

GALVESTON COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DISASTER GUIDE



Hurricane Ike 2008

Preparedness Saves Lives

**MAKE A PLAN
BUILD A KIT
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Scan this QR code for the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management.



COUNTY JUDGE MARK HENRY
Director of Emergency Management

At the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management, readiness is at the core of everything we do. From hurricanes to unexpected emergencies, our team stands prepared to protect and support our community. Preparation isn't just about reacting – it's about planning ahead. Visit www.gcoem.org for critical resources on building your emergency kit, staying informed with real-time alerts, and creating a plan that keeps your family safe. A prepared community is a resilient community.

— County Judge Mark Henry

HURRICANE SEASON

JUNE 1ST - NOVEMBER 30TH

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Make a Plan

Prepare For All Hazards



Scan here for more information: **Make a Plan**



COMMUNICATION

- Choose someone out of area to coordinate info
- Sign up for mass notifications
- Write down essential landline numbers
- Buy an AM/FM radio with alternative power sources
- When cell towers are overwhelmed, try texting
- Choose rendezvous location in advance



PLAN FOR ALL-HAZARDS

Does your plan prepare you for these types of emergencies?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials Release | <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Weather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashflooding & Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Storms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power Outages | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Weather |



Scan here for more information: **Build a Kit**

Build a Kit

Personalize Your Supplies

BASICS



- Water (a gallon per day, per person)
- Food (3 day supply non-perishable)
- Baby food/formula
- Flashlight with batteries
- Road maps
- Cash and bank cards
- Weather appropriate clothes, sturdy shoes
- Tent, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags

HYGIENE



- Trash bags
- Toilet paper
- Dental care products
- Diapers and wipes
- Towels
- Masks, hand sanitizer, wipes

TOOLS/MISC.



- Pet food
- Pocket knife
- Saw or hatchet
- Manual can opener
- Matches
- Tarp
- Duct tape

COMMUNICATION



- Cell phone
- Contact list
- Whistle
- Writing supplies
- Charger/battery

DOCUMENTS



- Insurance policy
- IDs, birth record, SS card
- Deeds, leases, and titles
- Home inventory
- Family photos
- Digital backups
- Photos of property
- Vet records

FIRST AID/MEDICAL



- Prescription medication
- Allergy and pain medication
- Bandages and gauze
- Antibiotic cream
- Medical gloves
- Tourniquet
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray



Stay Informed

Connect With Official Sources

Galveston County is the only Emergency Management Office in the United States co-located with the National Weather Service. For accurate information, connect with Galveston County Emergency Management.

Scan here for more information: Stay Informed



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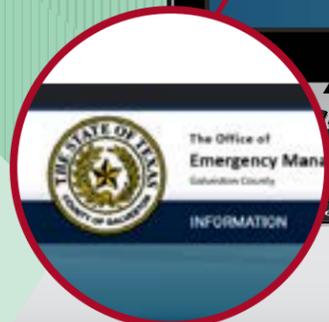
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INFORMATION



PREPAREDNESS



RECOVERY



ABOUT US

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Scan here to register online.

Annual Registration

STEAR



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State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registration

The State of Texas offers the option to register with the STEAR program, a free registry that provides local emergency management planners and responders with information related to your needs during an emergency.

Register annually if you or a family member may need assistance during an emergency or evacuation due to:

CALL 2-1-1

or visit

STEAR.TDEM.TEXAS.GOV

WHO SHOULD REGISTER?

- People with disabilities
- People who are medically fragile
- People with functional needs
- People who require transportation assistance

- No Transportation
- Special Needs
- Medical Issues
- Disabilities
- Functional Needs

Registering in STEAR DOES NOT guarantee you will receive a specific service during emergencies.

Cities are responsible for STEAR registrants within their limits.

Local jurisdiction and county government officials are responsible for establishing positive contact with those registered with STEAR.

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Prepare Your Property

Update and Check On Insurance



National Flood Insurance Program



Texas Windstorm Insurance



Texas Department of Insurance

Review your insurance policies annually to ensure that your property and vehicles are covered for all hazards.

In Galveston County, carrying flood, windstorm, and homeowner's insurance is a good investment to ensure you have the coverage and resources you need to recover when disaster strikes.



