

Hurricane Harvey–Texas: Sept. 6, 2017

House Passes \$7.85 Billion Aid Package for Stricken Region

The House of Representatives on Wednesday overwhelmingly passed a \$7.85 billion aid package for [Hurricane Harvey](#) victims.

Approved on a 419-to-3 vote, the bill marks just the first step in a long recovery process for Texas and Louisiana.

Another request for federal aid, which is expected to top \$100 billion, will be made once the damage from the storm and record-breaking flooding is fully assessed.

“Nothing can really capture just how big and wide this devastation is,” Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) said prior to the vote on immediate relief funding. “You hear a lot of numbers. Tens of thousands of people in shelters. Hundreds of thousands of homes damaged. Nothing can really capture this.”

The legislation now heads to the Senate, where lawmakers may attach a provision to raise the debt ceiling. That would send the legislation back to the House, where very conservative lawmakers are opposed to raising the debt ceiling without spending cuts.

The bill includes \$7.4 billion for Federal Emergency Management Agency and \$450 million for the Small Business Administration.

Source: <http://nypost.com/2017/09/06/house-passes-7-85-billion-aid-package-for-hurricane-harvey-victims/>

To Get Help

Texas

- United Way 2-1-1: Dial 2-1-1 or visit <http://www.211texas.org/>
- American Red Cross: 512.928.4271; <http://www.redcross.org/local/texas/central-and-south-texas>
- Texas Division of Emergency Management: 512.424.2208; <https://www.Tex.dps.state.Tex.us/dem/>

Shelter

Red Cross Shelters

- Website: <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter>

Shelter Name	County	Address	City	State	Zip	Pop.
Clawson Assembly of God	Angelina	5569 US Hwy 69 N.	Pollok	Tex.	75969	16
Indoor Recreation Center	Bastrop	106 Gazley St.	Smithville	Tex.	78957	45
Fairway Middle School	Bell	701 Whitlow	Killeen	Tex.	76541	146
Wilson Recreation Center	Bell	2205 Curtis B. Elliott Dr.	Temple	Tex.	76501	100

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Kazen Middle School	Bexar	1520 Gillette Blvd.	San Antonio	Tex.	78224	72
Angleton ISD Admin Building	Brazoria	1900 N. Downing	Angleton	Tex.	77515	1
Clute Intermediate School	Brazoria	421 E. Main St.	Clute	Tex.	77531	2
Christ Lutheran Church	Brazoria	86 Plantation Dr.	Lake Jackson	Tex.	77566	393
Willow Drive Baptist Church	Brazoria	200 Willow Dr.	Lake Jackson	Tex.	77566	24
City of Pearland Rec Center	BRAZORIA	4141 Bailey Rd.	PEARLAND	Tex.	77584	1
Pearland High School	Brazoria	3775 S. Main St.	Pearland	Tex.	77581	2
Eagle Heights Fellowship - Mont Belvieu	Chambers	14120 Hwy 146	Mont Belvieu	Tex.	77580	77
Mercy Gate Church	Chambers	9627 Eagle Dr.	Mont Belvieu	Tex.	77523	400
A J Loos Field House	Dallas	3815 Spring Valley Rd.	Addison	Tex.	75001	0
Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center	Dallas	650 S. Griffin St.	Dallas	Tex.	75202	2353
The Way of Truth	DALLAS	845 S Buckner	DALLAS	TEX.	75217	0
Lively Point Youth Center	Dallas	915 N. O'Connor Rd.	Irving	Tex.	75061	98
Second Baptist Church of La Grange	Fayette	1010 Von Minden	La Grange	Tex.	78945	23
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Kendleton ISD	FORT BEND	2601 FM2919	KENDLETON	TEX.	77451	4
George Ranch High School	Fort Bend	8181 Fm 762 Rd.	Richmond	Tex.	77469	0
Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Family Life Center	Fort Bend	507 S. Fourth St.	Richmond	Tex.	77469	16
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Carbide Park	Galveston	4102 Main St.	La Marque	Tex.	77568	33
Hometown Heroes Park	Galveston	1001 E League City Pkwy	League City	Tex.	77573	200
Sander's Community Center	Galveston	501 4th Ave. N	Texas City	Tex.	77590	0
First Baptist Church	Gonzales	422 St. Paul St.	Gonzales	Tex.	78629	50
City of Sour Lake Community	HARDIN	350 S. Ann St.	SOUR LAKE	TEX.	77659	2
Baytown-Lee College	Harris	200 Lee Dr.	Baytown	Tex.	77520	1

