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FEMA hiring Texas residents for Harvey recovery jobs

In partnership with the State of Texas, FEMA is hiring workers across the state for administrative, logistical and technical jobs related to hurricane recovery.

Those hired will join the recovery team – local, state and federal workers, voluntary agencies and community organizations – already in place. Through temporary local employees, FEMA gains valuable community insights, provides jobs and puts Texans to work helping Texans.

Jobs posted recently pay between \$14 and \$34 per hour and include: administrative support, civil engineers, communications, construction cost estimators, couriers, crisis counselors, customer service, environmental, floodplain management, graphics, hazard mitigation outreach, historic preservation registered nurses and volunteer agency liaisons among others.

Find application instructions and other information about current and future jobs at the Texas Workforce Commission's website: WorkInTexas.com.



Disaster Recover Center opens in Jefferson County

A State of Texas/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center opened Sept. 13, 2017, in Jefferson County in the city of Beaumont. Disaster recovery centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses in 39 counties included in the Texas federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods.

The new center is located at the **former Goodwill Building, 3871 Stagg Drive, Unit 166, Beaumont, Texas**, and will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the State and other agencies will be at the center to talk about assistance and to help anyone who needs guidance in filing an application.

The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible. SBA representatives are available to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program and help business owners and residents apply to SBA.



Register with FEMA even if you have insurance

Business owners affected by Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods in the disaster-designated Texas counties should register for FEMA assistance even if they are covered by insurance or have registered with other agencies.

Under federal law, FEMA cannot duplicate insurance settlements or other benefits, but there are cases where insured survivors might still be eligible for FEMA help. You should file your insurance claims (business, flood or both), as soon as possible and will have until Oct. 24 to register with FEMA for assistance.

Log onto [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster) to register and find out more or download the [FEMA app](#), which is available for Apple and Android mobile devices.

Once you have registered, you have 12 months to let FEMA know if your insurance coverage was not enough and you want to be considered for help.



Beware of rumors, misinformation and fraud

FEMA is raising awareness that Hurricane Harvey disaster survivors, and their friends and family, should be alert for false rumors, scams, identity theft, and fraud. Although many Americans are working hard to help their neighbors now, during chaotic times, some will always try to take advantage of the most vulnerable.

To dispel some of the false rumors circulating on the internet and social media, FEMA has a dedicated website to address some of the most common themes. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Visit the [Harvey Rumor Control page](#) to get the most accurate information from trusted sources.

Here are a few guidelines to protect yourself, or someone you care about, from disaster fraud:

- Federal and state workers do not ask for, or accept, money for disaster assistance, home inspections, or help filling out applications.
- A FEMA shirt or jacket is not proof of identity. All FEMA representatives, including our contracted inspectors, will have a laminated photo ID. All National Flood Insurance Program adjusters will have a NFIP Authorized Adjuster Card with their name and the types of claims they may adjust.
- If you are unsure or uncomfortable with anyone you encounter claiming to be an emergency management official, do not give out personal information, and contact local law enforcement.



Looking for info?

The Hurricane Harvey disaster page <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332> is active with fact sheets and a Disaster Survivor Checklist. New information is posted daily for use.



NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY: Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age,

disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (voice), 711/VRS – (Video Relay Service), (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).