



# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS HOUSTON

**OEM**

City of Houston  
Office of Emergency Management  
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# About Houston OEM



The City of Houston Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for coordinating mitigation, preparedness, response, and recover efforts for all emergency events within the city.

OEM develops partnerships, coordinates responses, and supports recovery efforts citywide.

*In 2023 so far, the EOC has been activated for: Houston Marathon, Houston Rodeo, NCAA Men's Final Four, Severe weather events, INEOS Plant Fire, and monitored several other events that have taken place.*



# EMERGENCY ASSUMPTION

IF HELP IS **NOT** COMING,  
WHAT WILL YOU DO TO SURVIVE?

## WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO:

- Feed your family with no utilities?
- Stay warm with no heat or cool with no A/C?
- Leave your home for several days with minimal notice?



# Preparedness Checklist

**1** MAKE AND PRACTICE YOUR FAMILY  
**EMERGENCY PLAN** 

**2** BUILD AN  
**EMERGENCY KIT** 

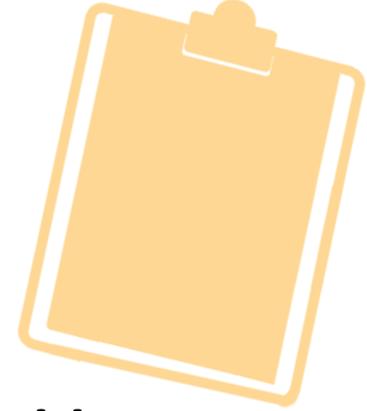
**3** BE INFORMED 

**4** KNOW YOUR  
**NEIGHBORS** 

# EMERGENCY PLANS

## YOUR PLAN

- How will you communicate?
- What is your evacuation route?
- Practice your plan
- Pay attention to local guidance about **updated** plans for evacuations and shelters, including for your pets.



## PREPARING YOUR HOME

- Install safety features (smoke detectors, carbon monoxide, etc.)
- Post emergency numbers in plain view.
- Know how and when to turn off utilities.
- Do you need special accommodations for those with disabilities or functional needs?

# EMERGENCY KIT ITEMS

## GO BAG

- Copies of your important papers (in waterproof bag)
  - First aid kit
    - Radio with extra batteries
    - Toiletries / clothes / blankets
    - Feminine Hygiene products
- Food & Water (7-day supply for each person in your household)
  - Cash
  - Self care Items:
    - Hand sanitizer
    - Bar or liquid soap
    - Face coverings as needed
- Medications (prescriptions should have a 5-day supply)
  - Special Care Items
    - Infant formula and diapers if applicable
  - Pet safety kit, immunization records, leash or collar, microchip information



# BE INFORMED

## ALERT SYSTEMS



- AlertHouston- delivers critical information to Houston residents regarding current conditions, expected impacts, and protective actions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.
- Register for emergency alerts through email, text message, voice call, or mobile app push notification. Free program but you must register.

• <https://houstonemergency.org/alerts/>

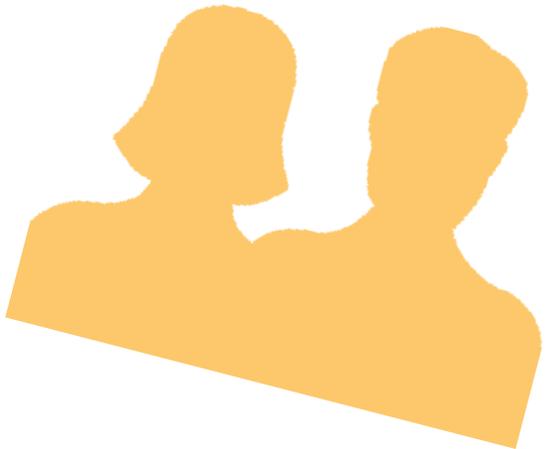
- **As always only call 9-1-1 for emergencies**



# KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

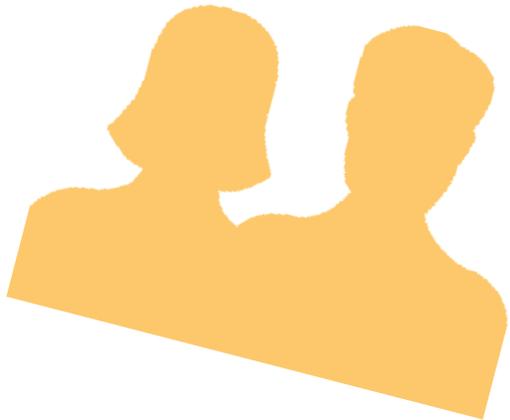
- Strong communities recover faster but also better together when we are all prepared
- Neighbors can be a resource
- Sharing supplies and skills can help you recover faster



# PEOPLE WITH FUNCTIONAL OR ACCESS NEEDS

## BUILD A SUPPORT SYSTEM

- Enlist the help of friends, neighbors, family, caretakers
- Know what accommodations you need for your daily activities
- Know what special items should be in your kit



## STATE OF TEXAS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REGISTRY

### Who should register?

- • People with Disabilities
- • People with access and functional needs such as:
  - – People with limited mobility
  - – People who have communication barriers
  - – People who require additional medical assistance during an emergency event
  - – People who require transportation assistance
  - – People who require personal care assistance
- **Register online at [texasstear.org](https://texasstear.org) or by calling 2-1-1.**

### STATE OF TEXAS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REGISTRY (STEAR)

Do you or anyone you know need some form of assistance during times of an emergency/disaster event? The state of Texas offers Texans the option to register with the STEAR program, a FREE registry that provides local emergency planners and responders with additional information on the needs in their community.

(Texas communities use the registry information in different ways. Registering yourself in the STEAR registry DOES NOT guarantee that you will receive a specific service during an emergency. Available services will vary by community. For more information on how your community will use information in the STEAR registry, contact your local emergency management office.)

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**How to Register**

- <https://STEAR.tdem.texas.gov>
- Dial 2-1-1 or use your video phone relay option of choice to contact 211
- Printed or electronic forms (Contact your local government)

**Required Information to Register**

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Primary Language

**Additional questions asked to capture vital information for local emergency planners and responders**

- Emergency Contact Information
- Caregiver Information
- Pets
- Transportation assistance for home evacuation
- Communication Barriers
- Disability, Functional or Medical Needs

Registration is **VOLUNTARY**.

All of the information you provide will be kept **COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL**.

