet supplies:

- Medications
- Food and water
- Non-tip food and water containers
- Leash/collar, harness, and carrier
- Records of vaccinations
- Hand sanitizer
- Waste disposal bags
- Training pads
- Towel or blanket



## Evacuating Livestock



### Where to Go?

If you have friends or family who have a place to board your livestock, that is your best option. Public shelters are temporary, lasting maybe a few days. The state designated location can accommodate high value livestock, horses, show animals, youth animal projects, etc.

When evacuating livestock out of the county, contact AgriLife Extension (979) 864-1558 for livestock information and designated shelter locations. Livestock evacuation shelters provide **ONLY** shelter and water. Feed and hay are the owner's responsibility.



### Brazoria County Livestock Evacuation Information:

Contact the Brazoria County AgriLife Extension Office at

979-864-1558

## What to Expect in an Emergency Shelter

When disasters occur, the county or state may provide a safe refuge in temporary emergency shelters. These shelters can be located in schools, churches, office buildings or other facilities. General population shelters are stocked with basic need essentials, such as food, water, and a warm place to sleep. Keep in mind, a shelter will not be able to provide the same level of comforts of home or a hotel. Shelters can be noisy, crowded, boring, short-staffed, and are not secure for personal items. If you are able, staying with friends or relatives is a better choice.

*Don't forget your animals supplies and necessities!*



Photo provided by ASPCA

## Items to Bring to an Emergency Shelter:



- Identification
- Important documents
- Blankets/sleeping bags, pillows
- Cards/games/books to pass the hours
- Cell phone and charger
- Medical equipment, i.e. oxygen/wheelchair
- Extra clothing
- Specialty snacks and juices for dietary needs
- Hygiene supplies
- Shower shoes
- Basic snacks
- Folding chairs
- Other comfort items as needed
- Pets **ONLY** in carriers
- Pet health records
- No alcohol or illegal drugs are allowed in public shelters.
- Padlocks for securing items
- Refer to page 3 for a full checklist



# S.T.E.A.R. REGISTRY

State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry

***If you need a ride to safety during an emergency, register with STEAR today!***

Do you or anyone you know need some assistance during an emergency event? The state of Texas presents the STEAR program. The STEAR program is a free registry that provides local emergency planners and emergency responders with additional information on the needs in their community. Texas communities use the registry information in different ways. Registering yourself in the STEAR registry **DOES NOT** guarantee that you will receive a specific service during an emergency. Registration is not a substitute for developing and maintaining your own family disaster plan.



## ***Who Should Register?***

- People with disabilities
- People who are medically fragile
- People with access and functional needs such as:
  - People who have limited mobility
  - People who have communication barriers
  - People who require additional medical assistance during an emergency event
  - People who require transportation assistance
  - People who require personal care assistance



## ***How To Register?***

- Register online at [State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry](#).
- Call 2-1-1 and a trained telephone operator will be able to take your information in minutes.

