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Galveston County
Emergency Management Director

GALVESTON COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
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The mission of the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management is to save lives, protect critical infrastructure, preserve property and reduce the impact of all-hazard incidents and disasters through planning, preparedness, response, and recovery activities. We proactively build a more resilient community through collaborative relationships with government agencies, emergency services, private sector partners, faith-based organizations, volunteer agencies and the citizens of Galveston County.

281-309-5002 or 888-384-2000
FOR LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES CALL 911
GALVESTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

PRECINCT 1 - DARRELL APFFEL
2516 TEXAS AVE. - 135
TEXAS CITY 77590
409-770-5474

PRECINCT 2 - JOE GIUSTI
11730 HIGHWAY 6
SANTA FE 77510
409-770-5475

PRECINCT 3 - STEPHEN HOLMES
9850 A EMMETT F LOWRY A100
TEXAS CITY 77591
409-770-5806

PRECINCT 4 - KEN CLARK
174 CALDER ROAD - 112
LEAGUE CITY 77573
281-316-8744
HURRICANE SEASON

STORM SURGE

9 FEET
6 FEET
3 FEET

Storm surge is life-threatening coastal flooding that accounts for about half of all deaths associated with tropical storms and hurricanes in the US. Forecasts are expressed as feet of water above ground.

INLAND FLOODING

It doesn’t take a major hurricane to cause major impacts to an area. Even relatively weak tropical systems can produce vast amounts of rainfall well inland from the coast, leading to devastating flooding.

Hurricane Wind Damage

1. CATEGORY 1
74 - 95 MPH
Some damage to homes and trees. Power outages could last days.

2. CATEGORY 2
96 - 110 MPH
Extensive damage to homes and trees. Power outages could last several days.

3. CATEGORY 3
111 - 129 MPH
Devastating damage. Roads may be blocked by trees. Extended power outages.

4. CATEGORY 4
130 - 156 MPH
Catastrophic damage. Power outages could last weeks or months.

5. CATEGORY 5
157 MPH OR MORE
Seriously catastrophic damage. Area may be uninhabitable for months.

Stay prepared for tropical weather from May through November.
RECOVERY
BEGINNS BEFORE A STORM

INSURANCE
Begin your disaster recovery now with adequate insurance for your home and possessions. Separate flood insurance is available, even if you are not in a flood zone. Separate windstorm insurance covers wind and hail damage. Document all repairs and do a full inventory of your possessions prior to hurricane season. Notify your insurance company immediately if you experience any covered losses and begin the claims process.

FEMA
In the event of a Federally Declared Disaster, you may be eligible for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). If your home is damaged and not safe to live in, you may be eligible for temporary housing assistance. If you are a homeowner, you may be eligible for money to help pay for the cost of repairs and lost or damaged possessions not covered by insurance. The maximum FEMA assistance per household is currently $34,000, with the average grant being around $4000.

SBA
The Small Business Association (SBA) offers very low interest disaster loans to assist homeowners and small businesses in their recovery. To be considered for a loan or certain types of FEMA grant assistance, such as transportation, personal property, and moving and storage, you must complete and return a SBA application.

FEMA Disaster Assistance: (800) 621-3362
SBA Disaster Customer Service: (800) 659-2955
Flood Insurance Program Referral: (888) 379-9531
Texas Windstorm Insurance Association: (800) 788-8247
PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

What can you do to protect your family in disasters?

* Using CDC guidelines, add items to your emergency kit to protect from viruses during a disaster.

* Consult with your doctor to see what vaccines are recommended to protect you during disasters.

* Pack a thermometer and medications that might be needed if a family member becomes ill.

* Build alternative plans to use if your host or a family member is sick during an evacuation or sheltering.

For more information visit: www.GCOEM.org
PROTECT YOUR HOME BEFORE A STORM

- Assess your insurance needs each year, including flood insurance for your home.
- Trim your trees and shrubs; removing any dead limbs that might break off in a storm.
- Store tools and materials to use to protect your windows from wind blown objects.
- Move your vehicles into the garage or other secure location before threatening weather.
- Bring outdoor items inside to keep them from damaging your home in strong winds.
- Lock all of the doors and windows on your property, including the garage door.
MAKE A PLAN

Fill out a Family Emergency Communications Plan.
Create a paper copy of important contact information for family, friends, schools, doctors and work. Keep a copy in your bag.

