

Hurricane Harvey Private Sector

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Free repair advice available in Chambers and Galveston Counties

As Texans repair or rebuild their homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent flooding, FEMA and home-improvement stores in Chambers and Galveston counties are teaming up to provide free information, tips and literature on making homes stronger and safer.

FEMA mitigation specialists will be on hand to answer questions and offer tips and techniques to build hazard-resistant homes using proven methods that will prevent or reduce damage from future disasters. Most of the information and the free publications provided are geared to do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Recovery topics covered include flood insurance, elevating utilities and rebuilding flooded homes. Free reference booklets with information on protecting a home from flood damage will be available. FEMA advisers will be available at these stores:

Counties	Locations	Dates	Hours
Chambers	McCoy's Building Supply 330 Ward Rd., Baytown TX 77520	Fri. December 15, 2017	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Sat. December 16, 2017	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Galveston	McCoy's Building Supply 1302 Highway 3 South, League City TX 77573	Fri. December 15, 2017	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Sat. December 16, 2017	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information and resources on mitigation issues, visit the FEMA mitigation website at

<https://www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation>



Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)

DRCs are one-stop shops for survivors seeking one-on-one help. FEMA offers accommodations for survivors with disabilities or access and functional needs at DRCs, such as accessible parking and ramps, amplified listening devices, large-print or Braille publications, as well as magnifiers and sign-language interpreters (available by request). To find the nearest DRC, go to [fema.gov/DRC](https://www.fema.gov/DRC). You can also text **DRC** and a **zip code** to **43362** (4FEMA) to locate a Disaster Recovery Center in your area. Standard message and data rates apply.

As of **Dec. 13** there are **25** DRCs open in the following **13** counties to help survivors: Aransas (1), Brazoria (2), Calhoun (1), Chambers (1), Fort Bend (2), Galveston (3), Harris (5), Jefferson (2), Montgomery (2), Nueces (2), Orange (2), San Patricio (1) and Wharton (1).



Business Recovery Centers (BRCs)

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest, long-term disaster loans to businesses of all sizes (including landlords), private nonprofit organizations (such as churches and charities), homeowners and renters to repair or replace uninsured/uncompensated disaster-damaged property. SBA disaster loans offer an affordable way for individuals and businesses to recover from declared disasters.

SBA has opened five **Business Recovery Centers (BRCs)**, where representatives can meet with business owners to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help them complete their Electronic Loan Application. The BRC operating hours are as follows:

As of Dec. 11:

- Total SBA applications received: **103,526**
- Total SBA loans approved: **\$2.82 billion**
- Homeowner loans approved: **\$2.6 billion**
- Business loans approved: **\$219.3 million**
- Apply online at disasterloan.sba.gov or in person at a Disaster Recovery Center. A loan officer will determine your eligibility during processing after reviewing any insurance or other recoveries.
- The property damage application deadline has already passed. The deadline to apply for economic injury is **May 25, 2018**.

County	BRC Location	New Hours
Aransas	Former H-E-B Parking Lot, 1000 East Concho St., Rockport, TX 78382	Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fort Bend	Fort Bend County Sienna Annex, 5855 Sienna Springs Way, Room 111, Missouri City, TX 77459	Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Harris	Univ. of Houston Small Business Development Center Region Office, Bank of America Bldg., 2302 Fannin St., 3 rd floor, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77002	Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Closed Saturdays
Jefferson	Lamar University Center for Innovation, Commercialization and Entrepreneurship (CICE), 5091 Rolfe Christopher Drive, Beaumont, TX 77705	Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Nueces	Port Aransas Community Center (next to the museum), 408 N. Alister St., Port Aransas, TX 78373	Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- **Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) and Loan Closing Center (LCC) facilities and hours are as follows:**

County	DLOC/LCC Location	Hours
Fort Bend	Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) Simonton Community Church, 9703 FM 1489, Simonton, TX 77476	Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Hardin	Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) Pinewood Volunteer Fire Dept., 333 Commercial Drive, Sour Lake, TX 77659	Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Harris	Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) Baytown Community Center, 2407 Market Street, Baytown, TX 77520	Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Harris	BY APPOINTMENT ONLY Houston Greenspoint Loan Closing Center (LCC) Greenspoint Mall, Suite 253, 12300 North Freeway (next to the Palais Royal Department Store), Houston, TX 77060	Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Harris	BY APPOINTMENT ONLY Deer Park Loan Closing Center (LCC) San Jacinto College SBDC, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region Bldg. 203 Ivy Avenue, Deer Park, TX 77536 Closed Friday Dec. 22, Monday, Dec. 25, and Monday, Jan. 1	Mon.–Sat. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Harris	Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) The Church Without Walls, 5725 Queenston Blvd., Houston, TX 77084	Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Jasper	Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) Jasper County Annex, 271 E. Lamar St., Jasper, TX 75951 <i>This facility will close on Dec. 22</i>	Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Newton	Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) Deweyville Senior Center, 43435 State Highway 87 South, Orange, TX 77632	Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Victoria	Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) University of Houston - Victoria SBDC Victoria Tower, 1908 North Laurent St., Suite 400, Victoria, TX 77901	Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Did You Know?

There's a hotline to help you if you're feeling stressed. The holidays can be difficult, especially after a disaster.

Sometimes it helps to talk to someone, so call or text a counselor at the Disaster Distress Helpline. It's free, confidential and open 24/7.

Did You Know



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The emotional toll that a disaster brings can sometimes be even more devastating than the financial strains of damage and loss of a home, business, or personal property.

If you're stressed due to Hurricane Harvey, call the Disaster Distress Hotline at 1-800-985-5990 or 1-800-846-8517 (TTY)

There are resources to help you, your family and children. To find out more visit:

<https://www.fema.gov/coping-disaster> or <http://dshs.texas.gov/mhsa-disaster/>

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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).