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NOAA Extreme Weather INFORMATION SHEET 2012

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STATE INFORMATION

TexasOnline.com Emergency Portal . . . . . **www.texasonline.com/portal/tol/en/emergency**
Texas Department of Public Safety (www.txdps.state.tx.us) **512-424-2000**
Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) (www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/index.htm) **512-424-2138**
Texas Department of Transportation - Travel Information (www.txdot.gov/travel/road_conditions.htm) **1-800-452-9292**
National Weather Service Forecast Office (Houston/Galveston) (www.srh.noaa.gov/hgx) **281-337-5074**
National Weather Service Forecast Office (Brownsville) (www.srh.noaa.gov/bro) **956-504-1432**
National Weather Service Forecast Office (Corpus Christi) (www.srh.noaa.gov/crp) **361-289-0959**
National Weather Service Forecast Office (Lake Charles) (www.srh.noaa.gov/lch) **337-477-5285**
StormSmart Coasts . . . . . **http://tx.stormsmart.org**
Office of Tourism Information & Referral (www.traveltex.com) . . . . . **1-800-888-8TEX (8839)**
Texas Department of Agriculture (www.agr.state.tx.us) . . . . . **1-800-TELL-TDA (835-5832)**
Texas Highway Patrol (www.txdps.state.tx.us/tle) **512-424-2000**
Texas Highway Patrol Roadside Assistance (Texas only) **1-800-525-5555**
Texas Rangers (www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/texas_rangers) **512-424-2160**
Governor's Office (www.governor.state.tx.us) . . . . . **1-800-843-5789 (in-state only) or 512-463-2000**
Texas Animal Health Commission (www.tahc.state.tx.us) **1-800-550-8242**
Texas Attorney General (www.oag.state.tx.us) . . . . . **1-800-621-0508 or 512-463-2100**
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (www.tceq.state.tx.us) **512-239-1000**
Texas Department of Insurance (www.tdi.state.tx.us) . . . . . **1-800-578-4677 or 512-463-6169**
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (www.tpwd.state.tx.us) **1-800-792-1112**
Texas Department of State Health Services (www.dshs.state.tx.us) . . . . . **1-888-963-7111 or 512-458-7111**
Brownsville Public Utilities Board (www.brownsville-pub.com) **956-983-6300**
CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric (www.centerpointenergy.com) **1-800-752-8036**
CenterPoint Energy (www.centerpointenergy.com) . . . . . **Emergency Gas Leaks 1-888-876-5786**
Entergy (www.entergy-texas.com) . . . . . **Customer Service and Emergencies 1-800-ENTERGY (368-3749)**
. . . . . **Power Outage 1-800-9OUTAGE (968-8243)**
Houston County Electric Cooperative (http://houstoncountyelec.com) . . . . . **Customer Service 1-800-657-2445**
. . . . . **Power Outage 1-800-970-HCEC (4232)**
Nueces Electric Cooperative (www.nueceselectric.org) . . . . . **1-800-NEC-WATT (632-9288)**
San Patricio Electric Cooperative (www.sanpatricioelectric.org) . . . . . **1-888-740-2220 or 361-364-2220**
AEP - American Electric Power (www.aep.com) **1-877-373-4858**
US Coast Guard, 8th District (www.uscg.mil/D8) **504-589-6225**

For Emergencies, Call 911 In All Areas • For Non-Emergencies, Call 211

COUNTY INFORMATION

Aransas
Emergency Management 361-729-2222
. . . . . .www.aransascounty.org/emergency_mgmt.html
Sheriff 361-729-2222

Brazoria
Emergency Management 979-864-1801
. . . . . .www.brazoria-county.com/em
Sheriff 979-864-2392

Calhoun
Emergency Management 361-553-4400
. . . . . .www.calhouncotx.org/emgmt.html
Sheriff 361-553-4646

Cameron
Emergency Management 956-547-7000
. . . . . .www.co.cameron.tx.us/emergency/index.htm
Sheriff 956-554-6700

Chambers
Emergency Management 409-267-2445
. . . . . .www.co.chambers.tx.us/EM/em.html
Sheriff 409-267-8318

Galveston
Emergency Management 1-888-384-2000
. . . . . .www.gcoem.org
Sheriff . . . . . .409-766-2322 or 281-534-3515

Harris
Emergency Management 713-881-3100
. . . . . .www.readyharris.org
Sheriff 713-221-6000

Jefferson
Emergency Management. 409-835-8757
. . . . . www.co.jefferson.tx.us/em.htm
Sheriff 409-835-8411

