Are you prepared?
Dear Citizens of Brazoria County,

Amidst all the challenges 2020 has given us with COVID-19, we must now prepare for the 2020 Hurricane Season. As a coastal county, preparing for hurricane season is nothing new. This year with the novel coronavirus pandemic, new challenges and plans need to be thought through. I encourage you to review your family’s emergency plans and be prepared for change due to coronavirus. Updating your plans will help you better prepare for whatever the 2020 Hurricane Season brings.

Take time to read this guide, the information provided could save your life and the life of your loved ones. Preparedness is the key to protecting you, your family and property.

Remember, if you or a loved one will need transportation to safety during an emergency event, you need to register NOW, by dialing 2-1-1. Do not wait to register. Review the section in this guide for information on registering with S.T.E.A.R./2-1-1.

Be Prepared and Stay Safe Brazoria County!

L.M. “Matt” Sebesta, Jr.

Brazoria County Judge
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Prepare Your Home

• **Buy flood insurance.**
• There is a 30 day waiting period before newly purchased flood insurance goes into effect.
• Install commercial shutters or prepare 5/8 inch plywood panels for your windows.
• Reinforce garage doors so that they are able to withstand high winds. Garage doors are frequently the first feature in a home to fail.
• Trim all dead wood, weak, and overhanging branches from trees as they could damage your or your neighbor’s property.

**Before you leave**

• Move outside items to safety, such as patio furniture, plants, and grills.
• Put valuable documents in waterproof containers and take them with you when you evacuate.
• Turn off electricity at the main circuit breaker or fuse box.
• Turn off gas at the appliances.
• Remove perishable items from your refrigerator and freezer.
• Make a final walk-through inspection before closing the door.
• Close all interior doors in your home.

Prepare Your Vehicle

• Fill up with fuel before you leave town. It’s smart to keep your tank at least half full during the entire hurricane season.
• Check your vehicle’s fluid levels and ensure there is adequate coolant in the radiator.
• Check your tire pressure.
• Ensure you have a jack, a lug wrench, and know where they are in the vehicle.
• Carry enough water and non-perishable food for you and your passengers in case you become stranded.
• Have a working flashlight and extra batteries.
• If you are stranded, stay with your vehicle and use emergency flashers. Tie a white cloth on the antenna or door handle and raise the hood.

**If you’re traveling with children be sure to pack items to help keep them entertained**

• Reading materials, puzzle, games, coloring books, and electronics with extra chargers and batteries.
• Fun road games like Highway BINGO and I Spy. Go Online to find lists and ideas.
• Low sugar snacks and sugar free drinks.
• A change of clothes.

Brazoria County eNotification System

Sign-up to receive emails on upcoming events, projects, road closures, emergency communications, etc. Stay informed! Sign up TODAY! tinyurl.com/bcnotification
Family Disaster Checklist

**Essentials**
- Cell phone and charger
- This guide
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlight
- Extra Batteries
- Cash
- Map of the area

**Baby Needs**
- Formula, diapers, bottles, medication and powdered milk

**Medical Needs**
- Insulin
- Prescription drugs in original containers
- Heart and high blood pressure needs
- Denture needs
- Extra eye glasses
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Doctor’s phone numbers

**Clothing & Bedding**
- Plastic garbage bags, ties
- Sunglasses
- Rain gear
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Complete change of clothing and footwear per person

**Cooking Preparation**
- Mess kits or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Non-electric can opener, utility knife
- Barbecue for outdoor use only with charcoal and lighter, or sterno stove
- Pot or pan
- Manual can opener
- Barbecue utensils and cooking utensils

**Entertainment**
- Games & books

**Safety**
- First Aid Kit (one for your home and one for each car)
- Fire Extinguisher
- Whistle
- Compass

**Food**
- Minimum 7-day supply of nonperishable food that requires no refrigeration or preparation, and little or no water
  - Dry cereal
  - Peanut butter
  - Canned fruits
  - Canned vegetables
  - Canned juice
  - Ready-to-eat canned meats
  - Ready-to-eat soups (not concentrated)
  - Quick energy snacks
  - Graham crackers

**Important documents**
- Important telephone numbers
- Record of bank account numbers
- Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
- Inventory of household valuables with digital pictures and video
- Copy of will, insurance policies
- Records of credit card account numbers and companies
- Copy of passport, social security cards, and immunization records
- Current Utility Bills