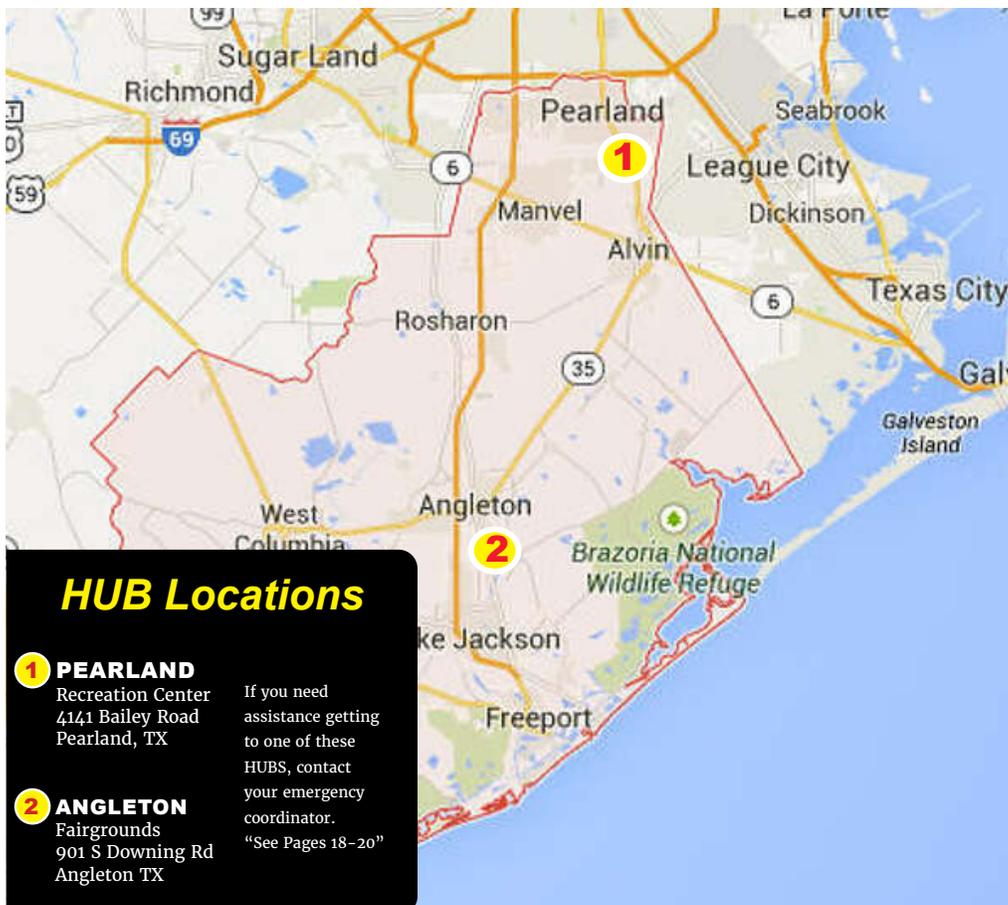


## Evacuation HUBS Transportation Information

### What should I bring with me?

- Medications for at least 10 days
- Driver's license or state issued picture ID
- Sleeping pads or air mattresses
- Blankets or a sleeping bag for each person
- Robe & shower shoes with toiletries
- Books, cards, games and QUIET toys for children
- Snacks
- Five days worth of clothing
- No more than two pieces of luggage and one carry-on bag per person.
- **NO alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed in HUBs or on buses.**

### Evacuation Hubs in Brazoria County

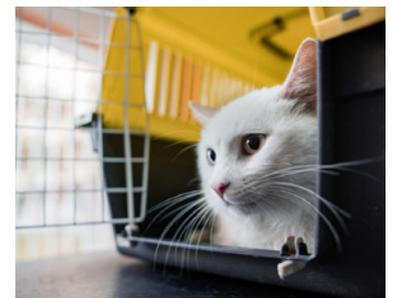


### Animal Evacuation on Public Transportation

- Only non-aggressive household pets will be permitted. No reptiles or farm animals.
- Up to two pets per household will be allowed on the bus. If you feel you **MUST** take more than two pets, please contact your city's local emergency manager **BEFORE** an evacuation is called.
- All animals **MUST** be transported and housed in a sturdy plastic or metal cage/transport device. No cardboard or partly enclosed devices will be allowed.
- Animals **MUST** remain secured in the travel device at **ALL TIMES** while on the bus and at the HUB.
- Pets **MUST** have current rabies shot records.
- Owners are responsible for supplying food, water and medication for their animals.
- We are not liable for any losses or injuries to your animals while being evacuated.

### Will my pet ride with me?

- HUB Coordinators have final say over all pet transports.
- As a general rule, pets will be transported with the owner. However, if a situation dictates, they may be transported in a separate vehicle.



## Severe Weather

### Thunderstorms

A thunderstorm is contains lightning caused by unstable atmospheric conditions. Thunderstorms may occur by themselves, in clusters, or in lines. So, it is possible for several thunderstorms to affect one location in the course of a few hours.

