Flooding Resources

Southeast Texas

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Texas Division of Emergency Management

http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/index.htm For information on severe weather awareness, flash flood safety tips, and general disaster preparedness

<u>211 Texas</u>

http://www.211.org

Information and referral for the state of Texas, dial 211 from a landline or 877-541-7905

Ready.gov

http://www.ready.gov/texas

This website provides emergency updates, disaster preparedness tips and resources. You can sign up to receive emergency updates on your cell phone or download an app for updates.

<u>FEMA</u>

http://www.fema.gov/states/texas

This website provides Disaster Declarations, a Blog, and News Releases on disaster recover y and assistance.

DisasterAssistance.gov

https://www.disasterassistance.gov/

This website offers information on locating assistance with food, housing, transitional sheltering/participating hotels, and more.

Office of the Governor Greg Abbott

http://gov.texas.gov/news/press-release/22218

"As severe weather continues across the State of Texas, Governor Abbott today declared a state of disaster in the following Texas Counties: Austin, Bastrop, Fort Bend, Colorado, Grimes, Harris, Montgomery, Waller and Wharton Counties. Additional counties may be added as the situation develops."

The Texas State Operations Center (SOC) has been elevated to Level 3 activation as heavy rain and flooding are impacting parts of Texas. The SOC will coordinate with the National Weather Service. State resources are available for rapid deployment as needed.

Red Cross Information

American Red Cross Greater Houston Chapter 2700 Southwest Freeway Houston, TX 77098 http://www.redcross.org/local/tx/houston/local-chapters/houston

To contact a family member/loved one in the area: http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief/contact-and-locate-loved-ones

The Texas Gulf Coast Red Cross Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/houstonredcross

You may find open shelters on the Red Cross website at: <u>http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery/find-an-open-shelter</u>

Current open shelters as of Tuesday, 4/19/16

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

- First United Methodist Church 4308 West Davis, Conroe TX
- South County Community Center 2235 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands TX
- East Montgomery Senior Center 21679 Mc Cleskey Road, New Caney TX

HARRIS COUNTY:

- Acres Homes Community Development Corp. 6719 W. Montgomery Road, Houston TX
- Jersey Village Baptist Church 16518 Jersey Drive, Houston TX
- Chinese Community Center 9800 Town Park, Houston TX
- Willow Meadows Baptist Church 4300 W. Bellfort, Houston TX
- MO Campbell Education Center 1865 Aldine Bender Road, Houston TX

PARKER COUNTY:

• Weatherford H.S. Ninth Grade Center, 1007 South Main Street, Weatherford TX

WALLER COUNTY:

• Pine Island Baptist Church – 36573 Brumlow Road, Hempstead TX

AUSTIN COUNTY:

• Knights of Columbus Hall – 703 Columbus Road, Wallis TX

• Knights of Columbus Hall – 1390 Highway 90 W. Sealy TX

FORT BEND:

• Royal High School – 34499 Royal Road, Brookshire TX

Those with flood-related needs are urged to call the American Red Cross at 1-866-526-8300

Texas Counties affected by storms and flooding:

Harris County

For updates on the flooding in Harris County, please visit Harris County's homepage at: http://www.readyharris.org/go/doc/1829/2809578/

Information can be found on:

- Forecasts: <u>National Weather Service</u>
- Preparedness & Emergency Information: <u>www.readyharris.org</u>
- Local Traffic: <u>Houston TranStar</u>
- Rainfall Totals: <u>www.harriscountyfws</u>

Harris County Flood Control District Phone Bank

Call (713) 684-4000 for non-emergency issues related to flooding in a specific area

Houston

Houstonians may report flooding in their homes and businesses by:

- 1. Calling 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311
- 2. Visiting https://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/notices/flood-damage-repair.html
- 3. Downloading the Houston 3-1-1 App for Android or iOS

Bastrop County

For news and updates on flash floods in Bastrop County, you may visit the County's Emergency Management Website at: <u>http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/default.aspx?name=em.home</u>

