

CITY OF HUMBLE

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Basic Emergency Management Plan: The City of Humble is a participant in the Harris County Emergency Management Plan and Hazard Analysis.

EOC: The City of Humble maintains an Emergency Operations Center activated during events requiring multi-jurisdictional response or declared disasters.

Mutual Aid: The City of Humble has mutual aid agreements with other public and private emergency response groups to mitigate the adverse affects of disasters.

PERSONAL AND BUSINESS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS LINKS

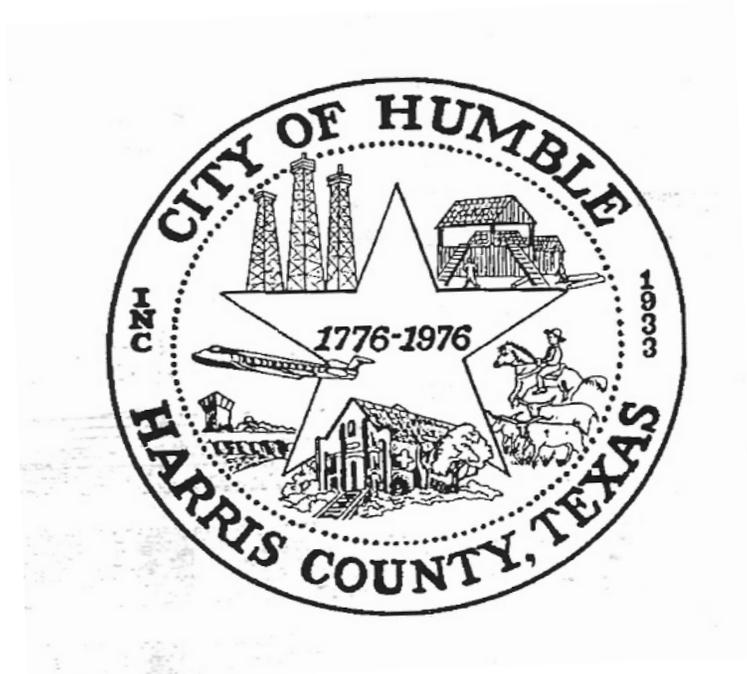
- 1. Texas Office of Homeland Security:** <http://www.texashomelandsecurity.com/beprepared.html>
- 2. Local Evacuation Maps:** <http://www.hcoem.org/>
- 3. Preparation for disasters:** <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/o,1082,0-601-.00.html> Another site is <http://www.ready.gov/america>
- 4. Community Response Task Force: Local disaster assistance coordination:** www.crtf.net

HURRICANE PREPARATION FACTS

Hurricanes are part living on the Texas Gulf Coast. If you live in the Humble area there are facts you should know about the possible effects of a hurricane.

1. Humble is not in an area affected by storm surge from the Gulf of Mexico. There are areas in the City Limits susceptible to flooding from the San Jacinto River and Garners Bayou due to heavy rains. Many areas in the City Limits have experienced flooding from localized heavy rains. Hurricanes or tropical storms often produce heavy rain. If you live in an area that has experienced flooding in the past, you should plan to move to a local shelter or evacuate the area. The adage “run from water and hide from wind” is certainly appropriate in this area.
2. If the worse case scenario, a category 5 hurricane hits the coast and moved directly into your area, sustained wind speeds should reach no more than 120 mph. A category 3 hurricane will produce sustained winds of 80 to 90 mph. Well built structures equipped with hurricane ties will withstand such wind without catastrophic damage. Mobile homes may not survive these wind levels. If you reside in a mobile home, you are unsure your home will withstand predicted winds, or fear damage from falling trees you should plan to move to a safe location.
3. The City of Humble will open local shelters in wind resistant buildings for the period of the storm. Information regarding shelter locations will be available through the media, by telephone, and this web site. It should be noted that during a hurricane there is a heightened risk of tornadoes which can catastrophically damage the strongest above ground buildings. Evacuation to safe areas in other parts of the state is an option. If you wish to evacuate you **must pre-plan**. Highly populated areas south and east of Humble which **are** affected by storm surge may be forced to evacuate 72 hours prior to a hurricane making landfall. During this 72 hour period it is likely that evacuation routes will be clogged. Travel at an average of 5 mph is likely. Travel times of 24 hours or longer to Dallas or Austin will likely be normal. Fuel, food, or shelter may not be available. If you wish to evacuate during a hurricane you should prepare to leave at the first report of the possibility a hurricane may strike the area. You should prepare to remain away for several weeks. Fuel and food may be in short supply prior to mandated evacuations as well as during and after a hurricane. Be sure your vehicle has at least twice the fuel normally required to reach your destination and you have an ample supply of food, medications and water.