Dickinson Tornado 2024



Crystal Beach Fire House

Have you invested in adequate insurance?

- Fire, Theft, & Vandalism
- Windstorm & Hail
- Business Interruption
- Flooding
- Debris Removal

Start Your Recovery Before Disaster Strikes

Home Storm Protection

The best time to prepare for emergencies is now. Following the steps below can help mitigate damage and enable you to evacuate quickly if needed. Always remember to turn off utilities before you leave. Preparedness can protect your home and save lives.



PREPAREDNESS TASKS

Take precautions to protect your home.

- Collect items to cover windows and doors
- Learn the location of utility shut-offs
- Prepare storage for outdoor items



PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Secure home before evacuating.

- Cover windows and doors
- Secure outdoor items
- Turn off all utilities



MAINTAIN PREPAREDNESS

Regular maintenance can help protect your property during disasters.

- Trim trees and remove dead limbs
- Keep gutters clean and drainage flowing
- Repair any loose roof shingles
- Maintain fences and secure gates
- Plant landscaping with deep roots
- Call utility company to trim growth around powerlines



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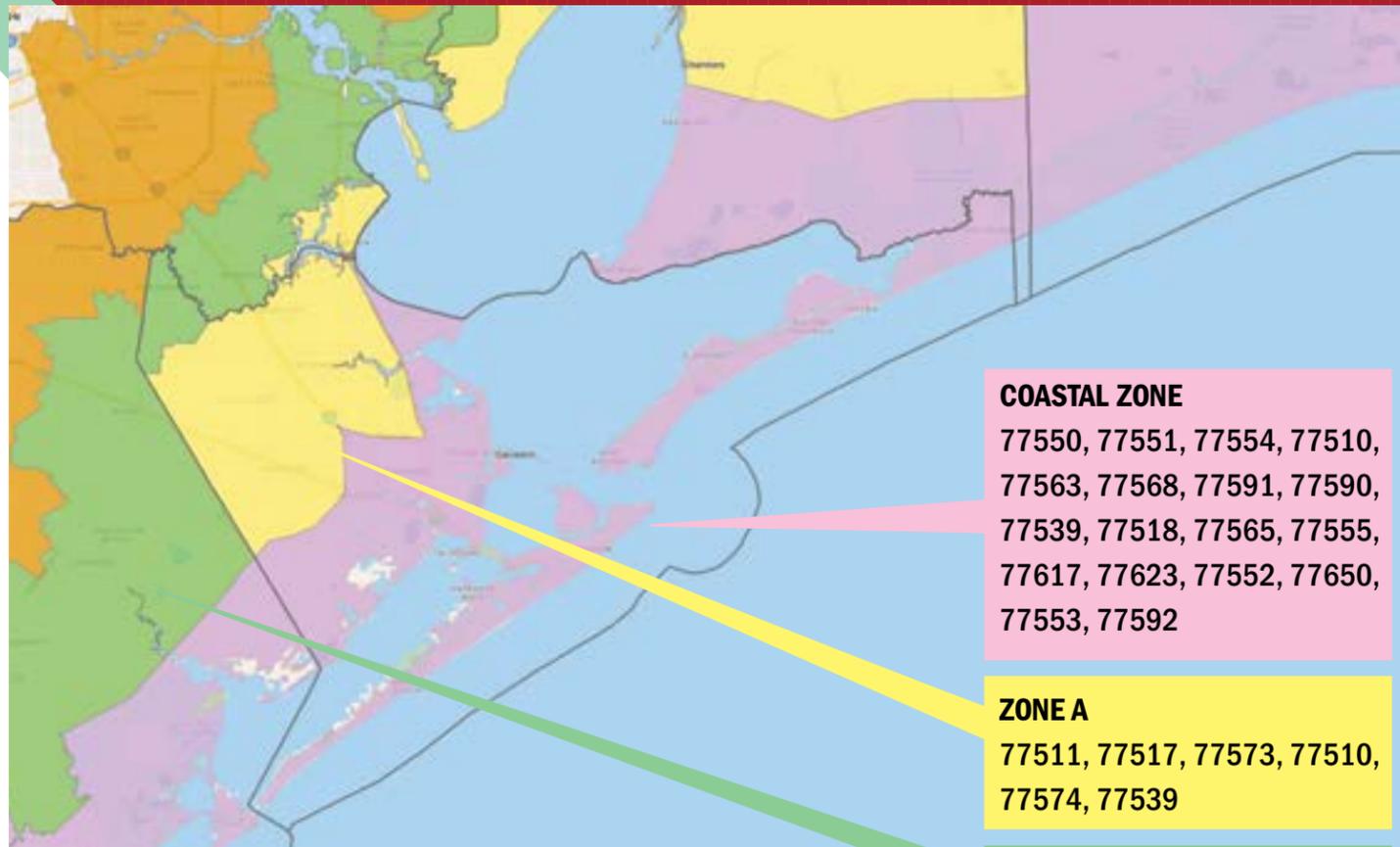
Evacuation Information