Severe thunderstorms can bring heavy rains, strong winds, hail, lightning, and tornadoes. To protect yourself in a severe thunderstorm, get inside a sturdy building away from windows and stay tuned to a battery-operated radio for weather information.

**Lightning**  
Do's and Don'ts

<p><b>Do</b></p> <p>Go Inside When You Hear Thunder or See Lightning!</p> <p>Find a Sturdy House, Building, Car With A Hard-Top Roof</p> <p>Stay Indoors For at Least 30 Minutes After You Last Hear Thunder</p>		<p><b>Don't</b></p> <p>Retreat to Dugouts, Sheds, Pavilions, Picnic Shelters or Other Small Structures</p> <p>Use or Touch Electronics, Outlets, or Corded Phones</p> <p>Go Under or Near Tall Trees, Swim or Be Near Water, Be Near Metal Objects or Windows</p>
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[weather.gov/lightning](http://weather.gov/lightning)

### Know The Difference

<b>Advisory</b>	Weather hazard is occurring, imminent, or likely. Could cause significant inconvenience. <b>Use Caution.</b>
<b>Watch</b>	Risk of weather hazard in the near future. Could pose a threat to life/property. <b>Have a Plan of Action.</b>
<b>Warning</b>	Weather hazard is occurring, imminent, or likely. Poses a threat to life/property. <b>Take Protective Action.</b>

### Flooding

Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States. Failing to evacuate flooded areas or entering flood waters can lead to injury or death. If you are under a flood warning:

- Find safe shelter right away.
- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters—Turn Around, Don't Drown!
- Six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.

Depending on the type of flooding:

- Evacuate if told to do so.
- Move to higher ground or a higher floor.
- Stay where you are.

Visit [www.ready.gov/floods](http://www.ready.gov/floods) for more information.

### Downed Power Lines

Always assume that a fallen power line is live, and follow these guidelines:

- Call 9-1-1 immediately to report a fallen power line.
- Avoid touching the downed line with your hand or an object, such as a stick, broom or pole.
- Avoid driving over a fallen power line.
- Keep children and pets away from fallen electric lines.



# ALL HAZARD INFORMATION

## Severe Weather Continued

**RIP CURRENTS**  
**Know your options**

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer away from shore. If at all possible, swim near a lifeguard.

### IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Relax, rip currents don't pull you under.
- ◆ Don't swim against the current.
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore.
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water.
- ◆ If you need help, yell or wave for assistance.

### SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim.
- ◆ Never swim alone.
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out.
- ◆ Swim near a lifeguard.

More information about rip currents can be found at the following websites:  
[weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent/](http://weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent/)  
[usla.org](http://usla.org)



## Practice HEAT SAFETY Wherever You Are

Heat related deaths are preventable. Protect yourself and others from the impacts of heat waves.

[weather.gov/heat](http://weather.gov/heat)

- Job Sites**  
Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade as often as possible
- Indoors**  
Check up on the elderly, sick and those without AC
- Vehicles**  
Never leave kids or pets unattended - LOOK before you LOCK
- Outdoors**  
Limit strenuous outdoor activities, find shade, and stay hydrated

### Four P's to Freeze Safety

- **People** - Check on your neighbors, especially those needing extra assistance during cold weather.
- **Pets** - Make sure your furry friends have a warm place to stay during the cold.
- **Plants** - Cover sensitive vegetation to avoid frost damage.
- **Pipes** - Insulate your pipes to prevent them from freezing and bursting.

### DURING COLD WEATHER REMEMBER THE 4 P'S

- PEOPLE**  
Dress Warm and Check on Neighbors and The Elderly.  

- PETS**  
Animals Should Be Brought Indoors or Provided a Warm Place to Sleep.  

- PLANTS**  
May Need to be Covered or Brought Inside to Avoid Frost Damage.  

- PIPES**  
Cover or Wrap Pipes Exposed to Cold Temperatures.  


