

COASTAL COUNTY AND CITY HURRICANE INFORMATION

Chambers County

Emergency Management Website

This [website](#) is home to all Emergency Management materials for Chambers County. It contains links to:

- **Emergency Information**
This site provides useful numbers and a list of media outlets that will be kept informed of county decisions.
<http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/offices/emergency1.pdf>
- **Risk Area Map**
This map shows where the areas in Chambers County that are most likely to be touched by a hurricane.
http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/offices/emer_map.jpg
- **FEMA's Be Ready Website**
This website gives information for having a plan during a hurricane.
<http://www.ready.gov/>
- **Hurricane Safety Tips**
This page includes tips for preparing the home for a hurricane and for evacuation.
<http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/offices/hurricane.pdf>
- **Emergency Supply Kit**
Information for what items should be considered for an emergency.
<http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/offices/emsupkit.html>
- **Hurricane Tracking Map**
This is an example hurricane tracking map used in the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida for the Atlantic Basin
http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/offices/emer_chart.jpg
- **Weather Links**
This site provides links to the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office such as satellite images, hurricane tracking charts, disaster brochures, and preparedness information.
<http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/offices/weatherlinks.html>
- **Evacuation Routes – Regional Map: Jefferson, Orange and Chambers Counties**
This webpage contains a map depicting the evacuation routes for the three counties east of Houston.
<http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/offices/EvacMap.pdf>

- The Saffir Simpson Hurricane Scale
This page provides descriptions of the various hurricane categories.
<http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/offices/saffirsimpsonscales.html>
- Fire and EMS
Information on local city Emergency Medical Service Department and Volunteer Fire Departments for Chambers County can be found at this site.
<http://www.co.chambers.tx.us/offices/emsPage.htm>

Galveston County

Office of Emergency Management

This is the official [home page](#) of Galveston County Emergency Management and is home to information for Galveston County. The list contains the items below:

- Hurricane Tracker
This site contains hurricane tracking, current traffic, and weather conditions.
<http://www.gcoem.org/content/view/175/243/>
- Current Conditions
A list of links to real-time weather, traffic, water level & stream sensors, and webcams are available here.
<http://www.gcoem.org/content/view/29/39/>
- News & Information
Several articles relating to hazard-related information are referenced at this site.
<http://www.gcoem.org/content/category/1/1/145/>
- Situation Reports
This page provides links to ongoing instances in the county that could hinder emergency management planning and operational activities.
<http://www.gcoem.org/content/category/1/30/196/>
- About Us
Links on this page give background information and the general processes the Galveston County's Office of Emergency Management is responsible for.
<http://www.gcoem.org/content/view/5/129/>
- Contact Information
Important phone numbers along with the physical location on a map is here.
http://www.gcoem.org/component/option,com_contact/Itemid,128/
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
This program provides training to civilians to assist with non-emergency projects and improve safety in the community.
<http://www.gcoem.org/content/view/130/188/>

- Planning & Preparedness
Various plans for Galveston County are located here.
<http://www.gcoem.org/content/view/28/139/>
- Mitigation
Describes what hazard mitigation is, the benefit of it, and what you can do.
<http://www.gcoem.org/content/view/112/87/>
- Mass Notification Alerts
Registering for a mass notification during emergencies can be sent by a voice message and/or text message.
http://www.gcoem.org/component/option,com_wrapper/Itemid,267/

Harris County

Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (OHSEM)

Harris County's [website](#) gives useful information for residents and people in the region. These are items on the site:

- Hurricane Preparedness & Evacuation Information Brochure in English and Spanish
This brochure contains general hurricane information, the evacuation map, disaster supply kit checklist, and helpful numbers.
English: <http://www.hcoem.org/Documents/Hurricanebrochure.pdf>
Spanish: <http://www.hcoem.org/Documents/HurricanebrochureSpanish.pdf>
- Hurricane Preparedness Checklist
This site provides a preparation checklist for planning for an evacuation.
<http://www.hcoem.org/Documents/HurricanePreparednessChecklist.pdf>
- Evacuation Map
This map depicts storm surge zones and major routes within the region.
<http://www.hcoem.org/HCMap.aspx?P=Evacuation>
- Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale
The National Weather Service defines hurricane intensity by the Saffir-Simpson scale. People living in coastal areas surrounding the Houston-Galveston region use this method to evacuate. The Houston-Galveston region evacuates based on zip codes.
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshs.shtml>
- Hurricane Names
The National Weather Service has a list of 2015 planned hurricane names based on the world region they are in.
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnames.shtml>