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS GUIDE



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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The routine of our daily lives can easily be disrupted by emergencies and/or disasters and each event can have immediate and lasting effects. People can be seriously injured, or sometime killed and property damages can run into millions of dollars. The goal of the Humble Emergency Management Office is to prepare the City to respond to and recover from the effect of disasters and emergencies. This preparedness process includes providing assistance to those citizens who have been effected by the utilization of the City's resources as well as the resources of the state and federal government.

As the need arises, additional support and assistance will be provided by agencies such as the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Greater Houston Red Cross, and the Salvation Army. Along with these service agencies are dedicated volunteers who extend themselves to assist the City when called upon. These resources are vital to the complete recovery effort of the City of Humble.

When emergencies occur, emergency management agencies (police, fire, EMS, public works, and health) are trained to respond to the areas effected by the event. It is the responsibility of all of us to be personally prepared to respond and manage the effects of a disaster. Humble's Emergency Management Division has prepared self-help booklets and pamphlets to assist you in developing your personal emergency preparedness program for your family's protection. Emergency Management staff members are also available for emergency preparedness presentations to civic groups and other organizations.

Remember, knowing what to do in emergencies is your responsibility. More importantly, knowing what to do is the best protection for you and your family...

KNOWING WHAT TO DO
PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

L**EARN** what could happen if steps are not taken to protect your family

D**EVELOP** an Emergency Plan

P**RACTICE** and maintain your emergency plan

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF DISASTERS COULD EFFECT YOU:

Contact the City of Humble Emergency Management Division.

Ask about the types of natural or technological (hazardous materials, major transportation accidents, terrorist attacks, etc.) disasters most likely to occur in the greater Houston/Galveston area. Request information on how to prepare for each occurrence.

Ask about the Emergency Alert System (EAS). EAS broadcasts are activated by local authorities when there is an emergency.

Please pay close attention to these messages.

Ask about animal care after a disaster. Animals may not be allowed inside emergency shelters. Only working dogs will be allowed to accompany a disabled person. Shelters may be provided for pets but a portable kennel and supplies for the animal may be required.

Ask about special assistance for the elderly and disabled, if needed. The Humble Division of Emergency Management maintains a data base of special needs residents in the City Limits so that arrangements can be made to assist these persons during a disaster. To register a Special Needs resident, contact the City of Humble Fire Marshal's and Emergency Management Office at 281 446 4928.

Ask about evacuation and safe inland traffic routes.

Stock emergency supplies.

You should assemble enough supplies to last for 5 days

Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit in case of evacuation.

Include water, packaged or canned food, change of clothes/footwear, blankets/sleeping bags, first aid kit, prescription medicines, an extra pair of glasses, a battery powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries, an extra set of car keys, cash/credit cards and battery operated tone-alert weather radio. Copies of important documents such as Insurance Policies, Birth Certificates, SS cards, etc. Make sure your vehicle has a full tank of fuel if there is warning of a possible evacuation due to regional disaster such as a hurricane.

Prepare and Emergency Car Kit.

Include battery powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, booster cables, tire repair kit/pump, fire extinguisher, blanket, first aid kit, bottled water and non-perishable high-energy foods and maps.

Install safety features such as smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in your home.

Learn basic safety measures such as CPR, first aid, and use of the fire extinguisher, how and when to turn off water, gas, electricity at the main switches.

**Post emergency phone numbers by the telephone.
Teach children how and when to call 911, Fire/Police/
EMS.**

PRACTICE AND MAINTAIN YOUR PLAN

Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills annually.

Replace stored water every three months and food every six months.

Test and recharge your fire extinguisher according to manufacturer's instructions.

Test your smoke detector once a month and replace the batteries twice a year. It is suggested that the batteries be replaced in the fall and the spring.

Listen to KTRH 740 AM, Harris County's Designated Emergency Alert Station for emergency information from local public safety officials. Follow their instructions and recommendations.