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American Legion Post 658	Harris	14890 Fm 2100	Crosby	Tex.	77532	50
First Baptist Highlands	Harris	210 N Magnolia St.	Highlands	Tex.	77562	100
Copperfield Church	Harris	8350 Hwy 6 North	Houston	Tex.	77095	118
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Cypress Ridge High School	Harris	7900 N. Eldridge Parkway	Houston	Tex.	77041	0
First Baptist Church	Harris	4422 Lauder Rd.	Houston	Tex.	77039	25
George R. Brown Convention Center	Harris	1001 Avenida De Las Americas	Houston	Tex.	77010	1215
Lindale Assembly Of God Church	HARRIS	503 Reid St.	HOUSTON	TEX.	77022	2
Lone Star Collegeâ North Harris	Harris	2700 W W Thorne Dr.	Houston	Tex.	77073	0
Metropolitan Baptist Church	Harris	13000 Jones Rd.	Houston	Tex.	77070	60
North Shore Ninth Grade Campus	Harris	13501 Hollypark Dr.	Houston	Tex.	77015	200
Nrg Center	Harris	2 Nrg Park	Houston	Tex.	77054	250
Old Matzke Elementary School	Harris	13102 Jones Rd.	Houston	Tex.	77070	900
Saint Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Community	Harris	10135 West Rd.	Houston	Tex.	77064	175
Sheldon Elementary	Harris	17203 Hall Shephard Rd.	Houston	Tex.	77049	2
Summer Creek Baptist Church	Harris	12159 W. Lake Houston Pkwy	Houston	Tex.	77044	100
Trini Mendenhall Community Center	Harris	1414 Wirt Rd.	Houston	Tex.	77055	150
Copeland Elementary School	Harris	24405 E. Lake Houston Pkwy	Huffman	Tex.	77336	150
Crossway Community Church	HARRIS	807 Russell Palmer Rd.	HUMBLE	TEX.	77339	150
Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church	Harris	527 S. Houston Ave.	Humble	Tex.	77338	2
Cinco Ranch High School	Harris	23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd.	Katy	Tex.	77494	250
Golden Acres Baptist Church Clc	Harris	2812 Pansy St.	Pasadena	Tex.	77503	75
Memorial Baptist Church	Harris	6901 Fairmont Parkway	Pasadena	Tex.	77505	162
Pasadena High School	Harris	206 South Shaver	Pasadena	Tex.	77506	29

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First Baptist Church Of Porter	HARRIS	24570 FM 1314 Rd.	PORTER	TEX.	77365	0
Masjid As Salam	Harris	16700 Old Louetta Rd.	Spring	Tex.	77379	200
Spring High School	Harris	19428 I-45	Spring	Tex.	77373	0
Newton High School	Jasper	2812 US-190	Newton	Tex.	75966	200
Salvation Army - Beaumont	Jefferson	2350 I-10 Frontage Rd.	Beaumont	Tex.	77703	125
First Baptist Church Hamshire	Jefferson	25304 Tex.-124	Hamshire	Tex.	77622	150
Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Jefferson	2200 Jefferson Dr.	Port Arthur	Tex.	77642	211
Lee County Youth Center	Lee	1010 Industry St.	Giddings	Tex.	78942	50
Calvary Baptist Church	Liberty	816 N. Blair Ave.	Cleveland	Tex.	77327	55
Hi-Way Tabernacle Assembly Of God	LIBERTY	108 County Rd. 2250	CLEVELAND	TEX.	77327	70
St Mary Catholicchurch	LIBERTY	702 E. Houston	CLEVELAND	TEX.	77327	48
First United Methodist Church - Dayton	Liberty	106 S. Cleveland St.	Dayton	Tex.	77535	0
First United Methodist Church	Liberty	539 Main St.	Liberty	Tex.	77575	0
Light House Of Moss Hill	LIBERTY	17283 Hwy 146 N	LIBERTY	TEX.	77575	0
North Main Baptist Church	Liberty	4709 N. Main	Liberty	Tex.	77575	80
First Baptist Church Plum Grove	Liberty	155 County Rd. 345	Plum Grove	Tex.	77327	63
Lone Star Civic Center	Montgomery	9055 Airport Road	Conroe	Tex.	77303	145
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	Montgomery	109 N. Frazier St.	Conroe	Tex.	77301	100
Bull Sallas Park Show Barn	Montgomery	21675-C McCleskey Rd.	New Caney	Tex.	77357	35
Nacogdoches Expo And Civic Center	NACOGDOCHES	3805 NW Stallings Dr.	NACOGDOCHES	TEX.	75964	86
Ben Garza Gym	Nueces	1815 Howard St.	Corpus Christi	Tex.	78404	87
Dumbar Gym	Polk	1103 Dunbar St.	Livingston	Tex.	77351	0
Refugio County Fairgrounds	Refugio	110 Fairground Rd.	Refugio	Tex.	78377	17
Martin Creek State Park	Rusk	9515 Co. Rd. 2181d	Tatum	Tex.	75691	20
Shepherd Community Center	San Jacinto	10251 Hwy 150	Shepherd	Tex.	77371	13
First United Methodist Church - Lindale	Smith	402 W. Hubbard St.	Lindale	Tex.	75771	14
Salvation Army - Tyler	Smith	633 N. Broadway Ave.	Tyler	Tex.	75702	38

