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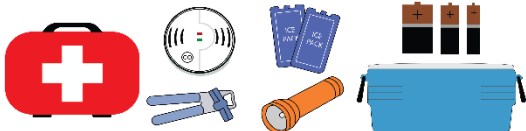
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APRIL 28-30, 2018

**EMERGENCY PREPARATION SUPPLIES
SALES TAX HOLIDAY**



Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday April 28-30, 2018

Hurricane season begins June 1. Are you prepared?

FEMA is working closely with state, local and federal partners, as well as the National Hurricane Center, to increase preparedness and coordinate response and recovery capabilities ahead of the 2018 hurricane season. The partners are doing all they can to empower Texans to take an active role in preparing themselves, their families and their communities.

April is a perfect time to start preparing for hurricane season and take advantage of the 2018 Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday. Texans can save money when they stock up on supplies they might need for a hurricane in order to prepare their families by making an emergency kit and a family communications plan. Texas families can stock up on many tax-free supplies for hurricane season including batteries, flashlights, fuel containers, ice chests and hurricane shutters. Other good hurricane prep kit items include reusable ice, self-powered radios and mobile telephone batteries and chargers.

This year's holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 30. Qualifying items include fuel containers, hurricane shutters and portable. While there is no limit on the number of qualifying items available for purchase, price limits on items and service charges can affect the purchase price. For example, a portable generator may be priced at less than \$3,000, but to qualify for the holiday, the pre-tax price must include delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges.

For information and a list of qualifying supplies, visit <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/>. A helpful list of emergency kit supplies can be found at <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>. Preparation is the key to becoming hurricane resilient - having an evacuation plan, getting your hurricane supplies, updating your insurance, strengthening your home, and putting it all together before the hurricane season starts. For more information, visit: www.weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness

Texans can round out the weekend by:

- Downloading the FEMA App at www.fema.gov/mobile-app
- Creating and testing their Family Communications Plan at <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>



Webinar 5/8/2018- Helping your community get ready for Hurricane Season: Innovations from the Field [\(Register Here\)](#)



The 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season officially begins June 1. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual and Community Preparedness Division invite you to participate in a hurricane preparedness webinar. On Tuesday, May 8, learn innovations in preparedness that you can implement in your community. Participants will hear from local and national leaders. Attendees can engage one another in a conversation with the goal of building resilience for the coming hurricane season.

Title: [Helping Your Community Get Ready for Hurricanes: Innovations from the Field](#)

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Time: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. (ET)

This webinar will feature the following presenters:

- Lauren Stienstra, HERRricane Project Lead, Department of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management, Arlington County, VA
- Leslie Chapman-Henderson, President and CEO, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, Inc. (FLASH)
- Marcus Coleman, DHS Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, FEMA
- Matthew Lyttle, Individual and Community Preparedness Division, FEMA

How to Join the Webinar:

- Please register for the event using the [Adobe Connect registration](#) web link.
- Be sure to [test your Adobe Connect connection](#) prior to the meeting.
- This webinar will offer captioning.
- For more information, please contact FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov.

We hope that you will be able to join us on May 8!



TSA deadline extended to May 31, 2018 for some survivors

Eligible Hurricane Harvey survivors receiving Transitional Shelter Assistance (TSA) may receive an extension to stay in hotels up to May 31, with check-out on June 1, as they continue working toward a permanent housing solution before the temporary program ends.

- Survivors preparing to move on from the TSA program have many resources available to them.
- For a list of housing and other resources for unmet needs, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xQB3S>



Current Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) information

As of April 25, there are 8 DRCs open in the following 7 counties to help survivors: Aransas (1), Brazoria (1), Galveston (1), Harris (1), Jefferson (2), Orange (1), and San Patricio (1).

Find locations of open recovery centers online at www.fema.gov/DRC.

Greenspoint Mall, 12300 North Fwy., Houston, TX 77060	Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Sat 9am-1pm / Sun CLOSED
Old Amegy Bank, 2401 Termini Dr., Dickinson, TX 77539	Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Sat-Sun CLOSED
School District Bldg. (Pearland Historical Society), 2341 N Galveston Ave., Pearland, TX 77581	Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Sat-Sun CLOSED
Central Mall; 3100 E FM 365, Suite 130, Port Arthur, TX 77642	Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Sat-Sun CLOSED
Old Uniform Store, 3863 Stagg Dr., Beaumont TX 77701	Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Sat-Sun CLOSED
AC Motorsports, 3316 HWY 35 N., Fulton, TX, 78358	Tue-Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Sat 9am-1pm / Sun-Mon CLOSED
Orange County Convention Center and Expo Center, 11475 FM 1442, Orange, TX 77632	Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Sat 9am-1pm / Sun CLOSED
Aransas Pass Civic Ctr., 700 W. Wheeler Ave, Aransas Pass, TX 78336	Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Sat-Sun CLOSED



Looking for Texas Recovery Resources?

