

# Hurricane Harvey Private Sector

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## Transitional Shelter Assistance ends April 2, 2018 for some survivors



Some Hurricane Harvey survivors in the Transitional Shelter Assistance (TSA) program may need to check out of hotels as they work toward a permanent housing solution.

Key dates:

- **April 2** – Eligibility review of all survivors remaining in TSA
- **April 23** – End of approved extension period for those approved beyond April 2

Disaster survivors participating in TSA will receive a phone call, email and/or text message advising them if they have continued eligibility for assistance through a participating hotel.

Survivors in hotels who are unsure of their continued TSA eligibility can:

- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** (voice, **711** or **VRS**) or **800-462-7585** (TTY).
- Log into their account on [disasterassistance.gov/](http://disasterassistance.gov/).
- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC); for DRC locations and hours go to [fema.gov/DRC](http://fema.gov/DRC).
- Ask the hotel to look in the lodging web portal to see whether they have eligibility beyond the current checkout date of **April 02**.

Recovery partners at all levels are working together to ensure remaining hotel participants are getting the support they need, in the form of information, available financial resources and guidance as they transition out of the temporary program.

### Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA)

**As of March 21:**

- Total TSA applicants checked in: **5,468** (-73 from previous day)
- Total TSA rooms occupied: **6,360** (-87 from previous day)
- Total hotels utilized: **916** (-2 from previous day)

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at [www.fema.gov/disaster/4332](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332), or Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/FEMAharvey>, the FEMA

Region 6 Twitter account at [twitter.com/FEMARegion6](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion6), or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at [www.dps.texas.gov/dem/](http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/).



## Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)

DRCs are one-stop shops for survivors seeking face-to-face help from state and federal agencies. Reasonable accommodations are made for survivors with disabilities or access and functional needs. Need help? Just ask.

To find the nearest DRC visit: [fema.gov/drc](http://fema.gov/drc), or text **DRC** along with a **zip code** to **43362** (4FEMA).

As of **March 22**, there are **14** DRCs open in the following **nine** counties to help survivors: Aransas (1), Brazoria (2), Galveston (1), Harris (4), Jefferson (2), Montgomery (1), Nueces (1), Orange (1) and San Patricio (1).



find a **DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER**

Visit [FEMA.gov/DRC](http://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.



**June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
through  
**Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**



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## Flood Insurance: A homeowners best defense against costly weather events

Floods are the most common and costly of natural disasters in the U.S. and Texas is no stranger to these weather events. Since 1996, more than 200,000 flood insurance claims have been paid out to policy holders in Texas. More than 20

percent of flood claims come from properties outside the high risk zones. As hurricane season approaches, now is the time to buy flood insurance because everyone lives in a potential flood zone.

Thirty percent of the people living in disaster-declared counties held flood insurance policies during Hurricane Harvey. As of March 1, \$8.5 billion in claims has been paid out to Texans resulting from damaged sustained during the storm.

Roughly 80,000 flood insurance policies were purchased after Hurricane Harvey.

- 584,637 in force policies as of July 31, 2017
- 664,251 in force policies as of Dec. 31, 2017

When a homeowner purchases a flood insurance policy, they enter the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). NFIP provides insurance to property owners and encourages communities to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations.

Since flood is most often called an excluded peril, it's not covered under a standard homeowner's policy. Even if a homeowner isn't required to purchase flood insurance through their mortgage regulations, they should still consider it for additional protection.

A few hundred dollars paid on a policy can save thousands lost to a flood. Here are the benefits:

- NFIP policy holders can choose their amount of coverage.
- The maximum for 1-4 family residential units is \$250,000 in building coverage and \$100,000 in contents coverage.

- For residential structures of five or more units, the maximum is \$500,000 in building coverage and \$100,000 in contents coverage.

### National Flood Insurance Program

#### As of March 19:

- **91,326 policyholders** have filed flood insurance claims in Texas
- NFIP has paid **\$8.5 billion** for Harvey claims in Texas

For additional information on flood insurance, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>.

