Governor Abbott Urges Texans To Monitor Weather Conditions, Possible Flooding As Tropical Depression Beta Continues To Impact The State
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As Tropical Depression Beta continues to impact the Texas Coast and Southeast Texas, Governor Greg Abbott is urging Texans to continue to monitor weather conditions and be mindful of potential flooding, high wind, heavy rain, and storm surge in their area. Tropical Depression Beta, downgraded from a Tropical Storm, will continue to produce significant rainfall from the middle Texas Coast through Southeast Texas. Dangerous flooding is already occurring and remains possible throughout Southeast Texas through Wednesday. The Texas State Operations Center remains activated at Level 2 (Escalated Response Conditions) to support requests for assistance from local officials.

"Tropical Depression Beta poses serious flood risks to communities along the coast and Southeast Texas, and I urge Texans to remain vigilant as this storm continues to impact our state," said Governor Abbott. "Texans who live in areas at risk for flooding should not travel if possible, avoid crossing flooded roadways, and continue to heed the guidance of local officials as this storm makes its way through the Lone Star State."

Texans are urged to be extremely cautious of any water on roads or in creeks, streams, storm drains, or other areas – never attempt to cross flowing streams or drive across flooded roadways and always observe road barricades placed for your protection. Remember: Turn Around, Don’t Drown.

In addition, Texans are encouraged to follow these flood preparedness and safety tips during severe weather events:

- Know types of flood risk in your area. Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center for information here: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home
• Sign up for your community’s warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

• Build an emergency supply kit. For more information on how to build a kit, visit: https://www.ready.gov/kit

• Keep important documents in a waterproof container. Create password-protected digital copies.

• Protect your property. Move valuables to higher levels. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves. Consider a sump pump with a battery.

Governor Abbott Issues Disaster Declaration In Response To Tropical Storm Beta
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Governor Greg Abbott today issued a Disaster Declaration for 29 Texas counties in response to Tropical Storm Beta. This storm is expected to make landfall this evening but has already caused storm surge and damaging winds, and has the potential to cause widespread flooding, as it continues to approach the Texas Coast.

Counties included in this Disaster Declaration include Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, Sabine, San Augustine, San Patricio, Shelby, Travis, Victoria, and Wharton.

"As Tropical Storm Beta approaches the coast, I urge Texans in the path of the storm to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe from flooding, storm surge, and other impacts from this severe weather," said Governor Abbott. "The State of Texas is working closely with local officials on the ground to provide the resources our communities need to respond to Tropical Storm Beta and keep residents safe."

View the Governor's Disaster Declaration.

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Austin, Texas 78752
(512) 424-2208
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https://www.facebook.com/TxDEM
https://twitter.com/TDEM
**Aransas County Emergency Management**
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Rockport, TX 78382
(361) 790-0100
https://www.aransascounty.org/emergencymgmt/

**Bee County Office of Emergency Management**
111 South Saint Mary's Street, Suite 201
Beeville, Texas 78102
(361) 621-1567
http://www.co.bee.tx.us/page/bee.Emergency

**Bexar County Office of Emergency Management**
8130 Inner Circle
San Antonio, TX 78235
(210) 335-0300
https://www.bexar.org/672/Emergency-Management
https://www.facebook.com/BexarCountyTX/
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**Brazoria County Office of Emergency Management**
111 East Magnolia Street
Angleton, Texas 77515
(979) 864-1201
https://brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/emergency-management
https://www.facebook.com/BrazoriaCo/
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**Calhoun County Emergency Management**
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Port Lavaca, TX 77979
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http://www.calhouncotx.org/emgmt.html
https://www.facebook.com/CalhounCountyTexasOEM/
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**Chambers County Emergency Management Agency**
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https://www.co.chambers.tx.us/page/emergency_mgt
https://www.facebook.com/ChambersCountyEmergencyManagement/
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1521 Eugene Heimann Cir
Richmond, TX 77469
(281) 342-6185
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**Galveston County Emergency Management Agency**
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Kountze, Texas 77625
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https://www.facebook.com/HCTXEM/
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**Harris County Emergency Management**
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Houston, TX 77024
(713) 881-3100
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Harris-County-Emergency-Management/1499307043704265
https://www.readyharris.org/Incidents/Tropical-Storm-Imelda
https://www.facebook.com/ReadyHarris/
https://twitter.com/ReadyHarris