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Wilkerson Greines Athletic Center	Tarrant	5201 Ca Roberson Blvd.	Fort Worth	Tex.	76119	150
Delco Center	Travis	4601 Pecan Brook Dr.	Austin	Tex.	78724	167
Lanier High School	Travis	1201 Payton Gin West	Austin	Tex.	78758	0
Lb Johnson Early High School	Travis	7309 Lazy Creek Dr.	Austin	Tex.	78724	0
Met Center	TRAVIS	7000 Metropolis Dr.	AUSTIN	TEX.	78744	327
Reagan High School	Travis	7411 Berkman	Austin	Tex.	78752	0
Tony Burger Activity Center	Travis	3200 Jones Rd.	Austin	Tex.	78745	0
Huntsville High School	Walker	515 Fm 2821 E	Huntsville	Tex.	77320	96
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Walker County Storm Shelter	Walker	455 State Highway 75 N.	Huntsville	Tex.	77320	96
K Tarver Recreational Center	Webb	2902 Tilden	Laredo	Tex.	78040	39
New Hope Community Church	Wharton	222 N. Fulton St.	Crescent	Tex.	77488	5

Road Conditions

Call 511: The Department of Transportation offers its free 511 service for travel information and roadway conditions, including road and bridge closures, toll suspensions and major evacuation routes.

Texas

- <https://www.Tex.dot.gov/>

High Water Locations:

<http://traffic.houstontranstar.org/roadclosures/#highwater>

Traffic and Transit Info

- <http://google.org/crisismap/2017-harvey>

Evacuation Info

Info for all counties and cities with an evacuation order are listed here: <http://abc13.com/traffic/evacuation-orders-issued-in-epic-flooding-emergency/2337616/>

Mayor Sylvester Turner is urging residents of dwellings with water already inside in west Houston to leave their homes.

This is a voluntary evacuation of homes, including apartment buildings, of the already inundated properties west of Gessner, east of Highway 6, south of IH 10/Katy Freeway, and north of Briar Forest.

A voluntary evacuation means a threat to life and property exists or is likely to exist in the immediate future. The U.S. The Army Corps of Engineers says that to avoid a larger catastrophe, it must continue to release reservoir water into the

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Buffalo Bayou watershed and that water may be present in homes for 15 days.

Mayor Sylvester Turner said evacuations of flooded homes is advised because of potential dangers such as electrocution. If you are in the voluntary evacuation area and need assistance, the City of Houston urges you to call 911.

The city will provide transportation to the NRG Park shelter for those in need of housing or residents can proceed there directly.

The evacuation request does not affect homes without water inside in the described area.

MANDATORY EVACUATION:

UPDATE 4:40 A.M. FRIDAY - Brazoria County Office of Emergency Management issues mandatory evacuation order for following areas of Lake Jackson: Dewberry Street, Dewberry Court and Strawberry Street.

UPDATE 10 A.M. FRIDAY - Brazoria County Office of Emergency Management issues mandatory evacuation order for following areas of Richwood: Audubon Woods 2 and 3, Brazos Crossing. There are several new road closures in the area.

UPDATE 7 P.M. THURSDAY - Mandatory evacuation issued for Audubon Wood 1 and surrounding areas. The sewer service has become overcapacitated.