## After a Hazardous Materials Incident

Hazardous materials can include flammable and combustible substances, poisons, and radioactive or explosive materials. Emergencies can happen at any time where you live, work or play. You are at risk when hazardous materials are released in harmful amounts.

**If you are within an area where hazardous materials are released, move to a safe location immediately, preferably upwind from the release, and notify emergency personnel.**

During a hazardous material emergency:

- Act quickly and move to a safe area upwind if possible.
- Notify emergency personnel about the hazardous material.
- Follow specific instructions from local authorities or emergency personnel.

If you are within the release area and asked to shelter in place, follow specific instructions from local authorities and emergency personnel. You might be instructed to do the following:

- Go inside your home, vehicle or building.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Turn off furnace, cooking appliances and air conditioners.

Remember:

- Act quickly.
- Notify emergency personnel.
- Follow all specific safety instructions



# CAER

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Founded in 1985, Community Awareness & Emergency Response (**CAER**) is an organization made up of more than 20 manufacturing companies. **CAER** serves the Brazosport and surrounding areas, promoting emergency planning in the event of an industrial emergency. **CAER** works to serve as the vital link between the community and industry.

## FAST FACTS

Brazosport **CAER** was the first industrial alert program of its kind in the nation.

The **CAER** ALERT SYSTEM consists of 11 strategically placed sirens in the Brazosport area that are tested each Monday at 12:10 pm for 60 seconds.

If you hear a siren at any other time, shelter in place as a precaution and contact **CAER** at 979-238-2237.

Sign up for alerts about industrial incidents requiring action from the community by visiting [www.brazosportcaer.com](http://www.brazosportcaer.com) and register for Code Red, a mobile, geo-targeted alert system.



[www.BRAZOSPORTCAER.COM](http://www.BRAZOSPORTCAER.COM)

979.238.CAER



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## AMATEUR RADIO



When your family's lives may be at risk...  
What communication system do YOU want to have?

### Amateur Radio Emergency Service Make friends and enjoy the challenge!

- Get your Ham Radio License.
- Practice with on-the-air "nets" or networks.
- Participate in public events.
- Volunteer and help others!
- Communication for disaster preparedness.
- Getting the message through for your friends and your family.

Website: [www.brazoriacountyares.org](http://www.brazoriacountyares.org)

Contact: [info@brazoriacountyares.org](mailto:info@brazoriacountyares.org)



## HOW CAN I HELP?

### BRAZORIA COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS NEEDS YOU!

In large emergencies, first responders can be quickly overwhelmed. Citizens on scene may need to take action to help save lives.

Citizen Corps will train you to prepare yourself, your family, and your neighbors for disasters.

The Brazoria County Citizen Corps has several key missions:

- Initial Neighborhood Response
- Staff Evacuation Hubs for an evacuation
- Help staff the Emergency Management Call Center
- Staff shelters during disasters
- And MUCH MORE!

### ALL TRAINING IS FREE!

Positions for everyone! Great for groups  
and organizations! Sign up today!

See our calendar at:

[www.homelandpreparedness.org](http://www.homelandpreparedness.org)  
or contact Homeland Preparedness  
Project at:

[info@homelandpreparedness.org](mailto:info@homelandpreparedness.org)

Or call 281-844-3653.



If you are interested in volunteering and/or supporting Salvation Army, Freeport Corps give them a call at (979) 233-5420, or drop by at 1618 N. Avenue J, Freeport, TX

## Storm Spotter Program

The National Weather Service issues forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property. Severe weather reports from weather spotters are critical for the issuance of accurate and timely warnings and thus contribute to public safety. Each year the NWS offers numerous weather spotter training sessions. Spotters are trained at how to report hazards such as hail, damaging winds, funnel clouds, tornadoes and flooding and how to identify cloud formations that indicate severe thunderstorms. The training is free, runs about two hours and is great for anyone who is interested in weather and wants to provide information directly to the National Weather Service. For more information on this program and to register for a course in your area visit [www.weather.gov/SKYWARN](http://www.weather.gov/SKYWARN).



www.weather.gov/SKYWARN.