Local Emergency Management Office

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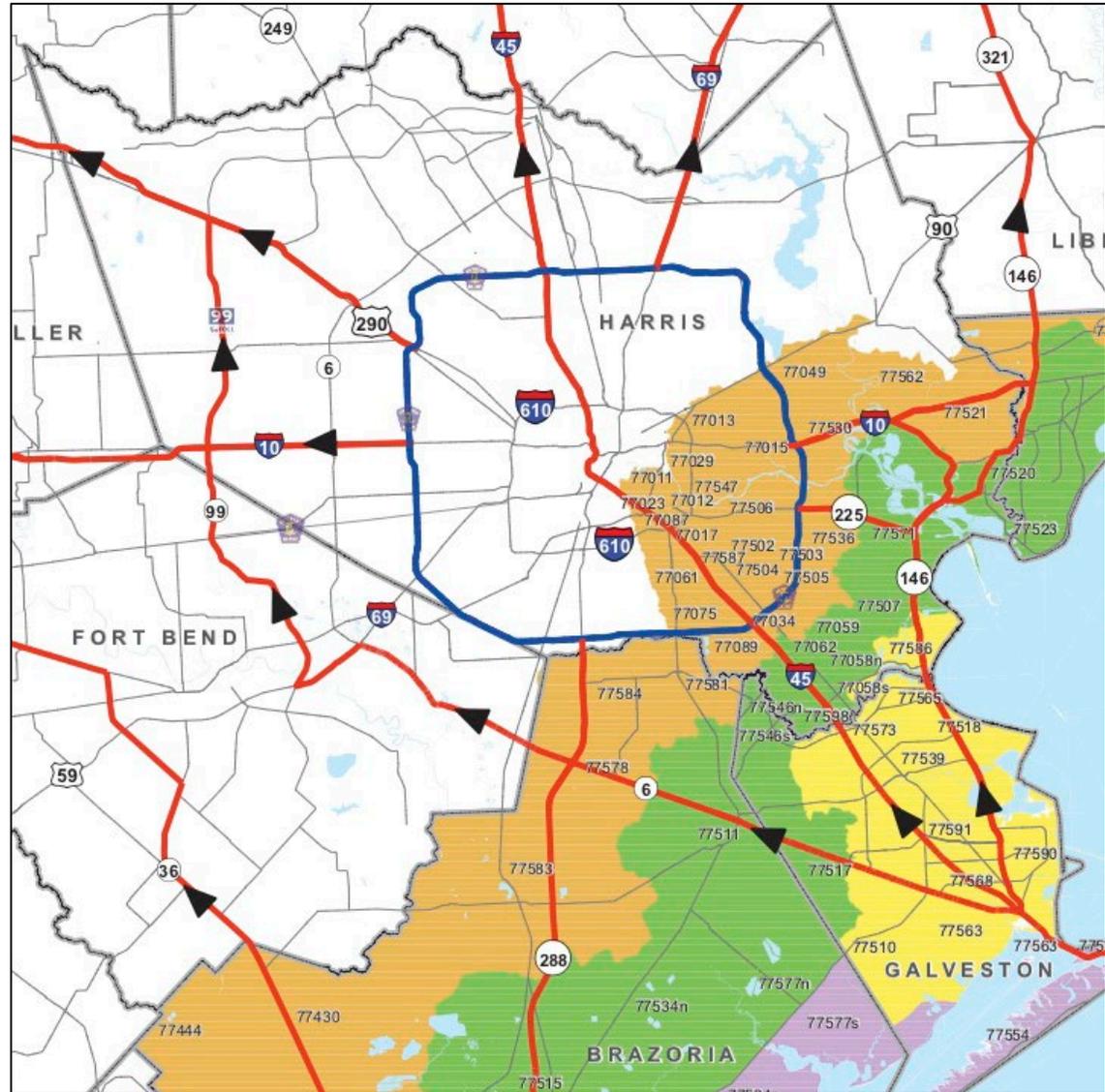
### We currently have 7,158 registrants

- 1619 Requiring Ambulance transport
- 5539 requiring para-transit transport
- 1230 on powered medical equipment
  - 899 on oxygen
- 1372 have service animals or pets

# EVACUATION

- Know Your Zone
- Know Your Route

ZIP ZONE COASTAL				
77414s	77422s	77465s	77534s	77541
77550	77551	77554	77563	77577s
77623				
ZIP ZONE A				
77058s	77510	77514s	77518	77539
77563	77565	77568	77573	77586
77590	77591			
ZIP ZONE B				
77058n	77059	77062	77414n	77422n
77465n	77507	77511	77514n	77515
77517	77520	77523	77531	77534n
77546n	77546s	77560	77566	77571
77577n	77597	77598	77665	
ZIP ZONE C				
77011	77012	77013	77015	77017
77023	77029	77034	77049	77061
77075	77087	77089	77430	77444
77480	77486	77502	77503	77504
77505	77506	77521	77530	77535
77536	77547	77562	77578	77581
77583	77584	77587		



# AFTER THE DISASTER - RECOVERY

- Returning Home
  - Wait for official instructions to return.
  - Be prepared to be without basic utilities and services for some time.
  - Disasters can cause damage to homes and create safety hazards.
  - Discard all food that has been left unrefrigerated or has been damaged.
  - You should continue to use preventive actions like washing your hands and wearing a face covering during clean up or when returning home.
- Assistance
  - Depending on the size and scale of the emergency, some disaster assistance may be available from FEMA and other agencies.
  - Check with these agencies and community organizations for assistance.
  - Dealing with disasters can cause stress and strong emotions. Getting help when you need it will help you, your family, and your community recover.

# Resources

[houstonemergency.org](http://houstonemergency.org)

City of Houston Emergency Information

[houstonrecovers.org](http://houstonrecovers.org)

Disaster Recovery Resources

[houstonoem.org](http://houstonoem.org)

Preparedness Resources and Info on OEM

[houston311.org](http://houston311.org) or call 311

Order copies of the City's Disaster Preparedness Guide