

Disaster Preparedness Kit

Use the following checklists as a guide to help include items you, your family, and your pet may need as part of your Disaster Preparedness Kit.

PERSONAL/FAMILY CHECKLIST

Home or Property Recovery

- Utility knife
- Work gloves
- Duct tape (to secure coverings)
- Hammer and nails or construction stapler
- Fire extinguisher – small canister (ABC type)
- Plywood (pre-cut) to cover windows and doors
- Plastic sheeting/bags (to cover electronic devices)
- Pliers and/or wrench (to turn off gas and water, if needed)
- Flood Insurance – this is a separate policy as most homeowners insurance policies do not cover flood damage

Personal Health & Safety

- Important telephone numbers
- Eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Inventory of valuable household items
- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, and pacifiers
- Hurricane evacuation zones and evacuation route maps and area map for shelter locations

- Antibacterial wipes, masks, moist towelettes, toilet paper, soap, and liquid detergent
- Important family documents in a waterproof, portable container; include items such as:
 - Birth, marriage, and death certificates
 - Wills, insurance policies, deeds, contracts
 - Homeowners and flood insurance policies
 - Passports, social security cards, immunization records
 - Bank and credit account numbers and contact information
- First aid kits for your home and cars with items recommended by the American Red Cross (first aid books and kits can be purchased by the American Red Cross)

Food & Water

- Camping stove
- Cooking tools/fuel
- Manual can opener
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Paper plates, plastic cups, and utensils
- Water – at least one gallon daily per person (and pet) for three to seven days – two quarts for drinking/two quarts for food preparation and cleaning
- Food – at least enough for three to seven days including non-perishable packaged or canned food (such as meat, soup, and fruit) and juices; special food for infants, the elderly, or those with food allergies or illness





Clothing & Bedding

- ❑ Blankets or sleeping bags
- ❑ Sturdy shoes or work boots
- ❑ Clothing for wet and/or dirty conditions
- ❑ Rain gear – including umbrella, raincoat/poncho, and rain boots

Vehicle Supplies

- ❑ White distress flag
- ❑ Fully gassed vehicles
- ❑ Flashlight or camping lantern, extra batteries, and a roadmap
- ❑ Tire repair kit and spare tire in good condition, jumper cables, pump, and flares

Misc. Tools & Supplies

- ❑ Whistle
- ❑ Needles, thread
- ❑ Fuel for generator
- ❑ Mosquito repellent
- ❑ Telephone with a cord
- ❑ Cash or traveler's checks
- ❑ Plastic garbage bags, ties
- ❑ Cell phone with charger or extra battery
- ❑ Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- ❑ Books, games, paper, pencils, crayons for kids
- ❑ Sunscreen and shade items (umbrella, wide-brimmed hat)

FACT:

Only four Category 5 hurricanes have struck the U.S. in recorded history:

- 1935 Labor Day Hurricane (Florida Keys landfall)
- 1969 Hurricane Camille (Mississippi landfall)
- 1992 Hurricane Andrew (South Florida landfall)
- 2018 Hurricane Michael (Florida Panhandle landfall)

EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS WILL NOT RESPOND TO EMERGENCY CALLS DURING A STORM ONCE WIND SPEEDS REACH 40 MPH.

Regional County Offices of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Austin County

ac-oem.com
979-865-6463

Brazoria County

brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/
emergency-management
979-864-1201

Chambers County

chamberscountytx.gov/200/Emergency-
Management
409-267-2445

Colorado County

co.colorado.tx.us/page/colorado.
emergency
979-733-0184

Fort Bend County

fortbendcountytx.gov/homeland-security-
emergency-management
281-342-3411

Galveston County

gcoem.org
281-309-5002

Harris County

readyharris.org
713-881-3100

Liberty County

co.liberty.tx.us/page/liberty.emergency
936-334-3219

Matagorda County

co.matagorda.tx.us/page/matagorda.
emergency
979-323-0707

Montgomery County

ohsem-moco.hub.arcgis.com
936-523-3915

Walker County

co.walker.tx.us/department/index.php
?structureid=17
936-435-8035

Waller County

co.waller.tx.us/page/OEM
979-826-7785

Wharton County

co.wharton.tx.us
979-532-1123

The STEAR Program

The STEAR, or State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry, is a voluntary, free registry that provides local emergency planners and responders with additional information on the needs of their communities.

Different communities use the registry in various ways. For more information on how your community will use information in the STEAR registry, contact your **local emergency management office**.

Who Should Register?

- People with disabilities
- People who are medically fragile
- People with access and functional needs such as:
 - Limited mobility
 - Communications barriers
- People who require additional medical assistance during an emergency event
- People who require transportation assistance
- People who require personal care assistance

How to Register?

- Phone: Dial 2-1-1 or use your video telephone relay option to contact 2-1-1 at 877-541-7905 (Texas Information and Referral Network)
- Online: stear.texas.gov or scan the QR code below

Information to Provide

The following information is required to register:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Primary language

You may also be asked to provide the following vital information for use by local emergency planners and responders:

- Pet information
- Caregiver information
- Communication barriers
- Emergency contact information
- Disability, functional, or medical needs
- Transportation assistance for home evacuation

**YOU
MUST
REGISTER
FOR
STEAR
EACH
YEAR!**



**REGISTERING FOR STEAR DOES NOT
GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE
ASSISTANCE IN AN EMERGENCY.**

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or scan the QR code



H-GAC Resources

- Together Against the Weather
togetheragainsttheweather.com
- Hurricane Evacuation Maps
h-gac.com/hurricane

Additional State and Federal Resources

- American Red Cross, Greater Houston Area Chapter
houstonredcross.org
713-526-8300
- Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI
fema.gov/region-6-contact-us
940-898-5399
- FloodSafety.com
floodsafety.com
- National Flood Insurance Program
floodsmart.gov
877-336-2627
- National Hurricane Center
nhc.noaa.gov
- National Weather Service - Houston/Galveston
srh.noaa.gov/hgx
- Texas Department of Insurance
tdi.state.tx.us
800-252-3439
- The Texas Department of Transportation
txdot.gov/travel/hurricane.htm
800-452-9292
- Texas Division of Emergency Management
txdps.state.tx.us/dem
- Texas Windstorm Insurance Association
twia.org

Local & Regional News Stations

Monitor local news reports to learn of weather and road conditions, school closures and to receive important instructions from emergency management officials.

Television Stations

- KHOU/CBS – Channel 11
khou.com
- KIAH/CW – Channel 39
cw39.com
- KPRC/NBC – Channel 2
click2houston.com
- KRIV/FOX – Channel 26
myfoxfhouston.com
- KTMD/Telemundo – Channel 47
elemundodallas.com/houston
- KTRK/ABC – Channel 13
abclocal.go.com/ktrk
- KXLN/Univision – Channel 45
univisionhouston.com

Radio Stations

- Houston: KUHF 88.7 FM, KTRH 740 AM
- Austin: KLBJ 590 AM
- Beaumont: KLVI 560 AM
- College Station: KAMU 90.9 FM, KAGC 1510 AM
- Dallas: KRLD 1080 AM
- Huntsville: KSAM 101.7 FM
- Lufkin/Nacogdoches: KYKS 105.1 FM, KRBA 1340 AM
- San Antonio: WOAI 1200 AM