**Sanitation**
- Disinfectant
- Household chlorine bleach
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Toilet paper, towelettes, paper towels
- Personal hygiene items
- Cloth towels (at least 3)
- Feminine supplies
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation use)
- Hand Sanitizer

**Supplies**
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Aluminum Foil
- Paper, Pencil
- Plastic sheeting and tarp
- Medicine dropper
- Needles, thread
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Plastic storage containers
- Ziplock bags

**Tools**
- Assorted nails, wood screws
- Pliers, screwdriver, hammer
- Paper, Pencil
- Heavy rope
- Tape, duct tape and plumber’s tape or strap iron
- Patch kit and can of seal-in-air for tires
- Shut off wrench to turn off household gas & water

**Pet Needs**
- Food, leash, collar/ harness, carrier, non-tip food and water containers

**Water**
- 7 gallons per person, minimum, in a food-grade, plastic container
- Additional water for sanitation

**You may want to include**
- Family photos, jewelry and select irreplaceable personal items.
- An external Hard Drive

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Disaster & Hurricane Guide 2020
What to do if you live in a flood-prone area:

- Buy flood insurance.
- Determine if you live behind a levee, find out who owns the levee near you, and do your part to promote levee safety.
- Visualize the impact if your levee is over-topped or breached and your neighborhood is flooded.
- Develop an emergency action plan to follow in case of flooding.
- Take advance precautions to reduce potential flood damage.
- Support funding initiatives for levee improvement projects.

Protecting Your Boat – Marine Prep

- Check your marina contract for policies and procedures for hurricanes.
- Check with the manufacturer for proper ways to secure your boat during a storm.
- Consider moving arrangements well in advance of an approaching storm.
- Trailerable boats should be removed from the water and securely stored at least 48-hours before a hurricane is expected to make landfall.
- Purchase necessary hurricane materials such as additional mooring lines, crew anchors, fenders, fender boards, chafing gear, and anchors.
- Safe storm moorings should consist of good condition ropes of sufficient diameter and length, with at least three or four substantial anchor points.
- Do not moor parallel to bank. Receding tides often capsize boats in this type of mooring.

Business & Employee Preparation

- Identify and protect vital records. Backup and store key files off site.
- Protect electronic equipment from possible water damage.
- Have extra cash and blank checks in case extra money is needed after the storm.
- Identify a safe room for employees who must remain in the building.
- Develop a 24-hour emergency contact list with phone numbers for employees to check in and receive company information.
- Establish a temporary location for business operations in case your facility is damaged.
- Give employees enough time to secure their homes and families.
- Consider paying employees before they leave to prepare their homes.
How to prepare for a flood

BE INFORMED

- Know if you are located in a flood-prone area and your flood risk.
- Stay informed through local media, trusted social media sites, the Ready Brazoria County App, city and/or county websites.

IF YOU HAVE PETS OR LIVESTOCK

- Consider precautionary evacuation of your animals. Waiting until the last minute could be fatal for them and dangerous for you.
- Move livestock to higher ground.
- Don’t leave companion animals behind if you evacuate your home. Tying up animals can cause the animal to suffer unnecessarily and be vulnerable to the elements and possible drowning.
- Prepare an animal emergency kit. The kit should include food, bowl, leash, crate, bed, toys and any medication your animal may need.

PROTECT YOUR HOME

- Clear gutters and drains. Keep gutter and drainage systems clear to carry water away from your home.
- Catalog possessions. Using a digital camcorder or camera, create a home inventory for insurance. Store digital files on a USB drive and take it with you during an evacuation event.
- Raise furniture and move expensive items to a safe location. Take irreplaceable items such as photographs and important documents with you if asked to evacuate.
- Anchor your fuel tanks. Unanchored tanks can float, rupture, and release fuel.
- Turn off your electricity at the breaker box and unplug sensitive equipment, such as computers, TV’s, etc. before evacuating your home.

BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE

- If Mandatory Evacuation is issued by officials, leave the area for your safety and the safety of your family. REMEMBER, take your animals with you.
- For your safety, you will not be able to re-enter an evacuated area until area is deemed safe to return by local officials.

TURN AROUND DON’T DROWN

- Do not drive into or go near flooded streets or areas.
- Do not go around safety barriers or barricades.