Up to date information may be found on their Twitter feed at: <u>https://twitter.com/BastropCntyOEM</u>

As well as their Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bastrop-County-Office-of-</u> <u>Emergency-Management/193202960708177</u>

Travis County

For emergency planning and updates related to flooding in the area, please visit the Travis County Emergency Management Website at: <u>https://www.traviscountytx.gov/emergency</u>

You can follow them on Twitter at https://twitter.com/TravisCountyES

Or via Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/TravisCoEmergencyServices

Montgomery County

For news and updates on flash floods in Montgomery County, you may visit the County's Emergency Management Website at: <u>http://www.mctxoem.org/go/site/1945/</u>

Parker County

For information on flood warnings for the Brazos River in Parker County, please visit the county's website at: <u>http://www.parkercountytx.com/</u>

Fort Bend County

For information on the Disaster Declaration for Fort Bend County, please visit the county's website at: <u>http://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/</u>

Fayette County

For emergency management and response information, please access Fayette County's Emergency Management website at: <u>http://www.co.fayette.tx.us/default.aspx?Fayette_County/Emergency.Mgmt</u>

Comal County

For information on emergency planning, low-water crossings, alerts and notices, please visit the website at: <u>http://www.co.comal.tx.us/eoc.htm</u>

Hays County

For information on coordinating emergency management programs to respond to emergencies and disasters, please visit the website at: <u>http://www.co.hays.tx.us/emergency-management.aspx</u>

Follow them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HaysCountyOfficeOfEmergencyManagement

Austin County

For information on the emergency management program's response to and recovery from disasters, visit the website at: <u>http://www.austincounty.com</u>

Waller County

For information on the emergency management program's response to and recovery from disasters, visit the website at: <u>http://www.co.waller.tx.us/</u>

Bexar County

For information on preparedness, emergencies and assistance, please visit the website at: <u>http://www.bexar.org/672/Office-of-Emergency-Management</u>

Follow them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/CountyofBexar

Or access Twitter at https://twitter.com/BexarCounty

Kendall County

For information on the emergency management program's response to and recovery from disasters, visit the website at: <u>http://www.co.kendall.tx.us/default.aspx?Kendall_County/EmergencyManagement</u>

Local Updates/News:

<u>http://abc13.com/weather/flooding-emergency-as-storms-deluge-houston-area/39346/</u> (Information on school closings throughout the affected areas)

Additional information from the above article:

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - Volunteers are greatly needed to staff shelters as well as distribute food and provide other services to those in need. Training will be provided on site. Anyone interested in assisting this way is encouraged to go to redcross.org/volunteer or call (713) 313-5491.

TAX DEADLINE EXTENSION:

The IRS <u>announced</u> Monday afternoon that taxpayers impacted by severe weather may qualify for an exemption from late filing penalties. Taxpayers with concerns are encouraged to call the IRS at 800-829-1040.

http://forecast.weather.gov/

http://www.weather.gov/

https://www.atxfloods.com/

http://www.nbcnews.com/news/weather/flash-floods-hit-houston-area-storm-drenches-harris-countryn557451

http://www.chron.com/news/houston-weather/article/Heavy-rains-bring-potentional-flash-flooding-7253618.php

http://www.cnn.com/2016/04/18/us/houston-texas-flooding/index.html

Donations

<u>The Salvation Army Texas</u>: <u>https://donate.salvationarmyusa.org/texas/texas-dhq/disaster/texas-flood-tornado-relief</u>

Austin Disaster Relief Network Fund:

ADRN has set up a General Disaster Relief Fund to support the multiple disasters we respond to throughout the year and help provide assistance to families in need. Funds will be used for gift cards, supporting supplies and materials, volunteer support, equipment, shelter, housing, rebuilding, transportation and were it is best needed.

http://www.adrntx.org/index.php/ways-to-give/disaster-relief-2/

<u>American Red Cross</u>: http://www.redcross.org/donations/ways-to-donate