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## Hazard Mitigation Outreach

FEMA mitigation specialists are visiting hardware and home improvement stores to offer free information, tips, and literature on repairing and rebuilding 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
Aransas	McCoy's Building Supply 2118 W. Wheeler Ave., Aransas Pass, 77511	Mon. March 26: 11 a.m. - 6p.m.
		Tues. March 27 - Fri. March 30: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Sat. March 31: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Brazoria	Ace-Patco Hardware & Lumber 222 W. Willis St. Alvin, 77511	Mon. March 26: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Tues. March 27 - Fri. March 31: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Fort Bend	Sugar Land Lowe's (Store #0511) 16510 S.W. Freeway, Sugar Land, 77479	Mon. March 26 - Sat. March 31: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Mon. March 26: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Fort Bend	Rosenberg Lowe's (Store #1898) 28005 Southwest Freeway, Rosenberg, 77471	Tues. March 27 - Fri. March 31: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
		Mon. March 26 - Sat. March 31: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Orange	Ace Hardware, Childs Building Supply 3704 N. 16 <sup>th</sup> St., Orange, 77632	Mon. March 26 - Sat. March 31: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For Texas disaster mitigation information, visit [www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation](http://www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation).

For other information about mitigation, visit [www.fema.gov/what-mitigation](http://www.fema.gov/what-mitigation).

More information about strengthening properties can be found at [www.fema.gov/protect-your-property](http://www.fema.gov/protect-your-property).

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## Open call for Youth Preparedness Council applications

To start your online application, [click here \(https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC\)](https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC). **FEMA extended the application deadline to March 30th, 2018.**

FEMA created the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) in 2012 to bring together young leaders who are interested in supporting disaster preparedness and making a difference in their communities, by completing disaster preparedness projects nationally and locally. The YPC supports FEMA's commitment to involve America's youth in preparedness-related activities. It also provides an avenue to engage young people by taking into account their perspectives, feedback, and opinions.

YPC members meet with FEMA staff throughout their term to provide input on strategies, initiatives, and projects. YPC members also attend the annual YPC Summit in Washington, DC, meet periodically with FEMA representatives, and work to complete a number of emergency preparedness projects.

The YPC members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities, and their potential to expand their impact as national supporters of youth preparedness.

### **9 Priority Steps for Creating a Nation of Prepared Youth**

1. **Elevate** the importance of youth preparedness learning programs at the national, state, and local levels.
2. **Evaluate** the quality and effectiveness of existing and new youth preparedness programs.
3. Support the **implementation** of youth preparedness learning programs.
4. Create positive relationships between youth and the **first responder** community.
5. Link youth preparedness to **family** and **community participation**, especially in communities where English may not be the first language spoken (or understood) among adults, in other underrepresented communities, and inclusive of individuals with access and functional needs.
6. Make **school** preparedness a key component of youth preparedness.
7. Build and strengthen productive **partnerships** among stakeholder agencies and organizations.
8. Identify opportunities to embed youth preparedness in **youth culture**.
9. Design a **sustaining, locally driven** model for developing, designing, and delivering programming.

Students in 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, who have engaged in community service or are interested in emergency preparedness, are encouraged to apply to serve on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Youth Preparedness Council. This year we are offering the application online! Applicants must complete the application form and submit two letters of recommendation and academic records. **FEMA extended the application deadline to March 30th, 2018.** To start your online application, [click here \(https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC\)](https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC). You can also download and submit a PDF copy of the application [here \(https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/158425\)](https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/158425). Visit our [Contact Us](https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC/YPC_ContactUs) page ([https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC/YPC\\_ContactUs](https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC/YPC_ContactUs)), or email [FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov) to send us a message directly.



## FEMA releases Continuity Guidance Circular

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released the **Continuity Guidance Circular (CGC)** following a nationwide, whole community effort to review and revise the guidance. The CGC guides efforts to develop and maintain the capability to ensure continuity of operations, continuity of government, and enduring constitutional government during an emergency that disrupts normal operations. Development and maintenance of continuity capabilities helps build and sustain a more resilient nation that is equipped to sustain essential functions and core capabilities and deliver critical services under all conditions.



The CGC describes federal and non-federal continuity efforts; outlines whole community continuity roles, responsibilities, and coordinating structures; and describes the process for building and maintaining capabilities to ensure the performance of essential functions and delivery of critical services and core capabilities.

Organizations and governments at all levels can draw upon the CGC as a reference when creating or revising continuity plans, programs, and processes. Many jurisdictions and organizations already have an existing continuity program and plan, and will use the Circular to refine capabilities and processes.

To read the Continuity Guidance Circular and obtain additional information, visit [www.fema.gov/continuity-guidance-circular](http://www.fema.gov/continuity-guidance-circular). Additional inquiries can be directed to [FEMA-CGC@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-CGC@fema.dhs.gov).

FEMA offers training, technical assistance, and outreach to assist organizations and governments develop and maintain a continuity plan and program and implement the concepts found within the CGC. The Continuity Resource Toolkit, found at [www.fema.gov/continuity-resource-toolkit](http://www.fema.gov/continuity-resource-toolkit), contains these additional tools, templates, and resources




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