GETTING PREPARED

tinyurl.com/BrazoriaCo
@BrazoriaCounty
@BrazoriaCounty
brazoriacountytx.gov
Download “Ready Brazoria County” on the App Store or Google Play
**S.T.E.A.R. REGISTRY**
State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry

If you need a ride to safety, during any emergency register with STEAR today!

This service is for people who cannot drive themselves and have no other transportation during an emergency event.

Register by dialing 2-1-1 or at: http://stear.tdem.texas.gov

**EVACUATION DESTINATION**

Seaton Star Hall
10842 TX-53
Temple, TX 76501
Evacuation HUBS in Brazoria County

What is a HUB?
A HUB is a meeting location for residents who need public transportation during an evacuation. Residents will be checked in and bused to an evacuation shelter.

HUB LOCATIONS

1. PEARLAND
   Recreation Center
   4141 Bailey Road
   Pearland, TX

2. ANGLETON
   Fairgrounds
   901 S Downing Rd
   Angleton, TX

What should I bring with me?
• Medications for at least 10 days.
• Driver's license or state issued picture ID.
• Sleeping pads or air mattresses.
• Blankets or a sleeping bag for each person.
• Robe & shower shoes with toiletries.
• Books, cards, games and QUIET toys for children.
• Snacks
• Five days worth of clothing
• No more than two pieces of luggage and one carry-on bag per person.
• NO Alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs are allowed in HUBs or on buses.

Will my pet ride with me?
• HUB Coordinators have final say over all pet transports.
• As a general rule, pets will be transported with the owner. However, if a situation dictates, they may be transported in a separate vehicle.

Public transportation and animal evacuations
• Only non-aggressive household pets will be permitted. No reptiles or farm animals.
• Up to two pets per household will be allowed on the bus. If you feel you MUST take more than two pets, please contact your city’s local emergency manager BEFORE an evacuation is called.
• All animals MUST be transported and housed in a sturdy plastic or metal cage/transport device. No cardboard or partly enclosed devices will be allowed.
• Animals must remain secured in the travel device at ALL TIMES while on the bus and at the HUB.
• Pets must have current rabies shot records.
• Owners are responsible for supplying food and water for their animals.
• We are not liable for any losses or injuries to your animals while being evacuated.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE OUT OF TOWN

What is a HUB?
A HUB is a meeting location for residents who need public transportation during an evacuation. Residents will be checked in and bused to an evacuation shelter.

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If you need assistance getting to one of these HUBS, contact your emergency coordinator.
“See Pages 19–21”
Evacuation Plans

How do I know when to evacuate?

Don’t wait! It is NOT safe to wait. Plan to leave early.

Mandatory evacuation orders will come from your local officials. Evacuations will be based on zip codes. Please be prepared to leave immediately. See pages 19-21 for specific information pertaining to your city’s communication of recommended evacuations.

Should I evacuate?

Do not wait until a mandatory evacuation is issued. Monitor conditions and leave whenever you can. Hurricanes and disasters can be extremely unpredictable and can become much more dangerous in a matter of hours.

Where should I go?

You may evacuate to any city you choose. Brazoria County residents who need shelter should go to Belton, Texas. If you do not have hotel reservations or family you can stay with, you may evacuate to the public shelters. See map on page 6.

What route should I take?

There are no mandatory routes you must take when evacuating from your city. In fact, there are several different routes you may take. When weather is good, take your family on an outing to check routes and become familiar with roadways and fuel locations.

The State has designated evacuation routes: SH-36, SH-288, SH-6, I-45, SH-290, HWY-59. If you choose to take an alternate route, essential services such as food, fuel, etc. are not guaranteed. Depending on the strength of the storm, contra-flow lanes might be open on SH-45, I-10, and SH-290 thirty-six (36) hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds. Plan your evacuation routes carefully (having more than one route planned), realizing that contra-flow lanes have priority over all other routes.

When evacuating you should:

- Coordinate your departure with the people who will be traveling with you.
- Notify an out-of-area person of your evacuation plans.
- Make arrangements for your pets.
- Pack your disaster supply kit into your vehicle.
- Secure your home.
- Double check your evacuation route and leave.

Should I carry food and drinks in my car?

