

Disaster Resources for Tropical Storm Beta - Texas September 22, 2020

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Governor Abbott Urges Texans To Monitor Weather Conditions, Possible Flooding As Tropical Depression Beta Continues To Impact The State

September 22, 2020 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

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

September 21, 2020 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

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.**](#)

Department of Emergency Management

Texas Division of Emergency Management
1033 La Posada Dr. Suite 370
Austin, Texas 78752
(512) 424-2208
<https://tdem.texas.gov>
<https://www.facebook.com/TxDEM>
<https://twitter.com/TDEM>

Aransas County Emergency Management

714 E Concho St.
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/>

<https://twitter.com/BexarCounty>

Brazoria County Office of Emergency Management

111 East Magnolia Street
Angleton, Texas 77515
(979) 864-1201

<https://brazoriacountytexas.gov/departments/emergency-management>

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

<https://twitter.com/BrazoriaCounty>

Calhoun County Emergency Management

211 S Ann St #301
Port Lavaca, TX 77979
(361) 553-4400

<http://www.calhouncotx.org/emgmt.html>

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

<https://twitter.com/bereadycalhoun>

Chambers County Emergency Management Agency

102 Airport Rd.
PO Box 957
Anahuac, Texas 77514
(409) 267-2445

https://www.co.chambers.tx.us/page/emergency_mgt

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

<https://twitter.com/chambersoem>

Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management

1521 Eugene Heimann Cir

Richmond, TX 77469

(281) 342-6185

<https://fbcoem.org>

<https://www.twitter.com/fbcoem>

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

Galveston County Emergency Management Agency

601 54th St.

Galveston, TX 77551

(409) 765-3710

<https://www.galvestontx.gov/154/Office-of-Emergency-Management>

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

<https://twitter.com/GalvestonOEM>

Hardin County Emergency Management

300 West Monroe Street

Kountze, Texas 77625

(409) 246-5200

<http://www.co.hardin.tx.us/page/hardin.EMS>

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

<https://twitter.com/hardinfoem>

Harris County Emergency Management

6922 Old Katy Rd

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

200 N Almond St, Suite B-109

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://kenedyesd1.com/>

Kleberg County Emergency Management

700 E Kleberg Ave

Kingsville, TX 78363

(361) 595-8527

<http://www.co.kleberg.tx.us/page/kleberg.Emergency>

Liberty County Emergency Management

2400 Beaumont Avenue

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>

Orange County Emergency Management

123 6th St.

Orange, TX 77630

(409) 882-7895

http://www.co.orange.tx.us/Emergency_Management.html

<https://www.facebook.com/Orange-County-Office-of-Emergency-Management-281642435230511/>

<https://twitter.com/CountyOEM>

Refugio County Emergency Management

808 Commerce St #104

Refugio, TX 78377

(361) 526-4434

<http://www.co.refugio.tx.us/page/refugio.Emergency>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Government-Organization/Refugio-County-Office-of-Emergency-Management-1543452395791900/>

Sabine County Emergency Management

201 Main St

Hemphill, TX 75948

(409) 787-3570

(409) 787-5241

<http://www.co.sabine.tx.us/page/sabine.Emergency>

San Augustine County Emergency Management

100 W Columbia, Room 105

San Augustine, TX 75972

(936) 275-2762

<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/>

Travis County Emergency Management

5010 Old Manor Rd

Austin, TX 78723

(512) 974-0450

<https://www.traviscountytexas.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

<https://www.facebook.com/Wharton-County-Office-of-Emergency-Management-221712291190574>

<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:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

Department of Transportation

125 East 11th St.

Austin, TX 78701

(800) 558-9368

<https://www.txdot.gov>

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

<https://twitter.com/TxDOT>

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

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, **866-342-6892**, 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>