

**Texas Severe Weather and Tornadoes**  
**Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Harris, and Orange Counties**  
**January 26, 2023**

**Texas Governor Greg Abbott**

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<https://gov.texas.gov>

<https://www.facebook.com/TexasGovernor>

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Press Release | January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

*“Governor Greg Abbott today [issued a disaster declaration](#) for communities in Southeast Texas impacted by severe storms that caused damage to homes and businesses earlier this week. The disaster declaration, which includes Harris and Orange counties, will further support the State of Texas' recovery efforts in response to extensive damage sustained due to tornadic activity in Pasadena, Deer Park, and neighboring Southeast Texas communities. Additional counties may be added to the declaration as damage assessments are completed.*

*“The State of Texas is ready to assist Texans and businesses impacted by tornados in Southeast Texas communities,” said Governor Abbott. “This disaster declaration will swiftly provide all necessary resources to help Texans navigate the recovery process during this difficult time. Texans impacted by severe weather are encouraged to self-report sustained damages to their homes or businesses through the iSTAT survey. Join Cecilia and me in praying for Texans and communities affected by these tornados as they begin to recover.”*

*At the [Governor's direction](#), the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) deployed state emergency response personnel yesterday to affected areas to conduct preliminary damage assessments alongside local responders, with those efforts continuing through this week. The Governor also directed TDEM to [prepare response resources](#) ahead of the severe weather threats and engage state assets in support of local officials across Texas.*

*TDEM has requested the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provide personnel to participate in joint preliminary damage assessments to certify the damage. This effort will help determine whether Texas meets federal requirements for disaster assistance.*

*Yesterday, Governor Abbott urged all impacted Texans to complete TDEM's [iSTAT self-reporting damage survey](#) to help emergency management officials gain an understanding of damages that occurred during the recent severe weather and expedite*

*federal disaster assistance. The survey, available in both English and Spanish, can be accessed by visiting [damage.tdem.texas.gov](http://damage.tdem.texas.gov). Reporting damage to TDEM is a voluntary activity, is not a substitute for reporting damage to an insurance agency and does not guarantee disaster relief assistance.”*

**Texas Division of Emergency Management**

1033 La Posada Drive

Austin, TX 78752

(512) 424-2208

<https://tdem.texas.gov>

<https://www.facebook.com/TxDEM>

<https://twitter.com/TDEM>

Disaster Portal: <https://tdem.texas.gov/disasters>

Disaster Resources for Texans: <https://www.tdem.texas.gov/recovery/resources-for-texas-citizens>

**Division 2:**

12230 West Road

Houston, TX 77065

281-517-1535

<https://tdem.texas.gov/regions/region-2>

**American Red Cross of Central & South Texas**

2218 Pershing Drive

Austin, TX 78723

(512) 928-4271

<https://www.redcross.org/local/texas/central-and-south-texas.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/RedCrossCSTR>

<https://twitter.com/ArkRedCross>

**Open Shelters:**

**Harris County**

Baker Ripley Cleveland Campus

720 Fairmont Parkway

Pasadena, TX 77504

Revive Church

1062 Fairmont Parkway

Pasadena, TX 77504

Bridge Point Fellowship Church  
2005 FM-408  
Bridge City, TX 77011

### **Texas Department of Transportation**

(512) 463-8588

<https://www.txdot.gov>

<https://twitter.com/TxDOT>

For updates on current road conditions, please visit: <https://drivetexas.org>

### **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 <https://www.211.org>.

### **Texas 211**

<https://www.211texas.org>

Dial 2-1-1 or (877) 541-7905

## **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

### **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)**

500 C Street SW

Washington, DC 20472

(800) 621-3362

<http://www.fema.gov>

Please visit the website and click on "*Disaster Declarations*". If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit <http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance> to apply online.

### **DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV**

<https://www.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 <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies>

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL**

National Headquarters  
2025 East Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 303-4498 or (800) 733-2767  
<http://www.redcross.org>

Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

## **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

## **THE WEATHER CHANNEL**

Local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>.

## **NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION**

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo>

## **SAFE TRAVEL USA**

<http://www.safetravelusa.com>

## **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>.