Kenedy
Emergency Management 361-294-5205
. . . . . www.co.kenedy.tx.us/ips/cms/countyoffices/sheriff.html
Sheriff 361-294-5205

Kleberg
Emergency Management 361-595-8527
. . . . . www.co.kleberg.tx.us/ips/cms/countyoffices/sheriff.html
Sheriff 361-595-8500

Matagorda
Emergency Management. 979-323-0707
. . www.co.matagorda.tx.us/ips/cms/Emergency_Preparedness
Sheriff 979-245-5526

Nueces
Emergency Management. 361-826-1100
. . . . . www.cctexas.com/eoc/
Sheriff 361-826-2900

Orange
Emergency Management. 409-882-7895
. www.co.orange.tx.us/Emergency%20Management/OEM.htm
Sheriff 409-883-2612

San Patricio
Emergency Management. 361-364-9650
. www.co.san-patricio.tx.us/ips/cms/othercountyoffices/safety.html
Sheriff 361-364-9600

Willacy
Emergency Management. 956-689-5456
. . www.co.willacy.tx.us/ips/cms/othercountyoffices/emergencyManagement.html
Sheriff 956-689-5576

NATIONAL INFORMATION

American Red Cross 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
. . . . . www.redcross.org
Centers for Disease Control. . . . . www.cdc.gov
Environmental Protection Agency . . . . . www.epa.gov
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) . . 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
. . . . . www.fema.gov
Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA) . . www.fema.gov/esp
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOAA. . . . . www.noaa.gov
National Weather Service . . . . . www.nws.noaa.gov
Gulf of Mexico Disaster Response Center. . . http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/hazards/drc
National Data Buoy Center. . . . . www.ndbc.noaa.gov
National Hurricane Center . . . . . www.nhc.noaa.gov
National Oceanographic Data Center . . . . . www.nodc.noaa.gov
National Coastal Data Development Center. . . . . www.ncddc.noaa.gov
NOAA Coastal Services Center. . . . . www.csc.noaa.gov
National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)
. . . . . www.nhc.noaa.gov/satellite.shtml
US Department of Homeland Security . . . . . www.dhs.gov/index.shtm

NOAAWATCH
ALL-HAZARDS MONITOR
www.noaawatch.gov

NOAAWatch is a website offering information about ongoing environmental events. NOAAWatch explains the role of NOAA in prediction, monitoring, and recovery from environmental hazards. It provides public access to current information on a number of environmental threats ranging from oil spills, to hurricanes and tsunamis, to space weather.

The National Hurricane Center issues Public Advisories on their website for active tropical cyclones every six hours at 4 a.m., 10 a.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m. CDT. When coastal watches or warnings are in effect, Intermediate Public Advisories are issued at either two or three hour intervals between the regular Public Advisories. Special Public Advisories may be issued at any time to advise of an unexpected significant change in the cyclone or when watches or warnings are to be issued.

Mobile NHC and NWS Weather Data

Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook RSS/XML feed
. . . . . http://hurricanes.gov/gtwo.xml
Website for PDAs and Smartphones . . . . . http://hurricanes.gov/mobile
Mobile NHC home page in WAP (WML)* format
. . . . . www.nhc.noaa.gov/index.wml

RADIO STATIONS

Texas:

KTRH 740 AM (Houston)
KLAT 1010 AM Española (Houston)
KUHF 88.7 FM (Houston)
KOGT 1600 AM (Orange)
KZFM 95.5 FM (Corpus Christi)
KNCN 101.3 FM (Corpus Christi)
KQXY 94.1 FM (Beaumont)
KLVI 560 AM (Beaumont)

Louisiana:

WWL 870 AM (New Orleans)
WLMG 101.9 FM (New Orleans)
KHLA 99.5 FM (Lake Charles)
WFMF 102.5 FM (Baton Rouge)
WJBO 1150 AM (Baton Rouge)
KTDY 99.9 FM (Lafayette)

NOAA Weather Radio

Not manufactured by NOAA, NWR receivers can be purchased at many retail outlets and on the Internet

NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) All Hazards is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from a nearby National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazard information 24 hours a day.

162.400 MHz **162.425 MHz** **162.450 MHz** **162.475 MHz** **162.500 MHz** **162.525 MHz** **162.550 MHz**

Evacuations and Special Health Care Needs:

Dial 2-1-1 to register for a ride

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.

To find out whether you are living in an evacuation zone, dial 2-1-1 for information. Operators answering the phones at 2-1-1 are also 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.

Texas Division of Emergency Management

www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/index.htm

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