# Returning Home



## Safety Tips for Your Return

Just as you had a plan to evacuate, you will want to be prepared to return home after officials give the all clear.

- Find out if it is safe to enter your community or neighborhood. Follow advice of local authorities.
- Check city and/or county websites.
- Check reliable social media sites. Ex. Brazoria County Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
- Have cash with you. ATM's may not work and stores may not be able to accept credit or debit cards.
- Bring supplies such as flashlights, batteries, bottled water and nonperishable foods in case utilities are out.
- Create back-up communication plans with family and friends in case you are unable to call from affected area.

- Plan for delays when traveling. Bring extra food, water, pillows, blankets and other items. Keep the fuel tank of your vehicle as full as possible.
- Carry a road map to help you route.
- Understand that recovery takes time. Focus on the positive and have patience.
- If possible, leave children and pets with a relative or friend. If not, keep them away from hazards and floodwater.
- Beware of rodents, snakes, insects and other animals that may be on your property or in your home.

[www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/tips-returning-home-safely-after-disaster](http://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/tips-returning-home-safely-after-disaster)

## Items to bring when returning home

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Government-issued photo ID and proof of address | <input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeved shirts, long pants, sturdy waterproof boots and work gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Important phone numbers                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight, portable radio, and extra batteries                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water and non-perishable foods          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cameras for photos of damage for insurance claims                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kits                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tarp(s) to cover roof damage and control leaks                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleanser/hand cleaning gel for personal use     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hygiene products and toilet paper               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent and sunscreen                  |   |

### WELL WATER TESTING AFTER A FLOOD

**Water wells that are inundated with flood water may be contaminated with bacteria, which can make you sick. Sources of bacteria may include a septic system and fecal matter from wildlife and domestic animals. Additionally, chemical contaminants can enter a well making the water unsafe to drink.**

**Well water can be tested at the Brazoria County Water Lab located at 409 East Orange, Angleton, Texas 77515. Water sample must be collected in a container from the lab.**

## Portable Generator Safety

When power has not been restored many people turn to generators for temporary power. Before using a portable generator know the risks to insure safe and proper use.

- Always keep generators at least 15 feet from your home and not in any closed or covered area.
- Always plug electrical appliances directly into the generator using the manufacturer's supplied cords or extension cords that are grounded (3-pronged).
- Inspect the cords to make sure they are fully intact and not damaged.
- Do not overload a generator.
- Make sure a generator is properly grounded.
- Keep a generator dry.
- Never refuel a generator while it is still on or hot.

# What to do after a flood

Returning home after a flood can be dangerous and difficult. Use caution when entering a disaster area, and be ready to deal with the conditions at hand.

## Turn Around. Don't Drown!

- Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded and watch out for debris, snakes, fire ants, alligators, etc.
- Flood waters often erode roads and walkways.
- Do not wade through flood waters.
- Do not attempt to drive through areas that are still flooded.
- Avoid standing water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Photograph damage to your property for insurance purposes.



[www.ready.gov/floods](http://www.ready.gov/floods)

# Separating Your Disaster Debris

## Separating Your Debris

Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

**NO PICKUP ZONE**  
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

**Normal Household Trash**  
Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.

**VEGETATIVE DEBRIS**  
• Leaves (do not put in bags)  
• Logs  
• Plants  
• Tree branches

**CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS**  
• Building materials  
• Carpet  
• Drywall  
• Furniture  
• Lumber  
• Mattresses  
• Plumbing

**APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS**  
• Air conditioners  
• Dishwashers  
• Freezers  
• Refrigerators  
• Stoves  
• Washers, dryers  
• Water heaters

**ELECTRONICS**  
• Computers  
• Radios  
• Stereos  
• Televisions  
• Other devices with a cord

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
• Cleaning supplies  
• Batteries  
• Lawn chemicals  
• Oils  
• Oil-based paints and stains  
• Pesticides

**DEBRIS SEPARATION**  
Separate debris into the six categories shown below.

**DO NOT STACK OR LEAN**  
Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

**UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?**  
If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.

For more information: [www.brazoriacountytx.gov](http://www.brazoriacountytx.gov)

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# COMMUNICATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION



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Brazoria County Emergency Mgmt." App.  
Available on the App Store or Google Play.