- Hurricane Videos
This shows potential hurricanes that could potentially affect our region.
<http://www.hcoem.org/Default.aspx?P=HurricaneVideos>
- FEMA's Ready America Website
This website gives information for having a plan during a hurricane.
<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html>
- National Weather Service
Current conditions, hazards, and the latest forecast available.
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/hgx/>
- Traffic Map
TranStar updates the current traffic conditions every fifteen minutes for the county.
<http://traffic.houstontranstar.org/layers/>
- Harris County Alerts
This website allows persons to register for updates during major event or emergencies through an email address and/or cell phone.
<http://www.readyharris.com/go/maillinglist/1829/>
- School Alerts
Houston/Harris County region's official site for school district alerts.
<http://www.safeschoolalerts.org/go/site/2687>
- Email Alerts
This provides several sources for people to register for wireless services such as weather and news emails and/or texts.
<http://www.hcoem.org/Default.aspx?P=EmailAlerts>
- Phone Numbers
These numbers are significant for evacuation in Harris County.
<http://www.hcoem.org/Default.aspx?P=Numbers1>
- 2-1-1
This phone number is used to register for evacuation assistance in Harris County.
<http://www.hcoem.org/Default.aspx?P=211>
- Disaster Preparedness for Pets
The county provides a link to a brochure produced by the Humane Society for the purpose of helping the reader prepare their pets for evacuation.
http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/disaster_preparedness_pets.html

Liberty County

Hurricane Evacuation Tips and Emergency Agency Web Links

This is the Liberty County [website](#) for Hurricane information such as frequently asked questions and answers about hurricane evacuation, and also contains the following:

- 2010 Risk Area Map
This map depicts areas at risk by hurricane category. It also includes hurricane evacuation routes.
<http://www.co.liberty.tx.us/ips/export/sites/liberty/downloads/EmergencyMGMT/Evac.pdf>
- Hurricane Ike Recovery
Literature from the United Way on how and why to apply for assistance with FEMA after a disaster
<http://www.co.liberty.tx.us/ips/export/sites/liberty/downloads/EmergencyMGMT/hurricaneIke.pdf>
- Flood Factsheet
Precaution information for floods from the Texas Department of State Health Service
<http://www.co.liberty.tx.us/ips/export/sites/liberty/downloads/EmergencyMGMT/FloodFactsheet.pdf>
- Special Needs Evacuation Form
The special needs form is available for residents of Liberty or Cleveland.
<http://www.co.liberty.tx.us/ips/export/sites/liberty/downloads/EmergencyMGMT/SpecialNeedsEvacForm.pdf>
- “Turn Around, Don’t Drown”
This article from the Texas Department of Public Safety encourages drivers to avoid driving through water.
<http://www.co.liberty.tx.us/ips/export/sites/liberty/downloads/EmergencyMGMT/TurnAroundDontDrown.pdf>
- References to [NOAA Hurricane Tracking Chart](#) and the [Liberty County Risk Areas Map](#) are also available.

Matagorda County

Matagorda County Emergency Information

This is the [webpage](#) for county emergency management. It provides useful preparedness information for evacuating, and it also provides the following:

- Local Emergency Contact Information
Phone numbers available by county and city level
http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/ips/cms/Emergency_Preparedness/contacts.html

- **Be Prepared**
How to be prepared for an evacuation event
http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/ips/cms/Emergency_Preparedness/Prepared.html
- **Prompt Notification Systems**
Discusses notifications systems Matagorda uses during evacuation events
http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/ips/cms/Emergency_Preparedness/pns.html
- **STP 10-Mile Emergency Planning Zone Map and Reception Centers**
The emergency plan for a disaster to the STP Nuclear Operating Company
http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/ips/cms/Emergency_Preparedness/stp.html
- **Taking Protective Actions**
Lists the steps for evacuation if asked to take shelter, evacuate and the plans for school children.
http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/ips/cms/Emergency_Preparedness/tpa.html
- **Evacuation Tips**
Evacuating tips during an incident at a nuclear plant or a hurricane
<http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/ips/export/sites/matagorda/downloads/publicdocs/EmergencyMngment/Evactips.pdf>
- **Information About Radiation**
Article on what radiation is and its effects on the Matagorda region
http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/ips/cms/Emergency_Preparedness/radiation.html
- **Emergency Management Terms**
Emergency Management terms relative to Matagorda County
http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/ips/cms/Emergency_Preparedness/terms.html
- **“[Assistance Needed](#)” and “[We Have Been Notified](#)” House Sign**
The county would like for residents to place these notifications on their homes if they have been notified of the evacuation.
- Links to the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) are also provided along with the [National Hurricane Center](#), [FEMA](#).