What You Need To Know



Scan Here to find your Zip Zone

GALVESTON COUNTY EVACUATION ZONES



COASTAL ZONE
77550, 77551, 77554, 77510,
77563, 77568, 77591, 77590,
77539, 77518, 77565, 77555,
77617, 77623, 77552, 77650,
77553, 77592

ZONE A
77511, 77517, 77573, 77510,
77574, 77539

ZONE B
77546, 77598, 77549

Evacuation zones are sorted by Zip code and routes may be supported by the State with fuel, food and water.

VOLUNTARY EVACUATIONS

are issued when forecasted conditions indicate that it may not be safe for you to remain in the area.

MANDATORY EVACUATIONS

are issued when forecasted conditions indicate that it is not safe for you to remain in the area. It is also an indication that emergency services may not be available until conditions improve.

PREPARE YOUR FAMILY TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.

Consider the needs of each family member, including pets. Bring any medication, mobility and medical devices that each individual requires.

Shelters During Disasters

What To Expect



Evacuation Packing List

- Medications in original prescription bottles
- Mobility aids and medical devices
- Hearing aids/batteries and eyewear
- Mobile devices and chargers
- Hygiene items
- Diapers and formula
- Pet supplies and crate
- Food and water for a week
- Blankets and pillows
- Important documents
- Digital inventory of personal property
- Extra clothing
- Cash

Returning Home



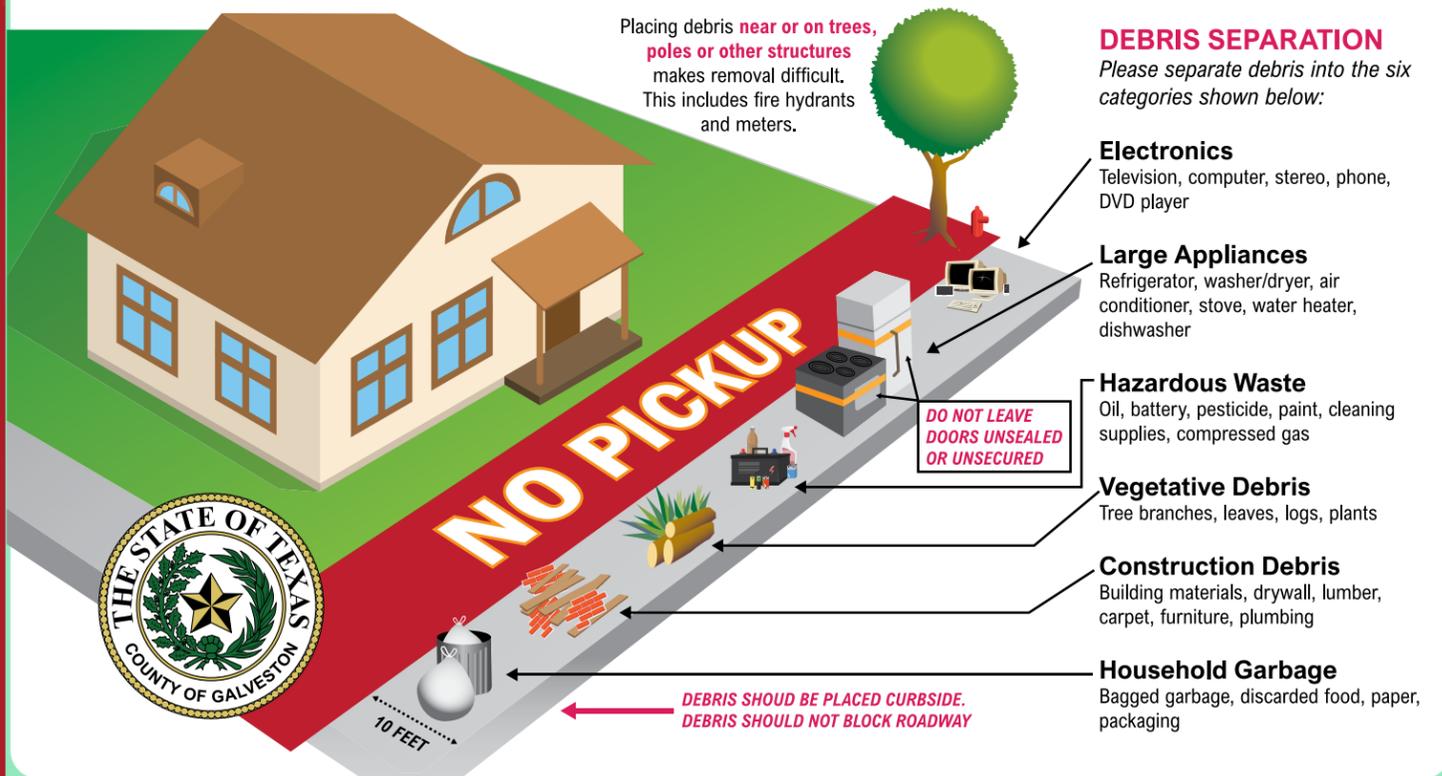
For details on how to muck and gut visit this link.