Yes! Stopping for food or drinks during a large scale evacuation may significantly delay you in getting to your destination. Some restaurants and stores along hurricane routes may be closed and those that are open are likely to be very crowded. Additionally, once you leave the evacuation route to purchase food or drinks, it may be difficult to re-enter the flow of traffic.

What can I do to help others?

Check on friends, neighbors and assist them if you can to make sure they can evacuate. If you cannot, help them get in touch with the local emergency management office.

I don’t want to evacuate!

Should you choose to stay there will be NO SHELTERS in Brazoria County. There will be NO SERVICES available to you (sewer, water, electricity, etc). Hospitals will close, ambulances will not run, and police and fire cannot respond until the storm passes.

Fuel
• Keep your fuel tank at least half full during hurricane season.
• Motorists should fill their tanks before evacuating.
• TxDOT works with the private sector to assure fuel availability on designated evacuation routes only.
• TxDOT courtesy vehicles will be patrolling designated evacuation routes for those stranded.

Check COUNTY road conditions online
http://tinyurl.com/BCRoadClosure

Check STATE road conditions online
drivetexas.org
Or call: 1-800-452-9292

Know Your Evacuation Zone
Mandatory evacuations will be based on zip codes.
Be prepared to leave immediately after your zip code is called.
Evacuating Pets

All food and medication must be provided by owner. If you have questions, please contact your local emergency manager (pages 19–21).

- As a general rule, pets will be sheltered separately with the exception of service animals that must stay with their owners.
- If you are evacuating to a hotel, ask about pet policies that might exist. Not all facilities accept animals.
- All animals must be housed in a sturdy plastic or metal cage.
- All food/medication must be provided by owner.

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Evacuating Livestock

Where to Go?

If you have friends or family who have a place to board your livestock, that is your best option. Public shelters are temporary, lasting maybe a few days. Bell County can accommodate cattle, horses, and sheep, swine and goats, high value livestock—horses, show animals, youth animal projects, etc.

When evacuating livestock, contact the County Extension Agent (254) 933-5305 before leaving home to let Bell County know you're coming. Other shelters for livestock are available throughout the state, but contact information on those sites isn't released until shortly before an evacuation. As this information is received, call the Emergency Management EOC at (979) 864-1064. Evacuation shelters provide only shelter and water. Feed and hay are the owner's responsibility.

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Important pet supplies

- Medications
- Food, Water
- Non-tip food and water containers
- Leash/Collar, Harness, and Carrier
- Records of Vaccinations
- Hand Sanitizer
- Waste disposal bags
- Training pads
- Towel or Blanket

Evacuation shelters require all equine to have current vaccinations and Coggins test paperwork.

Brazoria County Livestock guide:

bit.ly/bclivestock
What to Expect in an Emergency Shelter

When disasters occur, the county or state may provide a safe refuge in temporary emergency shelters. These shelters can be located in schools, churches, office buildings or other facilities. General population shelters are stocked with basic need essentials, such as food, water, and a warm place to sleep. Keep in mind, a shelter will not be able to provide the same level of comforts of home or a hotel. Shelters can be noisy, crowded, boring, short-staffed, and provide very little privacy. If you are able, staying with friends or relatives is a better choice.

Items to Bring to an Emergency Shelter:

- Bring identification
- Important/insurance papers
- Bring blankets/sleeping bags, pillows
- Bring baby supplies – food, diapers, formula, medication, etc.
- Bring cards/games/books to pass the hours
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- Cell phone and charger
- Important phone numbers, i.e. family members, doctor, etc.
- Prescription and emergency medication in original containers
- Medical equipment, i.e. oxygen/wheelchair
- Extra clothing
- Specialty snacks and juices for dietary needs
- Hygiene supplies
- Shower Shoes
- Basic snacks
- Folding chairs
- Other comfort items as needed
- Pets ONLY in carriers
- Pet leashes, food bowls
- Pet health records
- No alcohol, or illegal drugs are allowed in public shelters.

IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION

Don’t forget your animals supplies and necessities!

Photo provided by ASPCA
WHAT TO DO AFTER A FLOOD

- Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded and watch out for debris, snakes, fire ants, alligators, etc. Flood waters often erode roads and walkways.
- Do not wade through flood waters.
- Do not attempt to drive through areas that are still flooded.

