

## Evacuations and Special Health Care Needs: *Dial 2-1-1 to register for a ride*

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If you live in a hurricane EVACUATION ZONE, and you have special health care or transportation needs, you need to make extra efforts to get ready for hurricane season. Hurricane season officially begins June 1 and continues through November 30.

It is critical that you begin now to make your evacuation plans, prepare an emergency kit and learn evacuation routes. This should be done well in advance.

Operators answering the phones at 2-1-1 are prepared to help you register for transportation and special assistance now, before hurricane season begins.

**If you have special health care needs, register by dialing 2-1-1:** Gulf coast residents with special health care needs (including those who are disabled or medically fragile) who live in evacuation zones and do not have friends or family to help in an evacuation should register for a ride in advance by dialing 2-1-1. The 2-1-1 registry must be dialed IN ADVANCE. Do not wait until a storm is in the Gulf to register for assistance. This service is for people who cannot drive themselves or make transportation arrangements.

**If you need transportation, register with 2-1-1:** If you do not have a car or other vehicle, and you cannot get a ride with friends, neighbors or family, register IN ADVANCE for a ride by dialing 2-1-1.

If you are interested in registering and you want to find out whether you are living in an evacuation zone, dial 2-1-1 for information.

**Hurricane Preparedness tips on the web:** Governor's Division of Emergency Management Website: <[www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem)> FEMA website <[www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)> or <[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)>



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