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During inclement weather, stay connected with The Woodlands Township

Special note: The Woodlands Township will continue to update this document as Hurricane Harvey makes its way through Texas.

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (August 25, 2017) – The Woodlands Township encourages residents to stay connected to receive emergency related notifications during Hurricane Harvey. In addition, residents should monitor local news stations and be prepared.

According to credible forecasts, The Woodlands residents should expect prolonged rain, potential sustained wind, and possible flooding in some areas.

“The Woodlands Township Fire Department is coordinating with emergency crews and resources in Montgomery and Harris County,” according to Township Chairman Gordy Bunch. “We are just outside the major impact zone as of Friday morning, but still could see sustained winds and heavy rains. Our Township employees are monitoring the storm and working with emergency officials.”

For the latest information about Hurricane Harvey, visit the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website at <http://www.noaa.gov/>. The Township also advises residents to utilize the additional resources below in developing their emergency preparedness plans:

- Residents of The Woodlands Township residing in Montgomery County can sign up to receive emergency alerts via phone or email from the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management at <https://www.smart911.com>. When you are creating your profile, you must check the box next to **Share my Smart911 Profile with TX-Montgomery-County-911 to support emergency preparedness.**
- Residents of The Woodlands Township residing in Harris County can sign up to receive emergency alerts at www.911.org.
- Here are the official Office of Emergency Management links for both Montgomery and Harris counties:
 - <http://readyharris.org/> for Harris County
 - <http://mctxoem.org/> for Montgomery County



- For emergency-specific information specific to The Woodlands, listen to K-Star Country, KVST 99.7 FM, the official emergency broadcast partner of The Woodlands Township.
- Sign up for the Township’s emergency notification system (www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme) which is designed for major weather events that threaten citizens and reaches thousands of residents via text messages and email. In the event of a community wide emergency, the Emergency Alert icon on the Township’s website home page will turn red and will blink “Active” as well as feature a webpage banner alert.
- Stay connected and download our official mobile app – TheWoodlands311. The application can be downloaded for free on an iPhone or Android device by searching “TheWoodlands311” in the App store or on Google Play.
[TheWoodlands311 for Android](#)
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- Sign up for the Talk of the Township, a frequent newsletter from the Township, at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme.
- Follow The Woodlands Township on Facebook ([/TheWoodlandsTownship](https://www.facebook.com/TheWoodlandsTownship)), Twitter ([@TheTownshipTX](https://twitter.com/TheTownshipTX)) and Instagram ([@TheTownshipTX](https://www.instagram.com/TheTownshipTX)) for important up-to-date news alerts.
- Follow The Woodlands Township Transportation Department on Twitter ([@TownshipTransit](https://twitter.com/TownshipTransit)) for communications regarding The Woodlands Express Park and Ride commuter bus service notices, reminders, interruptions and other transit emergency notifications.
- Anyone interested in monitoring Lake Conroe levels, releases, rainfall totals, or stream flows can visit www.sjra.net and click on the link for "Lake and River Conditions." This link can be found near the top right corner of the home page where current lake conditions are listed.
- For more emergency preparedness tips and information specific to The Woodlands, please visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/getready or www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/emergency.
- In the event all communication efforts fail, residents may go to one of The Woodlands’ eight fire stations for the latest updates. You can find out more about The Woodlands Fire Department and where the stations are located at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/firedepartment.



Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

- **Batteries:** Have enough on hand to provide power for flashlights and radios.
- **Food Items:** Stock food items that have a long storage life and do not necessarily require cooking. In addition, if you have a liquefied propane (LP) camp / barbecue grill, purchase propane before the storm approaches.
- **Have a Safe Room:** Select a room in your house that is free of windows. The room should be large enough for everyone in the house to fit. The safe room is also the place to be if there a tornado warning in The Woodlands.
- **Know Your Insurance Company:** If a problem arrives at your home due to weather related problems, knowing your insurance company's agent before can help a great deal in speeding up the insurance claim.
- **Know Your Neighbor:** Get to know your neighbors and help each other out. A storm can damage one house and the house next door can go completely unharmed. Good neighbors can assist each other during weather generated disasters.
- **Radio:** Have a battery-powered radio in your home to provide your family a source of information during the storm.
- **Secure Your House:** Inspect your home for tree branches hanging over your roof. Trim your trees before hurricane season. Secure all large windows and sliding glass doors with plywood or cardboard to help prevent your windows from breaking.
- **Shelter-In-Place:** If you stay, high winds, tornadoes and flooding can be extremely hazardous. If you must go out, be sure to tell someone and only go for an emergency.
- **Water Supply:** Have plenty of water on hand before the hurricane arrives. Supplies will be limited when a storm is approaching. You should have at least four gallons of water per family of four per day for cooking and drinking.

For more information on The Woodlands Township, please call 281-210-3800 or visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.