- Avoid standing water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Photograph damage to your property for insurance purposes.

www.ready.gov/floods

Separating Your Debris
Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

NO PICKUP ZONE
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

DEBRIS SEPARATION
Separate debris into the six categories shown below.

DO NOT STACK OR LEAN
Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?
If you don’t have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.

For more information: brazoriacountytx.gov
Severe Weather

Thunderstorms
A thunderstorm is a storm containing lightning caused by unstable atmospheric conditions. When cold upper air sinks and warm, moist air rises, storm clouds, or “thunderheads,” develop. Thunderstorms may occur by themselves, in clusters, or in lines. So, it is possible for several thunderstorms to affect one location in the course of a few hours. Some of the most severe weather occurs when a single thunderstorm affects one location for an extended period of time.

Severe thunderstorms can bring heavy rains, strong winds, hail, lightning, and tornadoes. To protect yourself in a severe thunderstorm, get inside a sturdy building away from windows and stay tuned to a battery-operated radio for weather information.

NWS Skywarn

Storm Spotter Program
The National Weather Service issues forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property. Severe weather reports from weather spotters are critical for the issuance of accurate and timely warnings and thus contribute to public safety. Each year the NWS offers numerous weather spotter training sessions to increase the number of spotters who can provide this critical information. Spotters are trained at how to report hazards such as hail, damaging winds, funnel clouds, tornadoes and flooding and how to identify cloud formations that indicate severe thunderstorms. Severe weather safety is also covered. The training is free, runs about two hours and is great for anyone who is interested in weather and wants to provide information directly to the National Weather Service that contribute to the safety of their communities.

For more information on the Skywarn program and to register for a course in your area refer to the following link:

https://www.weather.gov/SKYWARN

Know The Difference

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Skywarn
Practice HEAT SAFETY Wherever You Are

Heat related deaths are preventable. Protect yourself and others from the impacts of heat waves.

- **Job Sites**
  - Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade as often as possible.

- **Indoors**
  - Check up on the elderly, sick and those without AC.

- **Vehicles**
  - Never leave kids or pets unattended - LOOK before you LOCK

- **Outdoors**
  - Limit strenuous outdoor activities, find shade, and stay hydrated.

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**RIP CURRENTS**

Know your options

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer away from shore. If at all possible, swim near a lifeguard.

**IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT**
- Relax, rip currents don’t pull you under.
- Don’t swim against the current.
- Swim out of the current, then to shore.
- If you can’t escape, float or tread water.
- If you need help, yell or wave for assistance.

**SAFETY**
- Know how to swim.
- Never swim alone.
- If in doubt, don’t go out.
- Swim near a lifeguard.

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**Lightning**

**Do’s and Don’ts**

**Do**
- Go Inside When You Hear Thunder or See Lightning!
- Find a Sturdy House, Building, Car With A Hard-Top Roof
- Stay Indoors For at Least 30 Minutes After You Last Hear Thunder

**Don’t**
- Retreat to Dugouts, Sheds, Pavilions, Picnic Shelters or Other Small Structures
- Use or Touch Electronics, Outlets, or Corded Phones
- Go Under or Near Tall Trees, Swim or Be Near Water, Be Near Metal Objects or Windows
Founded in 1985, Community Awareness & Emergency Response (CAER) is an organization made up of 20 manufacturing companies. CAER serves the Brazosport and surrounding areas, promoting emergency planning in the event of an industrial emergency. CAER works to serve as the vital link between the community and industry.

**FAST FACTS**

Brazosport CAER was the first industrial alert program of its kind in the nation.

The CAER ALERT SYSTEM consists of 15 strategically placed sirens in the Brazosport area that are tested each Monday at 12:10 pm for 45 seconds.

CAER sirens can be heard for a one-mile radius. They stand 50-feet high and are radio controlled.

CAER operates a 24-hour telephone alert system called CodeRED Mobile Alert. This system is geo-aware and sends alerts to registered phones in affected areas in the event of an industrial emergency. Download the app or go to brazosportcaer.com to register.

The community can call 979-238-CAER (2237) with questions.
ALL HAZARD INFORMATION

DOWNLOAD THE READYBRAZORIACOUNTY APP TODAY

HELPING YOU KEEP YOUR LOVED ONES SAFE

When it comes to an emergency situation, having a plan can help protect you and your loved ones. That is why Brazoria County has developed a mobile app that helps its citizens properly prepare and stay informed during and after a disaster. You will be able to create your family emergency plan and get a list of the go-kit supplies in just under a minute. In addition, you will receive the latest updates and necessary information on evacuation routes, shelters, available emergency services and much more, should a disaster strike.