Mucking and Gutting After Floods

RESIDENTS RETURNING AFTER A DISASTER MAY FIND FUEL, FOOD, WATER AND UTILITIES UNAVAILABLE. PLAN TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.

When it is safe to return, Galveston County officials will notify you of reentry plans. Bring supplies from outside the affected area, as they may not be available after reentry. Document all damages to your property and contact your insurance company immediately. Report property damage at GCOEM.org.

DEBRIS REMOVAL GUIDELINES In efforts to expedite the debris removal process, please follow these rules:



Mucking & Gutting Cleaning Up After Floods

If your home is flooded, you may need to remove mud and silt with a flat shovel to prevent falls. Wet drywall must be removed quickly to slow the growth of mold. If the home received less than 4' of flooding, remove the lower 4' of drywall.



Is your business prepared for emergencies? Find answers by scanning this link.

Recovery Resources

Weathering The Storm

DISASTER RECOVERY CHECKLIST

STEP 1

Document Property Damage & Report to Insurance

STEP 2

Fill out official disaster survey provided by local government

STEP 3

Register with FEMA if Declared Disaster

STEP 4

Apply for SBA Loan for damages not covered by Insurance or FEMA

STEP 5

Contact Galveston County Long Term Recovery Group for additional resources
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Develop business resiliency plans for:

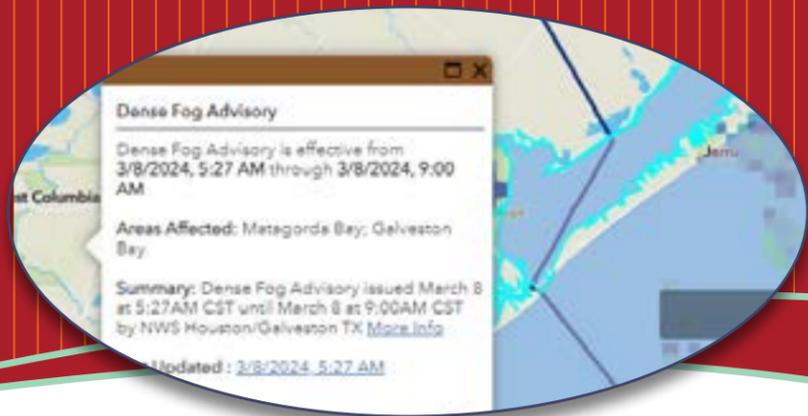
- Disaster Recovery
- Business Continuity
- Employee Protection
- Property Preservation
- All-Hazards Insurance

Severe Weather Threats



Scan above for current weather conditions, watches, and warnings.

