

Hurricane Harvey Private Sector

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U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

SBA low-interest, long-term disaster loans are the number one federal resource for recovery funding and offer an affordable way for individuals and businesses to rebuild and recover. **As of Feb. 7:**

- Total SBA applications received: **108,855 (+52 from previous day)**
- Total SBA loans approved for businesses and homeowners: **\$3.1 billion (+\$4.5 million from previous day).**

Even though the deadline to apply for an SBA disaster loan for property damage has passed, small businesses 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. They may apply at any center or online using SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

SBA representatives are still available at all the federal/state Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC's) throughout the affected areas to explain SBA's disaster loan program and help business owners and residents close their approved disaster loans.



Flood Insurance is a must as hurricane season and spring flooding are a few short months away

Floods can happen anywhere. More than 20 percent of flood claims come from properties outside the high risk flood zone. Homeowners and renters insurance does not typically cover flood damage. If you don't have flood insurance, find an insurance agent near you. The agent who helps you with your homeowners or renters insurance may be able to help you with purchasing flood insurance too. Contact the National Flood Insurance Program's Help Center at **1-800-427-4661** to request an agent referral.



June 1st
through
Nov. 30th



Disaster Legal Services (DLS) provides free legal help to low-income disaster survivors

DLS provides support to those who aren't able to get adequate legal services to help with disaster-related needs. FEMA provides this service through an agreement with the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association. Their advice is limited to cases that will not generate a fee. You can be referred to DLS by calling: **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, TTY **1-800-462-7585, 711** and **VRS 1-800-621-3362**.



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find a
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

 Visit [FEMA.gov/DRC](https://www.fema.gov/DRC)

 Install **the FEMA App**

Meet one-on-one with FEMA staff at a recovery center or call us at **800-621-3362 (711 or Video Relay Service)** and **TTY 800-462-7585**.



The State of Texas/Federal Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) located at the East Montgomery County Courthouse Annex in New Caney will consolidate with the Conroe DRC on Monday, Feb. 12, at 9 a.m.

The Conroe center, which will serve Montgomery County and surrounding areas including New Caney and Conroe, is located at:

Conroe Police Department
700 Old Montgomery Rd.
Conroe, TX 77301

Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

New Caney DRC: Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, 9 a.m.-6 pm.

DRCs 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 the State of Texas, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency and other agencies will be at the 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.

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/.



Home repair information available in Harris, Jefferson and Nueces Counties

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As Texans repair or rebuild their homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent flooding, FEMA and home improvement stores in Harris, Jefferson and Nueces 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 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	Beltway 8 Home Depot (Store #584)	Mon. Feb. 12: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	6800 W. Sam Houston Parkway S, Houston, 77072	Tues. Feb. 13 – Sat. Feb. 17: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Harris	Spring Valley Home Depot (Store #6985)	Mon. Feb. 12: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	8400 Katy Freeway, Spring Valley, 77024	Tues. Feb. 13 – Sat. Feb. 17: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Harris	Little York Home Depot (Store #6806)	Mon. Feb. 12: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	10600 Eastex Freeway, Houston, 77093	Tues. Feb. 13 – Sat. Feb. 17: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Jefferson	Port Arthur Lowe’s (Store #1151)	Mon. Feb. 12: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	8383 Memorial Blvd., Port Arthur, 77640	Tues. Feb. 13 – Sat. Feb. 17: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Nueces	Corpus Christi Home Depot (Store #526)	Mon. Feb. 12: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	5041 S. Padre Island Dr., Corpus Christi, 78411	Tues. Feb. 13 – Sat. Feb. 17: 8 a.m. - 6 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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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).