Find peace of mind by ensuring that you and your family are properly prepared. Download the Ready Brazoria County Preparedness App and get the tool and all the information you need in one easy-to-use app.

Key Features:

➤ Get instant access to evacuation maps and know which routes are safe

➤ Find out about the nearest emergency shelters and special services in your area

➤ Receive latest alerts and emergency notifications from Brazoria County

➤ Create your personalized family emergency plan and list of go-kit supplies quickly and painlessly

➤ Broadcast your status ("I am safe" or "I need help") with one single tap

The app is free and is available on App Store or Google Play today!
BRAZORIA COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS NEEDS YOU!

In large emergencies, first responders can be quickly overwhelmed. Citizens on scene may need to take action to help save lives.

Citizen Corps will train you to prepare yourself, your family, and your neighbors for disasters.

The Brazoria County Citizen Corps has several key missions:
• Initial Neighborhood Response
• Staff Evacuation Hubs for an evacuation
• Help staff the Emergency Management Call Center
• Staff shelters during disasters
• And MUCH MORE!

ALL TRAINING IS FREE!

Positions for everyone! Great for groups and organizations! Sign up today!

See our calendar at: www.homelandpreparedness.org or contact Homeland Preparedness Project at: info@homelandpreparedness.org Or call 281-844-3653.

If you are interested in volunteering and/or supporting Salvation Army, Freeport Corps give them a call at (979) 233-5420, or drop by at 1618 N. Avenue J, Freeport, TX
Returning Home

- Find out if it is safe to enter your community or neighborhood. Follow the advice of your local authorities.
- Check city and/or county websites
- Reliable social media sites. Ex. Brazoria County FB and/or Twitter tinyurl.com/BrazoriaCo
- Have cash with you. ATM’s may not work and stores may not be able to accept credit or debit cards.
- Bring supplies such as flashlights, batteries, bottled water and nonperishable foods in case utilities are out.
- Create back-up communication plans with family and friends in case you are unable to call from affected area.
- Plan for delays when traveling. Bring extra food, water, pillows, blankets and other items that will make the trip more comfortable. Keep the fuel tank of your vehicle as full as possible in case gas stations are crowded, out of fuel or closed.
- Carry a road map to help you route around heavy traffic or impassable roads.
- Understand that recovery takes time. Focus on the positive and have patience. Others will have similar frustrations.
- If possible, leave children and pets with a relative or friend. If not, keep them away from hazards and floodwater.
- Beware of rodents, snakes, insects and other animals that may be on your property or in your home.

Items to Bring When Returning Home

- Government-issued photo ID and proof of address
- Important phone numbers
- Bottled water and non-perishable foods
- First aid kits
- Cleanser/hand cleaning gel for personal use
- Hygiene products and toilet paper

- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Long sleeved shirts, long pants, sturdy waterproof boots and works gloves
- Flashlight, portable radio and extra batteries
- Cameras for photos of damage for insurance claims
- Tarp(s) to cover roof damage and control leaks

Well Water Testing After a Flood

Water wells that received flood water may be contaminated with bacteria, which can make you sick. Sources of bacteria may include a septic system and fecal matter from wildlife and domestic animals. Additionally, chemical contaminants can enter a well making the water unsafe to drink.

Well water can be tested at the Brazoria County Water Lab located at 409 East Orange, Angleton, Texas 77515. Water sample must be collected in a container from the lab.

Generator Safety

When the power goes out many people will turn to generators for temporary power. Before using a portable generator know the risks to insure safe and proper use.

- Never attach a generator directly to the electrical system of a structure (home, RV trailer, etc.) unless a qualified electrician has properly installed the generator with a transfer switch.
- Always plug electrical appliances directly into the generator using the manufacturer’s supplied cords or extension cords that are grounded (3-pronged).
- Inspect the cords to make sure they are fully intact and not damaged.
- Do not overload a generator.
- Make sure a generator is properly grounded.
- Keep a generator dry.
Communication Information
If your city is not listed, use the County numbers.