Interactive weather map available at GCOEM.org



Turn Around Don't Drown



- 18-24 inches of water can carry away a truck.



- 12 inches of water can carry away a small car.



- 6 inches of water can carry away an adult.

Staying Safe in Tornadoes



Go inside quickly



Get on lowest level



Choose a windowless room



Stay until storm passes

Driving in Bad Weather

- Maintain a safety zone away from other vehicles
- Lower speed & signal early
- Do not drive into standing water



Winter Weather

Prepare For Cold Temperatures



Scan this code for cold weather safety tips.

What is Wind Chill?

Wind chill describes how cold temperatures feel on skin.

Protect The 4 P's

People

Check on vulnerable family members & bring pets inside when it's cold.



Pipes

Insulate pipes before a freeze. If home is vacant, turn off water & drain pipes.



Pets

Bring pets inside when it's cold.



Plants

Keep trees trimmed away from power lines & bring in or cover tropical plants.



Winter Road Safety

When traveling in winter weather, choose a route that avoids bridges and overpasses. Double your distance between other vehicles and don't use cruise control.





Hazardous Materials

Items used everyday, such as natural gas, household chemicals and propane must be properly used, stored, and protected, to keep our homes and communities safe.

PROPANE SAFETY

- Store in cool location
- Close valves
- Install Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Use in well ventilated area, 20ft from buildings.



BEFORE YOU DIG

- Required by Texas Law
- Call 8-1-1 before digging more than 16"



CHEMICALS

- Store away from sunlight, pets, & children
- Check for leaks & obey warnings



Chemical Emergencies



Scan code to sign up for emergency alerts in your area.

Prepare your family for hazards of all kinds to ensure you have the information and resources you need to make decisions in disasters and emergencies.



PREPARE

The Galveston County Local Emergency Planning Committee coordinates with local industry and emergency management partners to ensure that the community is prepared for chemical emergencies.

- Check with Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Enable LEPC & GCOEM Notifications



Santa Fe Train Derailment



LISTEN

In the event of a chemical emergency, heed emergency alerts from official news sources and follow directions for any protective actions that may be needed.

- Listen for Emergency Alerts
- Follow directions and actions as needed



Texas City Chemical Fire



RESPOND

- If Shelter-In-Place ordered:
 - i. Go Inside Immediately
 - ii. Turn off Ventilation, AC, or Heater
 - iii. Close all Windows or Doors
 - iv. Wait until "All Clear" is given

Community Involvement



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Educational Programs

For more info go to: GCOEM.org

- Preparedness Training
- Citizen Response to Active Shooter
- Stop the Bleed
- Internet Safety
- School Safety Support

Community Outreach

For more info go to: GCOEM.org

- Hurricane Townhalls
- Civic Groups
- Faith Based Organizations
- Business Partners
- Service Agencies



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Volunteer Organizations



CERT:
Community Emergency Response Team



Galveston County CERT-Jamaica Beach



TEXSAR:
Texas Search & Rescue



TEXSAR-Dickinson



MRC:
Medical Reserve Corps



Medical Reserve Corps-Texas City

Contact Information

Call 9-1-1 For Life Threatening Emergencies

Galveston County Emergency Management
281-309-5002 Main
888-384-2000 After Hours

Galveston County Sheriff's Office
409-766-2300 Main

Galveston County Health District
409-938-7221 Main
409-948-2485 Animal Services
409-763-7202 Birth and Death Records
409-938-2456 Community Health
409-938-2234 Coastal Health & Wellness
409-938-2411 Environmental Services

Gulf Coast Center - Mental Health
409-944-4520 Main
866-729-3848 Crisis Hotline

Galveston County Parks & Senior Services
409-934-8101 Main

Galveston County Mosquito Control
800-842-5622 Main

Galveston County Nuisance Abatement
409-766-4509 Main

Galveston County - Bolivar Beach Stickers
409-934-8103 Main

Galveston County Veterans Services
409-766-2448 Main

Galveston County Constable Precinct 1
281-316-8810 Main

Galveston County Constable Precinct 2
409-770-5477 Main

Galveston County Constable Precinct 3
409-770-5172 Main

Galveston County Constable Precinct 4
281-316-8711 Main

Galveston County Clerk
409-766-2200 Galveston Office
281-316-8732 League City Office

