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Live in a flood-hazard area? Get required permits before rebuilding

Before considering new construction and repairs on property located in flood-hazard areas, Hurricane Harvey survivors are urged to consult local building officials to obtain floodplain development permits.

Obtaining building permits is especially important for those with homes or businesses located within the 100-year floodplain. Floodplain development permits cannot be waived, and local governments cannot reduce or ignore the floodplain requirement. Permits are required for work on removing or replacing the roof, walls, siding, wallboard, plaster, insulation, paneling, cabinets, flooring, electrical system, plumbing, heating or air conditioning. Repair projects must meet community building codes and flood-damage prevention ordinances.

- Permits protect the residents, their families, communities, and buildings by ensuring all proposed work complies with current codes, standards, flood ordinances and construction techniques.
- Permits can provide a permanent record of compliance with elevation, and/or retrofitting requirements, which is useful information when selling your home and necessary for the flood insurance rating.
- Local permit offices can provide suggestions or literature on how to better protect your home or business from future disaster-related damages.
- Local permit offices can provide consumers with information on selecting licensed contractors and advice on protecting themselves from unscrupulous contractors.

Residents are asked to start construction and repair only after they have received permits from their local building department.

Additional information on the National Flood Insurance Program can be found by visiting www.fema.gov/business/nfip.



FEMA Temporary Rental Assistance continues to help Texans

FEMA's temporary rental assistance offers grants to eligible Texas homeowners and renters who were displaced from their residence while repairs are made or they transition to other permanent housing. The money may be used to rent a house, an apartment, a manufactured home, another dwelling or a recreational vehicle. These grants do not need to be paid back.

If you are a resident in one of the 39 counties designated for Individual Assistance in the federal disaster declaration for Texas, you should register with FEMA.



Additional Disaster Recovery Centers opening in multiple counties

Two State of Texas/FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers opened today in Harris County in the city of Houston and in DeWitt County in the city of Cuero.

Disaster recovery centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses in counties included in the Texas federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods.

Recovery specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration, the State of Texas and other agencies will be at the centers to talk about assistance and to help anyone who needs guidance in filing an application. The new centers are at the following locations:

Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church

3015 N. MacGregor Way
Houston, TX 77004
Hours: Mon-Sun, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
Sun, noon to 5 p.m.
Services available: Registration, status update, Small
Business Administration and others

DeWitt County Annex (Parking Lot)

200 E. Church St.
Cuero TX 77954
Hours: Mon-Wed 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Services available: Registration, status update, SBA
and others
Thurs-Sat 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sun
Services available: Registration assistance

La Palmera Mall Parking Lot

5488 S. Padre Island Dr.
Corpus Christi TX 78411
Hours: Mon-Sat 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun noon to 5 p.m.

Vidor Police Station - (Building behind Police Department)

695 E. Railroad St.
Vidor TX 77662
Services: Registration, status update, SBA.
Mon-Wed 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Services: Registration. Thurs-Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Closed Sun

Orange County Convention and Expo Center

11475 FM 1442
Orange, TX 77630
Services: Registration, status update, SBA.
Thurs-Sat 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Services: Registration. Mon-Wed 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed Sun

Tractor Supply

1211 South Magnolia Rd.
Woodville, TX 75979
Services: Registration, status update, SBA.
Thurs-Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Services: Registration. Mon-Wed 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed Sun

Central Mall

3100 E. FM 365 Suite 130
Port Arthur, TX 77642
Service Hours: Mon- Sat 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sun noon - 5:00 p.m.

Weekley Community Center

8440 Green House Rd.
Cypress, TX 77433
Services: Registration, status update, SBA.
Thurs-Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Services: Registration. Mon-Wed 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Closed Sun

Disaster recovery centers are accessible to people with disabilities. Centers have assistive technology equipment allowing disaster survivors to use amplified telephones, phones that display text, amplified listening devices for people with hearing loss and magnifiers for people with vision loss. Video Remote Interpreting is available and in-person sign language is available by request. The centers also have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms.



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.

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SBA Business Recovery Center #1

2302 Fannin Street 3rd Floor Suite 200;
Houston, TX 77002
Facility Operation Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat & Sun 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
By Appointment Only: 916-305-5154

SBA Business Recovery Center #3

1104 Concho Street
Rockport; TX 78382
Facility Operation Hours: Mon – Fri 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat & Sun 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SBA Business Recovery Center #5

5855 Sienna Springs Way
Missouri City; TX 77459
Facility Operation Hours: Sun – Sat 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

SBA Business Recovery Center #2

408 N Alister Street ,
Port Aransas; TX 78373
Facility Operation Hours: Sun-Sat 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

SBA Business Recovery Center #4

5091 Rolfe Christopher Drive
Beaumont, TX 77705
Facility Operation Hours: Mon – Fri 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat & Sun 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

If possible, homeowners, renters and businesses should register with FEMA before visiting a recovery center. Eligible residents may register for assistance the following ways:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Phone **800-621-3362** (voice, **711/VRS**-Video Relay Service) (TTY: **800-462-7585**). Multilingual operators are available (press **2** for Spanish)
- Via the **FEMA app**, available for **Apple** and **Android** mobile devices.
- To download visit: fema.gov/mobile-app

Disaster survivors can visit any of the centers for assistance. Locations of other recovery centers are online at www.fema.gov/DRC.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, the [FEMA Harvey Facebook page](#), the [@FEMARegion6 Twitter account](#) and the [Texas Division of Emergency Management website](#).