Brazoria County
Emergency Management
pio@brazoria-county.com
24 Hour Hotline: 979-798-2489, 979-849-1264, 979-388-1064, 281-756-1064
www.brazoriacountytx.gov

Bell County
Emergency Management
254-933-5587
www.bellcountytx.com

CAER
979-238-CAER (2237)
www.brazosportcaer.com

United Way of Brazoria County
979-849-9402
www.uwbc.org

Salvation Army
1-979-233-5420

Alvin
Emergency Manager: 281-388-4363
City Hall: 281-388-4200
Public Works: 281-388-4325
City Manager’s Office: 281-388-4230
Mayor’s Office: 281-388-4275
Cable Access Channel: Channel 16
RADIO: KACC 89.7 FM
www.alvin-tx.gov

Angleton
Emergency Manager: 979-849-2383
City Hall: 979-849-4364
City Manager’s Office: 979-849-4364
Mayor’s Office: 979-849-4364
Fire: 979-849-1265
www.angleton.tx.us

Bailey’s Prairie
Emergency Manager: 979-849-0134
Mayor: 979-849-0134
Village Hall: 979-849-0134
www.baileysprairie.org

Bonney
Emergency Manager/Mayor: 281-595-2269
City Hall: 281-595-2269
www.bonneytexas.gov

Brazoria
Emergency Manager: 979-798-2489
City Hall: 979-798-2489
City Manager: 979-798-2489
24 hr. Emergency Info. Line: 979-798-9131
www.cityofbrazoria.org

Brookside Village
Emergency Management: 281-485-3048
Police Chief: 281-485-4844
Mayor: 281-485-3048
City Hall: 281-485-3048
www.brooksidevillage-tx.org
## Clute
- Emergency Management: 979–265–9653
- Police Department 24 Hr Info: 979–265–6194
- Clute City Hall: 979–265–2541
- City Manager: 979–265–2541
  - www.ci.clute.tx.us

## Danbury
- Emergency Manager: 979–264–9482
- Mayor: 979–264–9482
- City Secretary: 281–922–1551 x5
- City Hall/Police Dept: 979–922–1176
- Utility Dept: 979–964–2392

## Freeport
- Emergency Manager: 979–233–2111
- Information Message: 979–233–KNOW
- City Hall: 979–233–3526
- Police: 979–239–1211
  - www.freeport.tx.us

## Hillcrest
- Emergency Management: 832–602–9958
  - Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM: 281–756–0577
- City Office Not Open Following An Emergency
- Mayor: 281–748–7149
- City Marshal: 832–221–5961

## Holiday Lakes
- Mon Wed Thurs & Fri 1 – 5 PM, Tues 1 – 7 PM
- Mayor: 979.849.1136
- Police Chief: 979–849–3163
- City Secretary: 979–849–1136
  - www.holidaylakestexas.com

## Iowa Colony
- Emergency Manager: 281–369–3444
- City Hall: 281–369–2471
- Mayor: 281–369–2471
- City Secretary: 281–369–2471
- Police Chief: 281–369–3444
  - www.cityofiowacolony.com

## Jones Creek
- Mayor: 979–233–2700
- Fire Chief: 979–201–3594
- City Admin: 979–233–2700
- City Hall: 979–233–1826
  - www.villageofjonescreektexas.com

## Lake Jackson
- Emergency Manager: 979–415–2500
- City Hall: 979–415–2400
- Police Department: 979–415–2700
- Cable Access Channel: Channel 16
  - www.lakejackson-tx.gov

## Liverpool
- Emergency Manager: 281–581–2342
- Mayor: 281–581–2342
- City Secretary: 281–581–2342
- Police Chief: 281–581–2233
  - www.cityofliverpooltexas.com

## Manvel
- Mayor: 281–489–0630
- City Manager/EMC: 281–489–0630
- Police Chief: 281–489–1212
- Fire Marshal/Deputy EMC: 281–489–0630
- Fire Chief: 281–692–0279
- EMS Director: 281–489–6144
  - www.cityofmanvel.com

## Oyster Creek
- Emergency Manager: 979–233–8481
- Police Department: 979–233–8481
- City Administrator: 979–233–0243
- Mayor/City Hall: 979–233–0243
- Fire Department: 979–233–8481
  - www.cityofoystercreek.org

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