## Brazoria County



Emergency Management  
pio@brazoria-county.com  
24 Hour Hotline . . . . . 979-864-1064

www.brazoriacountytx.gov

## CAER



979-238-CAER (2237)  
www.brazosportcaer.com

## United Way of Brazoria County



979-849-9402  
www.uwbc.org

## Red Cross



American Red Cross

1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767)  
www.redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast

## Salvation Army



979-233-5420  
www.southernusa.salvationarmy.org/texas-freeport

## Alvin



Emergency Manager . . . . . 281-388-4363  
City Hall . . . . . 281-388-4200  
Mayor . . . . . 281-388-4275  
City Manager . . . . . 281-388-4230  
Public Works . . . . . 281-388-4325  
CableAccess Channel . . . . . Channel 16  
RADIO . . . . . KACC 89.7 FM  
www.alvin-tx.gov

## Angleton



Emergency Manager . . . . . 979-849-4364 x 2137  
City Hall . . . . . 979-849-4364  
Mayor . . . . . 979-849-4364  
City Manager . . . . . 979-849-4364  
Fire. . . . . 979-849-1265

www.angleton.tx.us

## Bailey's Prairie



Emergency Manager . . . . . 979-849-0134  
Village Hall . . . . . 979-849-0134  
Mayor . . . . . 979-849-0134

www.baileysprairie.org

## Bonney

Emergency Manager/Mayor . . . . . 281-595-2269  
City Hall . . . . . 281-595-2269

www.bonneytexas.gov

## Brazoria



Emergency Manager . . . . . 979-798-2489  
City Hall . . . . . 979-798-2489  
City Manager . . . . . 979-798-2489  
24 hr. Emergency Info. Line . . . . . 979-798-9131

www.cityofbrazoria.org

## Brookside Village



Emergency Management . . . . . 281-485-3048  
City Hall . . . . . 281-485-3048  
Mayor . . . . . 281-485-3048  
Police Chief. . . . . 281-485-4844

www.brooksidevillage-tx.org

## Clute



Emergency Management . . . . . 979-265-9653  
 Police Department 24 Hr Info. . . . . 979-265-6194  
 City Hall . . . . . 979-265-2541  
 City Manager . . . . . 979-265-2541  
[www.clutetexas.gov](http://www.clutetexas.gov)

## Danbury

Emergency Manager . . . . . 979-480-7091  
 City Hall/Police . . . . . 979-922-1551  
 Mayor . . . . . 979-583-5733  
 City Secretary. . . . . 979-922-1551 ext. 4  
 Utility Department Emergency . . . . 979-799-5574  
 Fire Department . . . . . 979-922-1176  
 Police Dispatch . . . . . 979-864-2392

## Freeport



Emergency Manager . . . . . 979-233-2111  
 City Hall . . . . . 979-233-3526  
 Police. . . . . 979-239-1211  
 City Information . . . . . 979-258-KNOW (5669)

[www.freeport.tx.us](http://www.freeport.tx.us)

## Hillcrest



Mon - Thurs 8 AM - 4 PM  
 Emergency Management . . . . . 713-298-6487  
 City Office/City Secretary . . . . . 281-456-0577  
 Mayor Pro Tem. . . . . 281-850-3386  
 City Marshal . . . . . 832-221-5961

[www.hillcrestvillagetx.gov](http://www.hillcrestvillagetx.gov)

## Holiday Lakes

Mon Wed Thurs & Fri 1 - 5 PM, Tues 1 - 7 PM  
 Mayor . . . . . 979-849-1136  
 City Secretary. . . . . 979-849-1136  
 Police Chief. . . . . 979-849-3163