HURRICAN PREPAREDNESS

Before a Hurricane

When a hurricane **WATCH** is issued by the National Weather Service and the coastal area is threatened, you should do the following:

Continue to monitor local TV or radio stations for instructions.

Check supplies, especially drinking water (at least 5 gallons per person).

Fuel vehicles and generators.

Cover windows with plywood.

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Bring in ALL outdoor furniture, toys and tools.

Moor any boats securely or move boats to a safe place.

When a hurricane **WARNING** is issued and hurricane winds of 74 miles per hour or higher or dangerously high water is expected within 24 hours in this area, you should:

Continue to monitor local TV and radio stations for instructions.

Move out of low-lying areas early at the request of officials.

Check tie-downs if living in a mobile home. **Leave immediately.**

If living on high ground and plan to stay, secure the building, windows, and garage doors. Follow all procedures listed above.

Fill bathtubs and all available containers with extra water.

Turn off utilities, if requested.

Stay away from windows, doors and openings.

During a Hurricane you should:

Remain indoors in an interior hallway, bathroom or closet on the lowest level of your house well away from windows.

Cover yourself and family members with a mattress or seek shelter under something sturdy, such as a well constructed dining room table, that could protect you from possible debris.

After a Hurricane

Beware of unsafe food and/or water. Boil tap water before drinking unless you are told it is unnecessary.

Utilities could be off. Treat all downed lines as live wires and don't touch. If you smell gas leave the area immediately and notify the proper authorities.

Making temporary repairs. Without taking unnecessary risk, protect your property from further damage.

Inform your insurance agent of any damage, and leave work where you can be reached. Take pictures of damages.

FLOODING

The most common type of all natural hazards are floods. This is particularly true for the Humble area. Being prepared is a vital step toward protecting both lives and personal property. The following suggestions will help you develop your personal emergency plan for floods.

Before a Flood

Understand Flash Flood Watch and Warning terms.

Flash Flood Watch: Flooding is possible.

Flash Flood Warning: Flooding is occurring or is eminent.

Determine if your property is in a flood-prone area.

Purchase a tone-alert weather radio.

Develop an evacuation plan.

Assemble a disaster supply kit. Such as radio with extra batteries, flashlights, first-aid kit and food.

Know how to shut off your utilities.

Consider purchasing Flood Insurance.

During Heavy Rains

Listen to radio and TV stations for the most current information.

Know what streams, bayous, drainage channels and creeks are prone to flood in your immediate area. Secure your house before you evacuate.

Avoid going near flood areas. The water depth is unknown.

Do not drive into flooded streets. Water depth is unknown and the condition of the road way is not certain.

Know how and when to evacuate from your immediate area before it's too late.

After a Flood

Stay away from flood waters.

Be aware of areas where flood waters have receded.

Keep away from areas where power poles are down or where destruction of properties have occurred.

Be alert to personal health and safety issues regarding your family welfare.

Continue monitoring your radio for the latest information.

Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR WMD

Damage may occur to containers or facilities used to transport or store hazardous materials at any time. Terrorist can utilize biological or chemical agents as weapons. The Humble area is especially at risk due to its proximity to major air, highway, and rail facilities.

In a chemical emergency you may be told to shelter in place.

This means going indoors and making yourself as safe as possible until the emergency passes or you are told to evacuate. It is safer to remain indoors than to go outside where the air is unsafe to breathe.

If you are told to Shelter in Place

Close all windows.

Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.

Close the fireplace damper.

Wet some towels and jam them in the cracks under the doors. Duct tape around doors, windows, exhaust fans or vents. Use plastic garbage bags to cover windows, outlet and heat registers.

Stay in the room and listen to the news media until you are told by public officials that all is safe or you are told to evacuate.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

City of Humble: cityofhumble.net.....281 446 3061

Emergency Management Office.....281 446 4928

Emergency Services (Police/Fire/EMS).....911

Public Works.....281 446 2327

Police Department.....281 446 7127

Fire Department.....281 446 2212

Harris County

Emergency Management Office.....713 881 3100

Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro)713 738 4000

METRO Police.....713 224 2677

METRO Homeland Security.....713 615 6464

Motorist Assistance Program.....713 225 5627

State of Texas www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/

Department of Public Safety.....713 681 1761

Department of Transportation.....713 802 5000

Service Agencies

Greater Houston American Red Cross.....713 526 8300

Salvation Army.....713 222 8253

Federal Agencies

National Weather Service.....281 337 5074