



Texas – Flash Flooding July 15, 2026

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Press release July 12, 2026:

“Governor Greg Abbott today directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate state emergency response resources ahead of severe weather and flash flooding threats expected to impact multiple regions of Texas over the next several days.”

Governor Abbott Activates States Emergency Response Resources Ahead of Flash Flood Danger made the following statement:

“The State of Texas will deploy all necessary resources to help local officials respond to potential severe weather and flash flooding across the state,” said Governor Abbott. “I urge all Texans to monitor local forecasts, heed guidance from state and local officials, and always remember: Turn Around, Don’t Drown. Texas will support our communities as these threats develop.”

“According to the National Weather Service, a moisture-rich weather pattern are expected to bring multiple rounds of heavy rainfall to large portions of Texas through the end of the week. Slow-moving storms may present flash flooding risks across large portions of North, West, Central, South, and East Texas beginning tonight, with the main threats expected early-to-mid week. Primary hazards include rainfall and flash flooding, with stronger thunderstorms capable of producing damaging wind gusts and large hail. Texans are urged to monitor local forecast information and stay weather aware.”

“At the direction of Governor Abbott, the following state emergency response resources are available to support local severe weather response operations:

- *Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force 1 and Texas Task Force 2): Swiftwater Rescue Boat Squads, Urban Search and Rescue Teams, and rescue swimmers to assist with flood rescues*
- *Texas Division of Emergency Management: All Hazards Group responders and regional personnel to support deployed emergency response resources across the state*
- *Texas National Guard: Personnel and high-profile vehicles to assist stranded motorists; Blackhawk helicopters to assist with flood rescues*
- *Texas Department of Transportation: Personnel monitoring roadway and transportation conditions*
- *Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Game Wardens, rescue boat teams, and helicopters with hoist capability to assist with water rescues*
- *Texas Department of Public Safety: Texas Highway Patrol Troopers, helicopters with hoist capability, and the Tactical Marine Unit*
- *Texas Department of State Health Services (Texas Emergency Medical Task Force): Severe Weather Support Packages with medics, ambulances, and all-terrain vehicles*
- *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service: Disaster Assessment and Recovery Agents and County Extension Agents to support agricultural and livestock needs*
- *Public Utility Commission of Texas: Power-outage monitoring and coordination with utility providers*
- *Railroad Commission of Texas: Monitoring of the state's natural-gas supply and communication with the oil and gas industry*
- *Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: Air, water, and wastewater monitoring*

"Texans should proactively prepare by reviewing family communication plans, assembling an emergency supply kit, and following instructions issued by local officials.

Texans are urged never to drive or walk through flooded roadways, as floodwaters may be deeper and move more rapidly than they appear."

Always remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown. Visit [DriveTexas.org](https://www.drive-texas.org) for real-time road conditions, find comprehensive severe weather preparedness information at [TexasReady.gov](https://www.texasready.gov), locate flood information at [TexasFlood.org](https://www.texasflood.org), and access all-hazards preparedness tips at tdem.texas.gov/prepare.

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To view a list of open shelters, please visit: [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

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Recent social media post 07/15/26:

“Rain and flooding are impacting roads across the state, especially in southwest and central Texas. Check [DriveTexas.org](https://www.drive-texas.org) to see updated road impacts and closures and remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown! Do not drive into flooded areas or around barricades.”

Please view the following link for updates on traffic and road conditions: [DriveTexas](#)

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

TX 211

Dial 2-1-1 or (888) 892-1162

[2-1-1 Texas | Texas Health And Human Services Commission](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

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Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](#)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

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National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](#)

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.