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Weekly Guide and Facebook Events offer resources for Hurricane Harvey Survivors

FEMA offers two weekly resources with information for survivors and communities recovering from Hurricane Harvey.

What:

- The Texas Hurricane Harvey Recovery Guide provides current registration deadlines, important contact numbers and recovery progress.
- Facebook Live hosts federal and state partners to discuss recovery progress. Viewers can post questions during the live stream; answers may be provided live or after the event ends.

Where:

- Harvey Recovery Guide: View guides at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/151633> and sign up to receive the guide and other resources via email at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332>
- Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey/>

When:

- Harvey Recovery Guide: Tuesdays by 5 p.m. CST
- Facebook Live: Wednesdays at 11 a.m. CST. Previous video events are available on the page.

Why:

- To get current information on disaster operations.



Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering (PREPS) program

The Texas General Land Office's Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering (PREPS) program is designed to supplement emergency sheltering when communities are faced with sheltering needs that significantly exceed existing capacity.

PREPS performs emergency work and power restoration in disaster-damaged single-family owner-occupied residences. PREPS provides temporary repairs and allows homeowners to remain in their homes and their communities as they complete permanent repairs.

Eligibility: An applicant may qualify for PREPS even if they were previously denied or did not accept temporary housing from FEMA. Applicants receiving transitional sheltering assistance (TSA) may be eligible for PREPS.

Applicants may participate in PREPS if they are a pre-disaster homeowner whose primary residence has already undergone a FEMA-issued inspection with a FEMA verified loss of less than \$17,000. FEMA determines if applicants are eligible.

Repairs must be reasonable, necessary, and low-cost to make the home safe for sheltering within the capped repair amount of \$20,000 per housing unit. There is an additional 25% allowance for Access and Functional Needs.

Eligible emergency work includes providing elements necessary for survivors to shelter at home.

Some examples may include:

- Utilities essential for potable water, hot water, HVAC, and minimal food preparation
- Functional kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping accommodations
- Securing and/or essential weatherproofing to include roof, walls, doors, and windows

Only disaster-damaged single-family owner-occupied residential properties are eligible (Includes stand-alone homes, duplexes and townhomes).



Wharton Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) transitions to SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC)

To meet the needs of Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey, the State of Texas/Federal Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in the city of Wharton (Wharton County) has transitioned to a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) effective Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, at 9 a.m.

The center is at the following location:

Wharton County
Wharton Civic Center
1924 N. Fulton St.
Wharton, TX 77488

Regular hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m.

SBA representatives will continue to meet with business owners, homeowners and renters to help them with the disaster loan application process and close their approved loans at all Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), SBA Business Recovery Centers and DLOCs located throughout the disaster area.

For additional information or to find a location near you call SBA at (800) 659-2955, visit www.sba.gov/disaster, or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

Even though the deadline to apply for an SBA disaster loan for property damage has passed, small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, still have until May 25, 2018 to apply for an economic injury disaster loan to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. Interest rates for economic injury disaster loans are 3.305 percent for businesses, and 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations with terms up to 30 years. Business owners may apply at any center or online using SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.



Beaumont Disaster Recovery Center relocates within Jefferson County

The State of Texas/Federal Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Beaumont (Jefferson County) is relocating a short distance away.

The center has moved from:

To the new location of:

<p>Goodwill 3871 Stagg Drive, Unit 166 Beaumont, TX 77701 Closed December 30, 2017</p>	<p>Old Parker School Uniforms 3863 Stagg Drive Beaumont, TX 77701 Opened January 03, 2018, at 9 a.m. Regular hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays noon-5 p.m.</p>
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Disaster recovery centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses in counties included in the Texas federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey. 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 new DRC.

Disaster recovery centers are accessible to people with disabilities, and are equipped with assistive technology equipment such as amplified telephones, phones that display text, amplified listening devices and magnifiers. Video Remote Interpreting is available and in-person sign language is available by request. The centers also have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms.

American Sign Language interpreters are available to assist at a DRC. Requests can be made via text message at **(470) 379-5943**. Survivors will need to provide their name, the address of the DRC they will be visiting, the date and time of their visit and the type of sign language they are requesting. All requests for help should be made at least 24 hours in advance of a DRC visit to ensure assistance is available.

Homeowners, renters and businesses in **Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Caldwell, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton** counties may be eligible for help.

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



Important numbers for Survivors

- **Two phone numbers every survivor should have handy:** the FEMA Helpline **(800) 621-3362** and Texas **2-1-1**. Even though the registration deadline has passed, there's still a lot of work that remains – both for recovery staff at all levels, and survivors themselves.
- **If you have a Direct Housing service and repair request, call the FEMA DR-4332 Maintenance Hotline.** Survivors experiencing service issues or needing repairs in their state/FEMA-provided manufactured home or travel trailer should call **(800) 348-1365** and speak to someone with the Maintenance Hotline.
- **Stress and anxiety can affect your recovery; reach out to someone who can help you.** The **Disaster Distress Helpline** is a toll-free, multilingual and confidential crisis support service open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Call **(800) 985-5990**, **(800) 846-8517 (TTY)** or text **TalkWithUs** (Spanish-speakers text: **Hablanos**) to **66746**.

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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