UPDATE 6 P.M. THURSDAY - The mandatory evacuation order has been lifted for Inverness Forest Subdivision has been lifted. Residents may return home.

UPDATE 9:30 A.M. THURSDAY - Dickinson lifted its mandatory evacuation for residents. Some services may be limited or delayed. A dusk-til-dawn curfew is in effect until further notice.

UPDATE 8:25 A.M. THURSDAY - Fort Bend County clarified and updated the neighborhoods that are under and no longer under a mandatory evacuation order around Barker Reservoir.

The sections that are now under mandatory evacuation includes: Cinco Ranch South Lake Village, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and Villas of Villagio Townhomes.

The sections that are no longer under mandatory evacuation are: Cinco Ranch Greenway Village, Sections 1-9; Cinco Ranch Meadow Place, Section 4; and Cinco Rancho North Lake Village, Sections 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

[A map](#) of the update evacuations was also released.

The county added the areas of the evacuation order will reduce as water recedes.

Hurricane Evacuee Camping

Governor Abbott opens Texas state parks to hurricane evacuees.

Hurricane Harvey evacuees can stay for free in Texas state parks. Please call parks to check availability.

Some parks in coastal and south Texas regions are closed due to the hurricane. Parks not listed here may have limited availability; if you are an evacuee and you are near a TPWD park that is not listed here, you can [check this map to see if the park is open](#).

Abilene State Park	(325) 572-	150 Park Road 32	Tuscola	79562	32.240614	-99.879079	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/abilene
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Atlanta State Park	(903) 796-6476	927 Park Rd 42	Atlanta	75551	33.231561	-94.267788	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/atlanta
Bonham State Park	(903) 583-5022	1363 State Park 24	Bonham	75418-9285	33.544812	-96.145404	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/bonham
Cleburne State Park	(817) 645-4215	5800 Park Road 21	Cleburne	76033	32.266556	-97.55685	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/cleburne
Cooper Lake State Park - South Sulphur Unit	(903) 945-5256	1690 FM 3505	Sulphur Springs	75482	33.28966	-95.652852	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/cooper-lake
Daingerfield State Park	(903) 645-2921	455 Park Road 17	Daingerfield	75638	33.010936	-94.693999	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/daingerfield
Dinosaur Valley State Park	(254) 897-4588	1629 Park Rd 59	Glen Rose	76043	32.251511	-97.81219	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/dinosaur-valley
Eisenhower State Park	(903) 465-1956	50 Park Road 20	Denison	75020-4878	33.814601	-96.60951	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/eisenhower
Fairfield Lake State Park	(903) 389-4514	123 State Park Rd. 64	Fairfield	75840	31.761169	-96.070204	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/fairfield-lake
Fort Parker State Park	(254) 562-5751	194 Park Road 28	Mexia	76667	31.569973	-96.543936	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/fort-parker
Fort Richardson State Park & Historic Site	(940) 567-3506	228 State Park Road 61	Jacksboro	76458	33.20615	-98.156969	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/fort-richardson
Guadalupe River State Park	(830) 438-2656	3350 Park Rd. 31	Spring Branch	78070	29.87607	-98.504058	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/guadalupe-river
Hill Country State Natural Area	(830) 796-4413	10600 Bandera Creek Rd	Bandera	78003	29.631061	-99.191801	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/hill-country
Inks Lake State Park	(512) 793-2223	3630 Park Road 4 West	Burnet	78611	30.739195	-98.370808	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/inks-lake

