

Online hurricane season resources: be prepared and stay informed!

Resources for tracking hurricanes and developing weather systems:

National Weather Service's National Hurricane Center Website: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
Includes interactive map that tracks developing hurricanes, preparedness information, hurricane history, marine forecasts, etc.

National Weather Service Forecast Office, Houston/Galveston Website: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/hgx/>
Our local NWS office

National Weather Service website: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/crp/>
Enter your city and state or zip code and receive the NWS forecast for your area.

NOAA's National Weather Service Marine Forecasts: <http://www.weather.gov/om/marine/zone/usamz.htm>
Marine forecasts for the whole nation. Click on your geographic area to find marine forecasts specific to your area.

The Weather Channel website www.weather.com

KHOU.com <http://www.khou.com/weather/>

Houston Chronicle weather <http://weather.chron.com/US/TX/Houston.html>

Make sure you are prepared for potential storms:

If you have a disability or do not have access to transportation to evacuate in the event of a storm or natural disaster, you can register with Galveston County by calling 211.

City of Texas City Emergency Management Department: <http://www.texas-city-tx.org/EmergencyManagement.htm>

Includes advice on hurricane preparedness, explanation of the city's emergency sirens and emergency classification levels.

***To register for the City of Texas City's emergency notification system, go to the City's website at www.texas-city-tx.org and click on the button that says "Click here for one-step notification." The city will call or email you with updates on emergency situations within Texas City.

Hurricane Preparedness: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro.shtml>
Maintained by the National Hurricane Center. Includes information on how to prepare yourself and your family for a storm, as well as offering explanations of commonly used hurricane-related terms, such as "storm surge" and "inland floods" and an explanation of how scientists predict hurricanes and their behavior.

FEMA's Hurricane page: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm>
Advice on how to prepare for a hurricane, what to do in case of an evacuation, and what sort of hazards to expect in the event that a hurricane hits your area.

Hurricane Awareness: <http://www.redcross.org/news/ds/0305hurricane/>
From the Red Cross. This site provides valuable information on what to do before, during and after a hurricane, including advice on where to get help if you need it.

Harris/Galveston/Brazoria County Evacuation zones by zip code: http://www.judgeemmett.org/Evacuation_Zones_by_Zip_Code_5-16-07.pdf

Emergency Supply Kit: http://www.gcoem.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=45&Itemid=154
The Office of Emergency Management of Galveston County provides a list of items that you should keep on hand at all times in case of emergency.

CDC Emergency Preparedness and Response website: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/>
The Center for Disease Control offers advice on hurricane preparedness that is targeted specifically to evacuees, response providers, health care workers and schools.

Food and Water Safety During Hurricanes, Power Outages and Floods: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fsdisasm.html>
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration offers guidelines on how to avoid consuming contaminated food or water after a power outage or storm. Includes separate sections for consumers and for those in the food industry.

Galveston County Office of Emergency Management's Hurricane Preparedness website: <http://www.gcoem.org/content/view/25/136/>
Offers information about current conditions in Galveston County, provides instructions on how to prepare for a hurricane in advance, offers links to news about emergencies in the county.

After the storm is over:

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's Storm and Flood Clean-up website: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/flood/>
Targeted primarily to relief workers, this site has information about proper safety gear, procedures and concerns after an area is flooded.

Repairing your flooded home: http://www.redcross.org/static/file_cont333_lang0_150.pdf
Published by the Red Cross, this online booklet provides guidelines for homeowners in the wake of a flood or water damage to their homes.

Key Facts about Hurricane and Flood Recovery: protect your health and safety after a hurricane or flood. <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/recovery.asp>
Prepared by the Center for Disease Control, this website provides information on how to insure that you and your family avoid illness or injury after a storm.

Cleaning and sanitizing with bleach after an emergency <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/bleach.asp>
The Center for Disease Control provides recipes to sanitize water, food containers and other items after a natural disaster.

More information about hurricanes:

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane scale : <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshs.shtml>
The National Hurricane Center provides this explanation of the scale used to rate the strength of hurricanes.

Worldwide Tropical Cyclone Names: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnames.shtml>
The National Hurricane Center's website provides lists of projected storm names for this and several upcoming years.

Hurricane History <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/history.shtml>
The National Hurricane Center offers information about notable hurricanes throughout the last century.