[www.holidaylakestexas.com](http://www.holidaylakestexas.com)

## Iowa Colony



Emergency Manager . . . . . 281-369-3444  
 City Hall . . . . . 281-369-2471  
 Mayor . . . . . 281-369-2471  
 City Secretary. . . . . 281-369-2471  
 Police Chief. . . . . 281-369-3444

[www.iowacolonytx.gov](http://www.iowacolonytx.gov)

## Jones Creek



Marshal/Emergency Mgr. . . . . 979-292-6393  
 City Hall . . . . . 979-233-2700  
 Mayor . . . . . 979-233-2700  
 City Admin. . . . . 979-233-2700  
 Marshal's Dept . . . . . 979-233-3091  
 Fire Chief. . . . . 979-201-3594  
[www.villageofjonescreektexas.com](http://www.villageofjonescreektexas.com)

## Lake Jackson



Emergency Manager . . . . . 979-415-2500  
 City Hall . . . . . 979-415-2400  
 Police Department . . . . . 979-415-2700  
 Cable Access Channel . . . . . Channel 16  
[www.lakejackson-tx.gov](http://www.lakejackson-tx.gov)

## Liverpool

Emergency Manager . . . . . 281-581-2342  
 Mayor . . . . . 281-581-2342  
 City Secretary. . . . . 281-581-2342  
 Police Chief. . . . . 281-581-2233  
[www.cityofliverpooltexas.com](http://www.cityofliverpooltexas.com)

## Manvel



City Manager/EMC . . . . . 281-489-1212  
 Mayor . . . . . 281-489-0630  
 Police Chief . . . . . 281-489-1212  
 Fire Marshal . . . . . 281-489-0630  
 Fire Chief . . . . . 281-692-0279  
 EMS Director . . . . . 281-519-8779

[www.cityofmanvel.com](http://www.cityofmanvel.com)

## Oyster Creek



Emergency Manager . . . . . 979-233-8481  
 Mayor/City Hall . . . . . 979-201-3543  
 City Administrator . . . . . 979-233-0243  
 Fire Department . . . . . 979-233-8481  
 Police Department . . . . . 979-233-8481

[www.cityofoystercreek.org](http://www.cityofoystercreek.org)



## Pearland



Emergency Manager . . . . . 281-997-4648  
 City Hall . . . . . 281-652-1600  
 Mayor . . . . . 281-652-1780  
 City Manager . . . . . 281-652-1657  
 Police Department . . . . . 281-997-4100  
 Cable Access Channel . . . . . Channel 16/99 UVerse  
[www.pearlandtx.gov](http://www.pearlandtx.gov)

## Quintana

Mon. - Fri. 8 AM- 4:30 PM. . . . . 979-233-0848  
 Mayor . . . . . 979-233-0848  
 City Administrator . . . . . 979-233-0848  
 Water Emergency. . . . . 979-292-4384  
 . . . . . 979-388-5988  
[www.quintanatx.org](http://www.quintanatx.org)

## Richwood



Emergency Manager . . . . . 979-265-2640  
 City Hall . . . . . 979-265-2082  
 Mayor . . . . . 979-265-2082  
 City Manager . . . . . 979-265-2082  
[www.richwoodtx.gov](http://www.richwoodtx.gov)

## Surfside



Emergency Coordinator. . . . . 409-502-3431  
 City Hall . . . . . 979-233-1531  
 Fire Department . . . . . 979-233-5926  
 Police Chief . . . . . 979-233-1531 ext. 109  
 EMS . . . . . 979-233-1531 ext. 112  
[www.surfsidetx.org](http://www.surfsidetx.org)

## Sweeny



City Manager/City Hall . . . . . 979-548-3321  
 Police Department . . . . . 979-548-3112  
 Fire Department . . . . . 979-548-3320  
 Emergencies . . . . . 979-548-3111 or 911  
 After Hours PW Calls/Gas Leaks . . . 979-429-6171  
[www.sweenytx.gov](http://www.sweenytx.gov)