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Lake Arrowhead State Park	(940) 528-2211	229 Park Road 63	Wichita Falls	76310	33.758069	-98.395571	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/lake-arrowhead
Lake Bob Sandlin State Park	(903) 572-5531	341 State Park Road 2117	Pittsburg	75686	33.049185	-95.092292	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/lake-bob-sandlin
Lake Brownwood State Park	(325) 784-5223	200 State Highway Park Road 15	Lake Brownwood	76801	31.858162	-99.029785	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/lake-brownwood
Lake Colorado City State Park	(325) 728-393	4582 FM 2836	Colorado City	79512	32.324143	-100.932756	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/lake-colorado-city
Lake Mineral Wells State Park	(940) 328-1171	100 Park Road 71	Mineral Wells	76067	32.832393	-98.030831	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/lake-mineral-wells
Lake Tawakoni State Park	(903) 560-7123	10822 FM 2475	Wills Point	75169	32.844839	-95.999885	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/lake-tawakoni/
Lake Whitney State Park	(254) 694-3793	433 Farm to Market 1244	Whitney	76692	31.927534	-97.36204	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/lake-whitney
Monahans Sandhills State Park	(432) 943-2092	2500 E Interstate 20, Exit 86	Monahans	79756	31.65764	-102.831223	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/monahans-sandhills
Mother Neff State Park	(254) 853-2389	1680 S.H. 236	Moody	76557-3317	31.324698	-97.469686	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/mother-neff
Pedernales Falls State Park	(830) 868-7304	2585 Park Road 6026	Johnson City	78636	30.299393	-98.243377	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/pedernales-falls
Possum Kingdom State Park	(940) 549-1803	3901 St Park Rd 33	Caddo	76429	32.873976	-98.554457	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/possum-kingdom
Purtis Creek State Park	(903) 425-2332	14225 FM 316	Eustace	75124	32.364436	-95.992895	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/purtis-creek
Ray Roberts Lake State Park	(940) 686-2148	100 PW 4137	Pilot Point	76258-8944	33.362765	-97.016783	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/ray-roberts-lake

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San Angelo State Park	(325) 949-4757	3900-2 Mercedes Road	San Angelo	76901	31.466649	-100.536018	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/san-angelo
South Llano River State Park	(325) 446-3994	1927 Park Road 73	Junction	76849	30.446816	-99.805268	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/south-llano-river
Meridian State Park	(254) 435-2536	173 Park Road #7	Meridian	76665	31.889266	-97.702365	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/meridian
Colorado Bend State Park	(325) 628-3240	2236 Park Hill Dr.	Bend	76824	31.049131	-98.483592	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/colorado-bend
Garner State Park	(830) 232-6132	234 RR 1050	Concan	78838	29.590745	-99.739754	http://www.tpwd.state.Tex..us/state-parks/garner
Choke Canyon State Park	(361) 786-3868		Calliham	78007	28.465773	-98.354195	https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/choke-canyon
McKinney Falls State Park	(512) 243-1643	5808 McKinney Falls Parkway	Austin	78744	30.180752	-97.722007	https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mckinney-falls
Lake Corpus Christi State Park	(361) 547-2635		Mathis	78368	28.063101	-97.872178	https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-corpus-christi
Lake Somerville State Park - Birch Creek Unit	(979) 535-7763	14222 Park Road 57	Somerville	77879-9713	30.308582	-96.634692	https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-somerville
Caddo Lake State Park	(903) 679-3351	245 Park Road 2	Karnack	75661	32.680233	-94.176361	https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/caddo-lake
Lake Livingston State Park	(936) 365-2201	300 Park Road 65	Livingston	77351	30.656897	-95.001093	https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston

Source: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/park-information/evacuee-parks>

School and Business Closures

- BRAZOSPORT ISD – Closed until Sept. 11.
- CLEAR CREEK ISD - Closed until Sept. 11.

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- CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD - Opens Sept. 11.
- FORT BEND ISD - Opens Sept. 12.
- GOOSE CREEK CISD - Opens Sept. 11.
- HOUSTON ISD - Opens Sept. 11.
- KATY ISD - Schools will reopen on Sept. 11.
- NEEDVILLE ISD - Classes will begin on Sept. 11.
- PASADENA ISD - Classes will resume Sept. 11.
- SHELDON ISD - Closed until approximately Sept. 18.
- SPRING ISD - Closed until Sept. 11; Staff return Sept. 7.
- STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - Students will return on Thursday, Sept. 7.
- TEXAS CITY ISD - Closed until Sept. 11.

Source: <http://abc13.com/community/schoolclosings/>

Power Outage

To report an outage, call:

Texas

- Center Point Energy 800.332.7143
- Texas New Mexico Power 888.866.7456

Airport Closures

Passengers are urged to not come to the local airport unless your flight has been confirmed. If your flight has been canceled, please call your airline's customer service telephone number or rebook through your airline's website.

Flight delay information: <http://www.flightstats.com/go/Home/home.do>

LiveHealth Online Offers Free Virtual Doctor Visits

LiveHealth Online, a mobile app and website that provides live video visits with doctors for non-emergency health conditions, announced today that it is offering its service free of charge to Texas and Louisiana residents who have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Anyone in Texas or Louisiana who downloads the mobile app and registers will be able to access a free online visit by selecting LiveHealth Online Help for Harvey. The free visit offer will be available through Oct. 31.

