



## GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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**Main Message: When officials call for an evacuation, get going without delay**

### **Key Talking Points:**

- When a storm is in the Gulf of Mexico, monitor weather reports and NOAA weather radio.
- Monitor local radio and TV broadcasts for important evacuation information.
- Storms may take several days to arrive. When a storm is in the Gulf, fill your gas tank and keep it full. Make sure your emergency supply kit is ready to go.
- Your emergency preparedness kit should include: radio, flashlight, extra batteries, extra eye glasses, medications, copies of prescriptions, special products for babies and elderly family members, bottled water, non-perishable food, dry clothes, bedding and important documents in waterproof containers.
- Start your evacuation with a full tank of gas – and food and water in the car.
- When local officials tell you to evacuate – go!!
- Monitor your car radio and check Texas Department of Transportation highway signs for evacuation information.
- If possible – to help avoid traffic congestion – take only one vehicle.
- Some traffic congestion in is inevitable. Plan for significantly longer travel time to reach your destination.
- If you are planning to take several vehicles, trailers or boats – leave your area BEFORE the evacuation call to avoid adding to traffic congestion.