Evacuation Plan FAQs

How Do I Know When to Evacuate?

Evacuation orders come from local officials and are coordinated regionally. Voluntary evacuation recommendations provide extra notice when potentially hazardous conditions warrant caution. Please be prepared to leave immediately.

Where Should I Go?

You may evacuate any place you choose, including hotels/motels or with friends and family. Once mandatory evacuations begin, travel will be restricted north on designated routes. Stay tuned to local communications to be aware of available assistance. Public shelters are limited.

What Route Should I Take?

Once a mandatory evacuation is in place, the State of Texas has designated evacuation routes along HWY 69/96 N. It is recommended that you have more than one route planned. However, essential services like food and fuel are not guaranteed along alternative routes.

How Do I Plan for Enough Fuel to Evacuate?

During hurricane season, it is recommended that you do not let your gas tanks drop below half full and that you immediately fill your gas tanks whenever you are notified of a storm entering the Gulf. Before evacuating, fill your gas tank. TxDOT courtesy vehicles may be patrolling major evacuation routes for stranded motorists.

Emergency Resources

American Red Cross
1-800-RED-CROSS
(733-2767)
RedCross.org

FEMA
1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
Fema.gov

The Humane Society of the United States
1-866-720-2676
HumaneSociety.org

STAN – Southeast Texas Alerting Network
1-844-578-7826
TheStan.com

State Highway Road Conditions
1-800-452-9292

Stranded Motorists
1-800-525-5555

Jefferson County 24-Hour Emergency Info Line
409-835-8411
Co.Jefferson.tx.us

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Saving Lives in Southeast Texas

The Gift of Life provides Southeast Texans with extensive cancer prevention educational outreach; free mammograms, prostate cancer screenings and diagnostic tests with access to follow-up treatment for medically underserved women and men; and a tobacco prevention program, that targets both adults and children.

This Hurricane Harvey recovery project was funded in part by a grant from the American Red Cross.

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Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane Season is June 1 – November 30

Stay weather aware and learn how to protect yourself and your family

Hurricane Preparedness Tips:

- Board up doors and windows with plywood or storm shutters.
- Bring in potentially dangerous outdoor objects such as patio furniture, hanging plants, trash cans, gardening tools and barbecues.
- If your home might suffer rising water, move furniture and valuables to a higher level.
- Before evacuating, cut off your electricity and turn off the gas.
- Assemble family emergency supply kit.

Generator Safety Tips

- Do NOT operate a generator inside a home, garage, carport or near an opening to a building.
- Let generator cool before refilling with gasoline.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas and be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms like headache, confusion, fatigue, dizziness and loss of consciousness.

Emergency Supply Kit Checklist

A basic emergency supply kit kept in your home should include the following items:

- ✔ Bottled water (three-day supply of four quarts per person per day)
- ✔ Food (three-day supply of non-perishable foods such as canned meats, fruits and vegetables)
- ✔ Can opener, pocket knife, eating utensils, cups, plates, bowls and paper towels
- ✔ First-aid kit and at least a 30-day supply of prescription medicines
- ✔ Whistle to signal for help
- ✔ Dust mask
- ✔ Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ✔ Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- ✔ Flashlight and extra batteries

- ✔ Tools, tape, signal flares and matches
- ✔ Fire extinguisher
- ✔ Sanitation products such as moist towelettes, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, detergent, bleach and disinfectant
- ✔ Bedding for each family member
- ✔ Special items for babies, the elderly, disabled persons or others with special needs
- ✔ Cash or travelers' checks
- ✔ Important documents (kept in waterproof containers) such as insurance policies, deeds, titles, stocks, birth certificates, passports, wills, immunization records, etc.
- ✔ If you have a pet, include pet food, carrier or cage, a leash in your supplies.
- ✔ Garbage bags and plastic ties
- ✔ Local maps
- ✔ Prescription contacts and glasses
- ✔ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book
- ✔ Matches in a waterproof container
- ✔ Paper and pencil
- ✔ Complete change of clothing including a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes

Evacuation Supplies

When evacuating, be sure to bring along these important supplies:

- ➢ License or Identification card with photo
- ➢ Your medications, extra eye glasses, hearing aids and other essential items
- ➢ A flashlight with batteries
- ➢ A battery-operated portable radio, if you don't have a car radio
- ➢ Water or other beverages to drink on your trip
- ➢ Non-perishable foods to eat on your trip
- ➢ Spare clothes and shoes
- ➢ Soap, shampoo, and other toiletries
- ➢ Important papers, including deeds and wills
- ➢ Contact numbers of friends, family members, physicians, and your insurance agent
- ➢ Money, checks, travelers' checks or credit cards
- ➢ An inventory of your personal belongings and any photographs or videotapes of your possessions