## West Columbia



City Mgr./Emergency Mgr. . . . . 979-345-3123  
 Emergency Operations Manager. . . . 979-345-5121  
 City Hall . . . . . 979-345-3123  
 Police Department . . . . . 979-345-5121  
 CEMS Office & Director . . . . . 979-345-2390  
 Volunteer Fire Station . . . . . 979-345-3416  
 Volunteer Fire Chief . . . . . 979-248-7290  
[www.westcolumbiatx.org](http://www.westcolumbiatx.org)

## Other Useful Numbers

### School Districts and Colleges

Alvin ISD . . . . . 281-388-1130  
[www.alvinisd.net](http://www.alvinisd.net)  
 Angleton ISD . . . . . 979-864-8000  
[www.angletonisd.net](http://www.angletonisd.net)  
 Brazosport ISD . . . . . 979-730-7000  
[www.brazosportisd.net](http://www.brazosportisd.net)  
 Columbia-Brazoria ISD . . . . . 979-799-1700  
[www.cbisd.com](http://www.cbisd.com)  
 Damon ISD . . . . . 979-742-3457  
[www.damonisd.net](http://www.damonisd.net)  
 Danbury ISD . . . . . 979-922-1218  
[www.danburyisd.org](http://www.danburyisd.org)  
 Pearland ISD . . . . . 281-485-3203  
[www.pearlandisd.org](http://www.pearlandisd.org)  
 Sweeny ISD. . . . . 979-491-8000  
[www.sweenyisd.org](http://www.sweenyisd.org)  
 Alvin Community College. . . . . 281-756-3500  
[www.alvincollege.edu](http://www.alvincollege.edu)  
 Brazosport College . . . . . 979-230-3000  
[www.brazosport.edu](http://www.brazosport.edu)  
 U of H - Pearland Campus . . . . . 281-212-1700  
[www.uhcl.edu/pearland](http://www.uhcl.edu/pearland)

### Hospitals

UTMB Health Angleton Campus. . . . . 979-849-7721  
 132 E. Hospital Drive Angleton, TX 77515  
 CHI St. Luke's Brazosport Medical Ctr . . 979-297-4411  
 100 Medical Drive Lake Jackson, TX 77566  
 Sweeny Community Hospital. . . . . 979-548-3311  
 305 N. McKinney St Sweeny, TX 77480  
 Memorial Hermann Pearland. . . . . 713-413-5000  
 16100 South Freeway Pearland, TX 77584  
 Pearland Medical Center . . . . . 713-770-7000  
 11100 Shadow Creek Parkway Pearland, TX 77584



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## Hurricane Forecasting

### Cone of Error

You may have heard meteorologists talk about a Cone of Error and show a cone-shaped graphic. The Cone of Error is a visual aid used to show the anticipated path of a storm three to five days into the future.

All locations within the Cone of Error are at risk and preparations for landfall should be made across the entire cone area. Most of the time, a storm will make landfall within the Cone of Error, and only one-third of the time a storm will make landfall outside of the cone.

A storm's effects are not isolated to one particular place and tend to have far-reaching impacts hundreds of miles away from the location of landfall.



Hurricane Harvey Cone of Error (NOAA/National Weather Service)



Tropical Storm Watch & Warning (NOAA)

### Watches & Warnings

The National Hurricane Center begins issuing detailed storm information to threatened residents 48 hours in advance of an approaching tropical storm or hurricane. It is important to know the difference between “watches” and “warnings” to help you and your family be prepared.

- Tropical Storm Watch – Tropical storm conditions pose a potential threat to an area within 48 hours.
- Tropical Storm Warning – Tropical storm conditions are expected to affect an area within 36 hours.
- Hurricane Watch – Hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours. You and your family should activate your disaster preparedness plan and take measures to secure your home and property.
- Hurricane Warning – Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. You and your family should be completing storm preparations and begin to shelter in place or move to a safer location.

For information to help keep you and your loved ones safe during an emergency, visit [www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/emergency-management](http://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/emergency-management).

