

Hurricane Harvey Private Sector

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Disaster unemployment benefit payment for Hurricane Harvey ending in February

The Disaster Assistance Period for Hurricane Harvey ends February 24, 2018, which means the benefit week ending February 24, 2018, will be the final payable week for survivors receiving Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) will not payout for any DUA benefits claims for any week after this date.

TWC has mailed notification letters to all affected individuals informing claimants of the end of the disaster assistance period and that this is not an appealable decision. Each notification letter includes the address of the nearest Workforce Solutions Office where individuals can take advantage of the full array of training services available. Claimants are encouraged to contact a specialist by calling the number 2-1-1 or by visiting www.211.org to find assistance in their area



Texas Hurricane Harvey Recovery Guide

An updated version of the Texas Hurricane Harvey Recovery Guide is now available. Communities and survivors can get the most recent information on applying for disaster assistance and hotel stays, determination letters, appeals, advice on how to rebuild and ways to get more help and information. To find this resource view guides at <https://go.usa.gov/xnVDV>.



Continued rental assistance

If you received a FEMA grant for rental assistance and you are still unable to return to your Harvey-damaged home, please let us know. There are two easy steps you need to take to be eligible for continued rental assistance: The first is to complete a Declaration of Continuing Need for Rental Assistance form. Then, return it to FEMA by mail or online. For more information or to get help if you misplaced your form, go to <https://go.usa.gov/xnViG>



Direct Housing maintenance hotline

Survivors living in mobile homes and travel trailers provided by GLO/FEMA Direct Housing program, who are in need of maintenance assistance can now call 877-503-6053.





Home repair information available Jan. 29, 2018 – Feb. 03, 2018

As Texans repair or rebuild their homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent flooding, FEMA and home-improvement stores in Harris County 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:

County	Locations	Dates	Hours
Harris	Lowe's (Store #0651) 19225 Gulf Freeway; Webster, Texas 77598	Mon. Jan. 29	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Tues. Jan. 30 – Sat. Feb. 03	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Harris	Hillcroft – Home Depot (Store #6859) 14440 Hillcroft St, Houston, Texas 77085	Mon. Jan. 29	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Tues. Jan. 30 – Sat. Feb. 03	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Harris	Sugar Land Home Depot (Store #0574) 15505 SW Freeway; Sugar Land, Texas 77478	Mon. Jan. 29	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Tues. Jan. 30 – Sat. Feb. 03	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Nueces	Bridgepoint Home Depot (Store # 6584) 4038 South Port Ave; Corpus Christi, Texas 78415	Mon. Jan. 29	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Tues. Jan. 30 – Sat. Feb. 03	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Orange	McCoy's Building Supply 4514 W. Lutchter Dr.; Orange, Texas 77632	Mon. Jan. 29	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Tues. Jan. 30 – Sat. Feb. 03	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For Texas disaster mitigation information, visit www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation.

For other information about mitigation, visit www.fema.gov/what-mitigation.

More information about strengthening properties can be found at 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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