Fill out a Family Evacuation Plan.
Learn your evacuation Zip Zone. Find the supported evacuation routes from your area. Supported routes may offer your family additional resources as you travel to your safe evacuation area. If you need assistance with transportation, have access, functional or medical needs or are a person with language barriers, contact 2-1-1 and register with STEAR. Develop a plan to meet your individual and family needs for all hazards.

Hurricane Planning Information:
https://www.ready.gov/plan
Hurricane Evacuation Zip Zone Map:

The Galveston County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) provides free training to help prepare you to respond to emergencies in your own neighborhood. CERT facilitates hands-on instruction throughout the year to prepare ordinary citizens to support their neighbors in times of disaster.

For more information go to:
https://galvestontxcert.samariteam.com/
BUILD A KIT
Fill your disaster kit with items that meet the needs of those living in your home, including access, functional and medical needs.

**EVACUATION ITEMS**
- Road maps
- Full fuel tank
- Cash and credit cards
- Car repair items
- Tent, blanket, pillows
- Clothes, sturdy shoes
- Rain gear and towels
- Books, games and toys

**FOOD AND WATER**
- 7 day supply of food
- Plastic plates and utensils
- 1 gallon of water per person
- Manual can opener
- Baby food and formula

**PERSONAL ITEMS**
- Prescriptions in bottles
- Other medications
- Cooler for meds if needed
- Hand sanitizer, masks, wipes
- Toilet paper, paper towels
- Dental care products
- Hearing and vision aids
- Hygiene and comfort items
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Diapers and wipes
- Medical and mobility devices

**TOOLS**
- Radio with batteries
- Extra phone charger
- Flashlight and batteries
- Pocket knife
- Whistle and mirror
- Plastic tarp, duct tape
- Saw or hatchet
- Trash bags
- Work gloves and goggles
- Cleaning supplies

**FIRST AID KIT**
- CAT or Soft-T tourniquets
- Band-aids and gauze
- Antibiotic cream
- Benadryl and pain reliever
- Thermometer
- Medical gloves
- Elastic wrap

**DOCUMENTS**
- ID, birth record and Social Security card
- Insurance policies
- Deeds, lease and titles
- Home inventory and photos
- Computer back-up
- Utility bills and extra keys
- Family photos
STATE OF TEXAS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REGISTRY

REGISTER EVERY YEAR IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE EVACUATING IN A DISASTER OR EMERGENCY.

Who should register?
- People with disabilities or limited mobility
- People who need medical assistance
- People with functional and access needs
- People who require transportation
- People with communication barriers

CALL 2-1-1 OR GO TO:
https://tdem.texas.gov/stear/

ARE YOU CONNECTED?

Receive emergency messages by signing up for Blackboard Connect. Choose how you would like to receive Important information by going to: galvestoncountytx.bbcportal.com
EVACUATION

**VOLUNTARY** evacuations are issued when forecasted conditions indicate that it is not safe for you to remain in the area. These are issued by your Mayor or the County Judge.

**MANDATORY** evacuations are issued when forecasted conditions indicate that it is not safe for you to remain in the area. It is also an indication that emergency services may not be available until conditions improve. These are issued by your Mayor or the County Judge.
WHAT TO EXPECT AT A SHELTER

If you must evacuate and you do not have a place to stay, you may end up in a shelter until it is safe for you to return home. At most shelters you will find showers, rest room facilities and cots. Many offer meals for those who have evacuated, but may not be able to accommodate special dietary requests. Be sure that you take any special items your family might need like: diapers, formula, hand sanitizer, medications, medical and mobility devices, snacks, games, books, face masks and chargers. Blankets are usually offered at the shelter but you might feel more comfortable with pillows and bedding from home.

WHAT CAN I DONATE AND WHERE?

Community support after disasters is generous, but can be overwhelming if it is not delivered in a way that the impacted neighborhoods can use it. Many cities find themselves with mountains of clothes and household goods without the capacity to sort and deliver these items. If you would like to help, consider a cash donation to local charities working in your area or if you can donate your time and labor, consider looking at the local non-profits below that provide disaster relief and response to Galveston County residents.