**Jackson County Emergency Management**
115 W. Main, Room 104
Edna, TX 77957
(361) 782-3398
http://www.co.jackson.tx.us/page/jackson.Emergency
https://www.facebook.com/EdnaFire/
**Jasper County Emergency Management**
121 North Austin
Jasper, Texas 75951
(409) 384-6226
http://www.co.jasper.tx.us/page/jasper.EmergencyMGMT
https://www.facebook.com/JNSEMA
https://twitter.com/jaspercounty

**Jefferson County Emergency Management**
1149 Pearl St
Beaumont, TX 77701
(409) 835-8757
https://co.jefferson.tx.us/em.htm
https://www.facebook.com/JCESD4/

**Jim Wells County Office of Emergency Management**
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Alice, TX 78332
(361) 668-1018
https://www.co.jim-wells.tx.us/page/co.county.emc

**Kenedy County Fire & Emergency Services District #1**
350 N Mallory
Sarita, TX 78385
(361) 294-5511
https://kenedeyesd1.com/

**Kleberg County Emergency Management**
700 E Kleberg Ave
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(361) 595-8527
http://www.co.kleberg.tx.us/page/kleberg.Emergency

**Liberty County Emergency Management**
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Jail Administration Bldg.
Liberty, Texas 77575
936-334-3219
http://www.co.liberty.tx.us/page/liberty.Emergency
https://www.facebook.com/LibertyCountyOfficeofEM/
Matagorda County Emergency Management
Matagorda County Courthouse
1700 7th St.
Bay City, TX 77414
(979) 323-0707
http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/page/matagorda.Welcome
https://www.facebook.com/MatagordaLEPC/
https://twitter.com/CountyLepc

Nueces County Emergency Management
Nueces County Courthouse
901 Leopard St.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401
Floor: 3rd Room: 303
(361) 888-0513
https://www.nuecesco.com/county-services/emergency-management
https://www.nuecesco.com/county-services/emergency-management/important-information

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123 6th St.
Orange, TX 77630
(409) 882-7895
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https://twitter.com/CountyOEM

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808 Commerce St #104
Refugio, TX 78377
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Hemphill, TX 75948
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100 W Columbia, Room 105
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https://www.co.san-augustine.tx.us/emergency.html
https://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Augustine-County-Emergency-Management/263060140397362

San Patricio County Emergency Management
313 North Rachal
Sinton, TX 78387
(361) 364-9650
http://www.co.san-patricio.tx.us/page/sanpatricio.Emergency
https://www.facebook.com/SPCOEM/

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Austin, TX 78723
(512) 974-0450
https://www.traviscountytx.gov/emergency-services/emergency-management
https://www.facebook.com/TravisCoEmergencyServices
https://twitter.com/TravisCountyES

Victoria County Emergency Management
205 N Bridge St STE 101
Victoria, TX 77901
http://www.vctx.org/index.php/emergency-management
https://www.facebook.com/victoria.oem/

Wharton County Emergency Management
315 E Elm St
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1123
http://www.co.wharton.tx.us

American Red Cross Texas Gulf Coast Region
https://www.redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast.html
  Coastal Bend Office: 361-887-9991
  South Texas Office: 956-423-0523
  Greater Houston Office: 713-526-8300
  Southeast and Deep East Texas Office: 409-883-2322

For information on open shelters in your area, please visit:
For information about current road conditions and closures, 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 call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

211 Texas
Dial 211 or (877) 541-7905
https://www.211texas.org
https://www.facebook.com/pg/211TexasACallForHelp

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.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SAFE AND WELL LIST
https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php
Residents affected can notify their friends and family that they are safe by visiting the website and selecting “List Myself as Safe and Well.” Individuals can also search for loved ones by selecting “Search Registrants.”

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
Weather alerts by state are available at http://www.weather.gov/alerts.

THE WEATHER CHANNEL

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, **866-342-6892**, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for as long as necessary. 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