Log on to the Hurricane Harvey Resource Portal:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/philanthropy4332/>

- Sign in with your first and last name

Federal, state and local governments, and non-profit organizations will find:

- Hurricane Harvey recovery information
- Grant opportunities
- Webinar and tools
- Current philanthropic Hurricane Harvey news



Hazard Mitigation Outreach

As Texans repair, rebuild, and prepare for future disasters, home improvement stores are partnering with FEMA mitigation specialists to provide free information to help individuals make informed decisions.

Mitigation specialists will be on hand to answer questions, offer tips and techniques on how to repair and build hazard-resistant homes using proven methods to reduce damage.



Specialists will also talk about preparedness for multiple types of disasters. Topics covered will include making a family disaster plan, disaster supply kits and the importance of flood insurance. FEMA mitigation specialists will be available at these stores:

For more information, visit <https://fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation>.

County	Locations	Dates /Hours
Brazoria	Lowe's of Lake Jackson (Store #0137) 200 Highway 332 East, Lake Jackson, 77566	Mon. May 21 st : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 22 nd - Sat. May 26 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 28 th - Sat. June 2 nd : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Fort Bend	Lowe's (Store #3027) 3807 FM 1092, Missouri City, 77459	Mon. April 30 th - Sat. May 5 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Galveston	League City Home Depot (Store #1853) 3200 S. Gulf Freeway, League City, 77573	Mon. April 30 th - Sat. May 5 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Harris	Home Depot Tomball (Store # 6512) 21530 TX-249, Houston, 77070	Mon. April 30 th : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 1 st - Sat. May 5 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 7 th - Thurs. May 10 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sat. May 12 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Harris	Home Depot Gulfgate Mall (Store #6509) 6810 Gulf Freeway, Houston, 77087	Mon. April 30 th : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 1 st - Sat. May 5 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 7 th - Thurs. May 10 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sat. May 12 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Harris	West Houston Home Depot (Store #0585) 2828 South Highway 6, Houston, 77082	Mon. May 7 th : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 8 th - Thurs. May 10 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sat. May 12 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 14 th - Sat. May 19 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Harris	Summerwood Home Depot (Store #1832) 12730 W. Lake Houston Pkwy, Houston, 77044	Mon. May 7 th : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 8 th - Thurs. May 10 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sat. May 12 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 14 th - Sat. May 19 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Harris	Home Depot Westheimer (Store #6558) 8400 Westheimer Rd., Houston, 77063	Mon. May 14 th : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 15 th - Sat. May 19 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 21 st - Sat. May 26 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Harris	Lowe's of Cypress (Store #2371) 14128 Cypress-Rosehill Rd., Cypress, 77429	Mon. May 21 st : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 22 nd - Sat. May 26 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 28 th - Sat. June 2 nd : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Harris	Lowe's of Pasadena (Store #1053) 5400 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, 77505	Mon. May 21 st : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 22 nd - Sat. May 26 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 28 th - Sat. June 2 nd : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Harris	Lowe's of Spring (Store #0563) 20201 North IH 45, Spring, 77388	Mon. May 28 th : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 29 th - June 2 nd : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Matagorda	Parker Building Supply 204 Henderson Ave., Palacios, 77465	Mon. May 14 th : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 15 th - Sat. May 19 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 21 st - Sat. May 26 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Orange	M&D Ace Hardware 1230 N Main St., Vidor, 77662	Mon. May 21 st : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tue. May 22 nd - Sat. May 26 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 28 th - Sat. June 2 nd : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Victoria	Victoria Home Depot (Store #6587) 6708 NE Zac Lentz Parkway, Victoria, 77904	Mon. April 30 th - Sat. May 5 th : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Victoria	Lowe's of Victoria (Store #0282) 8602 North Navarro St., Victoria, 77904	Mon. May 28 th : 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues. May 29 th - Sat. June 2 nd : 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

For information on protecting properties from disaster, visit www.fema.gov/protect-your-property.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, the FEMA Harvey Facebook page

at www.facebook.com/FEMAharvey, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.

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