"Thousands of Americans have been stranded, displaced or otherwise unable to get care during this difficult time and our team stands ready to support anyone who cannot get to a doctor when they need it," said John Jesser, president of LiveHealth Online. "Our hope is that by providing access to high-quality care for non-emergency conditions we can help hurricane victims take care of their health right now and in the weeks to come."

Video doctor visits via LiveHealth Online are an easy and convenient way to get quality medical care for common health conditions like a cough, cold, cuts, bruises, sprains or strains and other non-emergency issues. Prescriptions and prescription refills can be provided by board-certified doctors if needed.

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For more information, visit livehealthonline.com/harvey.

Airbnb Urgent Accommodations

All service fees are waived for those affected by the disaster and checking in between Aug. 23 and Sept. 25, 2017.

How it works

Airbnb hosts can respond to crises in their community by offering housing to displaced neighbors and relief workers deployed to help.

During an emergency, Airbnb may email local hosts with information about how to help and how to offer their extra space to affected community members. These hosts are still covered by the Host Guarantee, and Airbnb's fees are waived.

[Learn more](#) about how Airbnb partners with government organizations and NGOs to support communities during and after a disaster.

- You can locate a participating Airbnb residence here: <https://www.airbnb.com/disaster/hurricaneharveyevacuees>

Wifi availability:

Wifi: XFINITY is making WiFi hotspots available to non-subscribers in the Houston area. Connect to "xfinitywifi" and select "Not an XFINITY Internet Customer" on the sign-in page to get started.

Water Warnings

A Houston wastewater treatment plant, inundated with water, remains in a critical state, requiring conservation by people in the area, city officials stressed Wednesday.

The simple message: Flush the toilet less.

The more complex message: Try to use as little wastewater as possible, including shorter showers, not running large loads of laundry and not running the dishwasher if you can delay it until the problem is resolved.

This alert affects residents in ZIP codes:

- 77024
- 77041
- 77043
- 77055
- 77077
- 77079
- 77080
- 77094

The treatment plants remain flooded by up to 8 feet of water, officials said.

Source: <http://abc13.com/use-less-urgent-warnings-as-treatment-plant-remains-underwater/2383084/>

Pets and Animals

Make a Plan

Remember, during a disaster what's good for you is good for your pet, so get them ready today.

If you leave your pets behind, they may be lost, injured or worse. Never leave a pet chained outdoors. Plan options

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include:

- Create a buddy system in case you're not home. Ask a trusted neighbor to check on your animals.
- Identify shelters. For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets.
 - [Find pet friendly hotels](#) along your evacuation route and keep a list in your pet's emergency kit.
 - Locate boarding facilities or animal hospitals near your evacuation shelter.
 - Consider an out-of-town friend or relative
- Locate a veterinarian or animal hospital in the area where you may be seeking temporary shelter, in case your pet needs medical care. Add the contact information to your emergency kit.
- Have your pet is microchipped and make sure that you not only keep your address and phone number up-to-date, but that you also include contact info for an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.
- Call your local emergency management office, animal shelter or animal control office to get advice and information.
- If you are unable to return to your home right away, you may need to board your pet. Find out where pet boarding facilities are located.
- Most boarding kennels, veterinarians and animal shelters will need your pet's medical records to make sure all vaccinations are current.
- If you have no alternative but to leave your pet at home, there are some precautions you must take, but remember that leaving your pet at home alone can place your animal in great danger!

Tips for Large Animals

If you have large animals such as horses, cattle, sheep, goats or pigs on your property, be sure to prepare before a disaster.

- Ensure all animals have some form of identification.
- Evacuate animals whenever possible. Map out primary and secondary routes in advance.
- Make available vehicles and trailers needed for transporting and supporting each type of animal. Also make available experienced handlers and drivers.
- Ensure destinations have food, water, veterinary care and handling equipment.
- If evacuation is not possible, animal owners must decide whether to move large animals to shelter or turn them outside.

Build a Kit

Include basic survival items and items to keep your pet happy and comfortable. Start with this list, or download [Preparing Makes Sense for Pet Owners-Emergency Preparedness Pet Kit List \(PDF\)](#) to find out exactly what items your pet needs to be Ready.