Bayou Vista
409-935-8348 Main
409-935-0449 Non-Emergency

Clear Lake Shores
281-334-2799 Main
281-334-1034 Non-Emergency

Dickinson
281-337-2489 Main
281-227-4700 Non-Emergency

Friendswood
281-996-3200 Main
281-996-3300 Non-Emergency

Galveston
409-797-3500 Main
409-765-3702 Non-Emergency

Hitchcock
409-986-5591 Main
409-986-5559 Non-Emergency

Jamaica Beach
409-737-1142 Main
409-737-1800 Non-Emergency

Kemah
281-334-1611 Main
281-334-5414 Non-Emergency

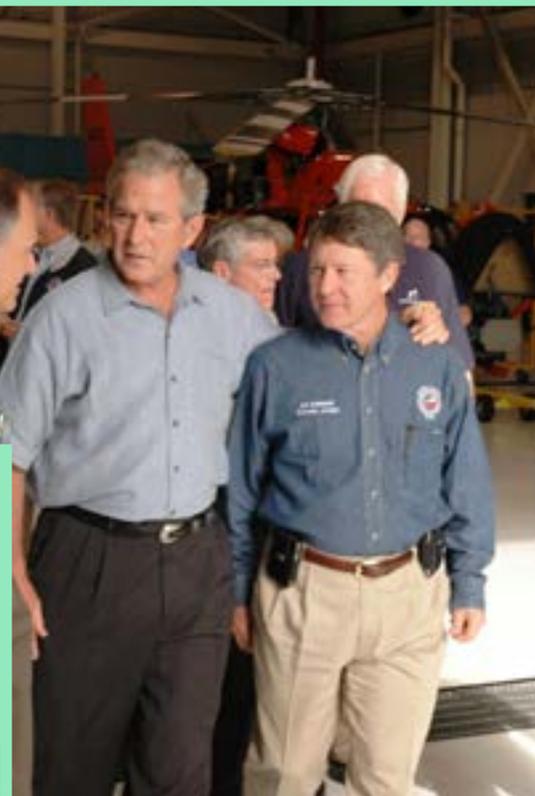
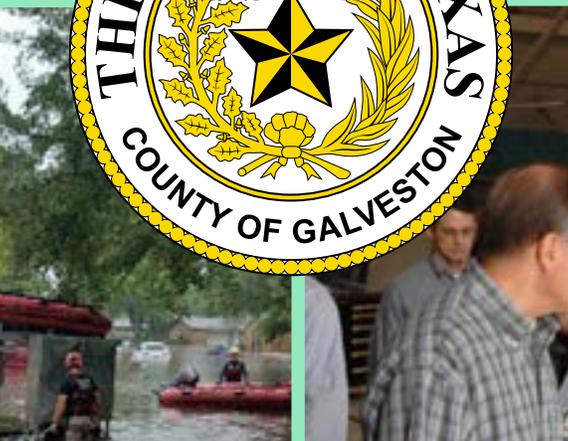
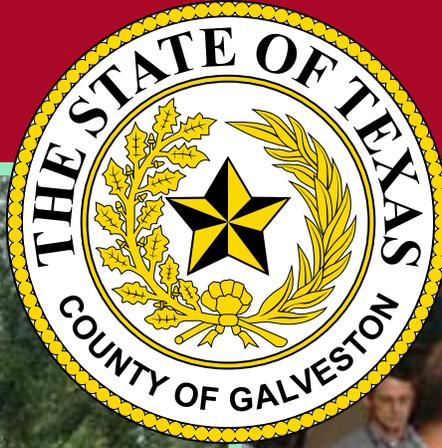
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409-938-9269 Non-Emergency

League City
281-554-1000 Main
281-332-2566 Non-Emergency

Santa Fe
409-925-6412 Main
409-925-2000 Non-Emergency

Texas City
409-948-3111 Main
409-643-5720 Non-Emergency

Tiki Island
409-935-1427 Main
409-935-6579 Non-Emergency



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