4B Disaster Response Network
www.4BResponse.Org
Galveston Community Emergency Response Team
galvestontxcert.samariteam.com
TEXSAR - Texas Search and Rescue
www.TEXSAR.org

Lighthouse Charities
www.lighthousecharityteam.com
Medical Reserve Corps
www.GCHD.org
Team Rubicon
www.teamrubiconusa.org
Use generators outside and away from buildings. Exhaust fumes are deadly.

COMING HOME
Stay safe when you return from a disaster. Make sure utilities are turned off before entering your home. Wear long pants, sturdy shoes and a N-95 mask to protect you from debris and any mold that may be present. Watch for misplaced snakes, insects and animals hiding inside.

Debris removal guidelines
In efforts to expedite the debris removal process, please follow these rules:

- Placing debris near or on trees, poles or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.
- Debris separation: Please separate debris into the six categories shown below.
  - Electronics: Television, computer, stereo, phone, DVD player
  - Large Appliances: Refrigerator, washer/dryer, air conditioner, stove, water heater, dishwasher
  - Hazardous waste: Oil, battery, pesticide, paint, cleaning supplies, compressed gas
  - Vegetative debris: Tree branches, leaves, logs, plants
  - Construction debris: Building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, plumbing
  - Household garbage: Bagged garbage, discarded food, paper, packaging.

Debris should be placed curbside.
Debris should not block the roadway.
FLOODS

THE COST OF FLOOD INSURANCE IS A DROP IN THE BUCKET COMPARED TO THE COST OF FLOOD DAMAGE

FLOOD WATER RESCUES

- Heed weather warnings and follow directions.
- If water enters your home, shut off the main breaker for electricity as well as the gas.
- Go to the highest level of your home. **DO NOT ENTER ATTIC SPACES.** Climb on the roof only if absolutely necessary.
- If a rescue boat is floating down your street, get in it. Wear a life jacket if available.
- Take critical medications with you in a water proof bag when you evacuate.

Don’t underestimate the power of water!

6 inches of fast-moving water can knock over and carry away an adult.

12 inches of fast-moving water can carry away a small car.

18-24 inches of fast-moving water can carry away most large SUVs, vans and trucks.
OUTDOOR BURNING

Outdoor burning is prohibited in the State of Texas except under certain conditions. The Galveston County Health District provides an Outdoor Burning Rule checklist that can help verify if a proposed burn meets the stipulations of the exemptions. In the event that a Burn Ban has been issued for the County, all outdoor burning is restricted for public safety.

FIREFIRES SAFETY TIPS

- Never re-light or pick up fireworks that fail
- Keep a hose or bucket of water nearby
- Light fireworks one at a time
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area
- Sparklers should only be used with supervision
- Keep fireworks clear of dry vegetation and homes
WHEN YOU HEAR IT DO IT

LOCK DOWN
Lock doors - Get out of sight
Turn off lights - Stay silent
Prepare to evade or defend

LOCK OUT
Go inside - Lock doors
Business as usual
Pay attention to surroundings
Account for occupants

EVACUATE
Bring your phone - Leave stuff
Leave your stuff
Follow instructions
Account for occupants

SHELTER
Follow instructions
Tornado - Go to inside lower room
HAZMAT - Seal the room

CALL 8-1-1 BEFORE DIGGING TO AVOID PIPELINES
TORNA DOES AND ROAD SAFETY

WHAT TO DO
The best option is to get off the road and into a designated shelter or a safe building.

The next best option is a small, windowless room or hallway on the lowest floor of a sturdy building.

WHAT NOT TO DO
Do not seek refuge in a vehicle, outside or under an overpass. A highway overpass does not provide safety from a tornado.

DO NOT seek shelter under an overpass or a tree. This puts you at greater risk of being killed or seriously injured by flying debris from the powerful tornadic winds.

Prepare for Cold Weather

PEOPLE - Check on elderly neighbors and those with access and functional needs
PETS - Bring your pets inside
PIPES - Wrap or insulate water pipes and turn off water in vacation properties
PLANTS - Cover plants during freeze warnings

Fog may be a hazard to motorists

Dense fog makes it difficult to see what's ahead

Turn on your low-beam lights

Drive slowly and with caution
## STAY INFORMED

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Galveston County Emergency Management 281-309-5002
Galveston County Sheriff Non-Emergency 409-766-2300
Galveston County Health District 409-945-2540
Gulf Coast Center Crisis Hotline 866-729-3848

***Call 911 for life threatening emergencies***

WEBSITE: WWW.GCOEM.ORG

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