- Food. At least a three day supply in an airtight, waterproof container.
- Water. At least three days of water specifically for your pets.
- Medicines and medical records.
- Important documents. Registration information, adoption papers and vaccination documents. Talk to your veterinarian about microchipping and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.
- First aid kit. Cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Including a pet first aid reference book is a good idea too.
- Collar or harness with ID tag, rabies tag and a leash.
- Crate or pet carrier. Have a sturdy, safe crate or carrier in case you need to evacuate. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down.
- Sanitation. Pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach.
- A picture of you and your pet together. If you become separated, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you. Add species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.
- Familiar items. Familiar items, such as treats, toys and bedding can help reduce stress for your pet.

Resources

- [American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \(ASPCA\)](#)
- [American Humane Association](#)

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Source: <https://www.ready.gov/animals>

Replacing Lost or Damaged Documents

- SNAP Card (food stamps): call the Lonestar helpdesk toll-free at 1-800-777-7328.
- Green Cards: Call 800-375-5283 or [click here](#).
- Birth and Death Certificates: Call 888-963-7111 or [visit this website](#).
- Texas Driver's License: Call 512-424-2600 or [click here](#).
- Bank Checks, ATM/Debit Cards, or Safe Deposit Boxes: Call 877-275-3342 or [click here](#).
- Credit Cards: Contact your issuing institution: [American Express](#) (800-992-3404), [Discover](#) (800-347-2683), [MasterCard](#) (800-622-7747), or [Visa](#) (800-847-2911).
- Credit Reports: Contact Equifax, Experian, or Transunion at 877-322-8228 or visit annualcreditreport.com
- Social Security Card: Call 800-772-1213 or [click here](#).
- Fraud Alerts or a Credit Freeze: Call 877-438-4338 or [click here](#).
- Medicare Cards: Call 800-772-1213 or [click here](#).
- Passport: Call 202-955-0430 or 877-487-2778 or [click here](#).
- U.S. Savings Bonds: Call 800-722-2678 or 800-553-2663 or [click here](#).
- Tax Returns: Call 800-829-1040 or [click here](#).
- Military Records: Call 866-272-6272 or [click here](#).
- Vehicle Titles: Call 888-368-3689 or [click here](#).
- Replace a Texas Marriage Record or Certificate: [Visit this website](#) for statewide information or visit [this site](#) for your issuing Clerk of Court.
- Proof of Address/Residency: [Click here](#).

Source: <https://www.cornyn.senate.gov/content/page/hurricane-harvey-resources>

GasBuddy Activates Gas Availability Tracker

Residents Impacted by Hurricane Harvey Can Find Which Stations Have Fuel and Electricity

GasBuddy has activated its gas availability tracker to help motorists in affected areas find gasoline:

<http://tracker.gasbuddy.com>

- Consumers can report the status – “Has Fuel,” “No Fuel,” or “No Power” – at any gas station to help others. Currently, the tracker shows a number of stations throughout Texas affected by the hurricane and without fuel, including stations in Houston, Dallas, Austin and San Antonio.
- Users who have the free GasBuddy smartphone app can receive push notifications on changing gas prices in their areas.

For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com.

Source: <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/GasBuddy-Activates-Gas-Availability-Tracker>

FEMA: Sheltering and Assistance

More than 230 shelters are currently open across the affected and surrounding areas. [Download the FEMA mobile app](#) (available in English and Spanish) to register for assistance, and for directions to open shelters, a customizable checklist of emergency supplies, disaster survival tips, and weather alerts from the National Weather Service. The app also enables users to receive push notifications reminding them to take important steps to prepare their homes and families for disasters.

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While immediate lifesaving and life sustaining operations are the priority for FEMA and our partners, residents and business owners in designated counties who sustained damage due to Tropical Storm Harvey, and are able to do so, should apply for assistance by registering online at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov>.

Registering online is the quickest way to register for FEMA assistance since the event will last several days and the full scope of damages may not be evident until the storm has passed. If you do not have access to the internet you may register by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY). If you use 711 relay or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 800-621-3362 directly. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

For survivors who have registered, short-term housing assistance and other immediate funding is available:

- **Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA)** was approved in Texas for eligible disaster survivors who have a continuing need for shelter because they are unable to return to their homes for an extended period of time. This initiative is intended to provide short-term lodging for eligible disaster survivors whose communities are either uninhabitable or inaccessible due to disaster-related damage. FEMA will contact you if you are eligible for the program. A listing of available properties under this program can be found at www.femaevachotels.com.
- **Two Months of Expedited Rental Assistance** was also approved in Texas for eligible disaster survivors. Due to the size of the disaster, FEMA is using coastal depth and riverine flooding data to identify damaged homes, so survivors can get funds quickly and begin making decisions regarding their temporary housing solutions
- **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Advance Payments.** If a survivor has NFIP flood insurance and suffered damage during the recent floods related to Hurricane Harvey, they may be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 for building and contents damages prior to the adjuster's inspection with a signed advance payment request agreement. If a policyholder has photos and receipts that validate out-of-pocket expense, they may receive an advance payment up to \$10,000. If the flood insurance adjuster has inspected a loss, and the policyholder's property has significant damage, and a copy of a contractor's estimate, they may receive a larger advance payment of the estimated covered loss. Any advance payments are deducted from a final claims payment.
- **Critical Needs Assistance (CNA)** may now be available to individuals and households who, as a result of the disaster, have immediate or critical needs because they are displaced from their primary home. Immediate or critical needs include, but aren't limited to, water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, diapers, consumable medical supplies, durable medical equipment, personal hygiene items, and fuel for transportation. CNA is a one-time, limited payment per household for eligible applicants who register for FEMA assistance.
- **Disaster Unemployment Assistance** is available for Texas residents whose jobs were affected by Tropical Storm Harvey in Texas, specifically those who live or work in the counties included in the major disaster declaration. This may include people not normally eligible for unemployment benefits, such as self-employed persons and farm-workers. They can apply for unemployment benefits online at <https://apps.twc.state.Tex.us/UBS/security/logon.do>.
- **Immediate Foreclosure Relief** from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) may be available for Texas residents. HUD is granting a 90-day moratorium on foreclosures and forbearance on foreclosures of Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured home mortgages. There are approximately 200,000 FHA-insured homeowners living in these impacted counties that may be eligible. HUD is also offering longer-term recovery assistance to survivors and impacted communities. For more information, visit [HUD's website](#).

FEMA assistance could also include grants for temporary housing, home repairs and uninsured property losses. Loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA) may also be available to help repair flood-related damage to your home or business and replace personal property. The SBA provides low-interest disaster loans of up to \$200,000 to repair a primary residence, up to \$40,000 for homeowners and renters to replace personal property and up to \$2 million to businesses and most private non-profits for physical damage and economic injury needs as a result of the disaster. Survivors need to register with FEMA first to determine their eligibility for any federal assistance that may be available. For additional information about recovery resources in states affected by Tropical Storm Harvey, visit www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey.

Source: <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2017/08/30/sheltering-and-immediate-assistance-available-after-hurricane->

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FEMA Advises Disaster Applicants to Beware of Rumors, Misinformation, and Fraud

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is raising awareness that Hurricane Harvey disaster survivors, and their friends and family, must be alert for false rumors, scams, identity theft, and fraud. Although many Americans are working hard to help their neighbors now, during chaotic times, some will always try to take advantage of the most vulnerable.

To dispel some of the false rumors circulating on the Internet and social media, FEMA created a dedicated website to address some of the most common themes. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Visit <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey-rumor-control> to get the most accurate information from trusted sources.

Here is how to protect yourself, or someone you care about, from disaster fraud:

- Federal and state workers do not ask for, or accept, money. FEMA staff will never charge applicants for disaster assistance, home inspections, or help filling out applications. Stay alert for false promises to speed up the insurance, disaster assistance, or building permit process.
- In person, always ask to see any FEMA employee ID badges. FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams may be in impacted communities providing information and assisting survivors with the registration process or their applicant files.
- A FEMA shirt or jacket is not proof of identity. All FEMA representatives, including our contracted inspectors, will have a laminated photo ID. All National Flood Insurance Program adjusters will have a NFIP Authorized Adjuster Card with their name and the types of claims they may adjust.
- If you are unsure or uncomfortable with anyone you encounter claiming to be an emergency management official, do not give out personal information, and contact local law enforcement.
- If you suspect fraud, contact the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.
- More information on disaster-related fraud is available at the Texas Attorney General's Office website at texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/disaster-scams or call -800-252-8011.

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