Hurricane Harvey Help and Recovery

[**http://tinyurl.com/harveyguide**](http://tinyurl.com/harveyguide)

**UPDATES FROM THE CITY:**

* [**http://www.houstontx.gov**](http://www.houstontx.gov)

**ACCURATE FLOOD/WEATHER UPDATES:**

* Space City Weather:
  + <https://spacecityweather.com>
  + <https://www.facebook.com/ericbergersciguy>
* National Weather Channel: <https://weather.com/storms/hurricane/news/tropical-storm-hurricane-harvey-rain-flood-forecast-texas-louisiana>
* Harris County Flood Watch: [www.harriscountyfws.org](http://www.harriscountyfws.org)
* Harris County Flood Control District: <https://www.hcfcd.org>
* National Hurricane Center: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_at4+shtml/152721.shtml?gm_track>

**VOLUNTARY/MANDATORY EVACUATIONS:**

* Up to date list: <http://abc13.com/traffic/evacuation-orders-issued-in-epic-flooding-emergency/2337616/>
* Mandatory and voluntary evacuation for Fort Bend, use your address to check your area on this map: <https://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/index.aspx?page=2004>
* Fort Bend Office of Emergency Management updates:
  + <http://fbcoem.org> **/** <https://www.facebook.com/fbcoem/>
* This map shows the addresses of those in need of emergency rescue: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1qmepB5HrFSthl1DyK7lG9slEabY&ll=33.9529317837155%2C-98.96531070000003&z=5>
  + Go to [www.tinyurl.com/harvey-evac](http://www.tinyurl.com/harvey-evac) to place your address on the map.

*If you need to be rescued download the “Zello” Walkie Talkie application 1) search “Texas search and rescue”, “houston harvey” or “houston search and rescue”, 2) post a screenshot of the details [# of people (mention # of elderly/youth/disabled/sick), # of pets, address, name, number] and 3) the civilian-led Louisiana* [*Cajun Navy*](https://www.facebook.com/LaCajunNavy/) *and other responders will help locate and rescue you.* [*https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2017/08/27/cajun-navy-heads-texas-aid-rescues/606883001/*](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2017/08/27/cajun-navy-heads-texas-aid-rescues/606883001/)

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS:**

* **Police, Firefighters, Ambulance:** 911 or 713-884-3131
* **211 Texas (24/7 helpline for a database of services in the Houston area):** 211
* **Trapped?**713-426-9404
* **U.S. Coast Guard Houston Command Center***:* 
  + 281-464-4851
  + 281-464-4852
  + 281-464-4853
  + 281-464-4854
  + 281-464-4855
  + 281-464-4856
* **Rescue Houston:** 713.322.8000
* **National Guard:**713-578-3000 / 1-800-578-3000
* **Office of Emergency Management:** 
  + *Houston:* 713-881-3100 or 713-884-4500
  + *Fort Bend:* 281.342.6185
* **Federal Disaster Assistance:** 1-800-621-FEMA(3362)
* **City of Houston (Emergency/Rescue):**311 or 713-837-0311
* **Roadside Assistance:** 800.525.5555
* **Houston American Red Cross:** 713-526-8300 or 866-526-8300
* **Houston TranStar (Transportation and Emergency Services):** 713-881-3244
* **CenterPoint:** 713-695-2111
* **Flood Control:** 713-684-4000
* **Harris County:** 713-755-5000
* **Sheriff’s Office:** 713-221-6000
* **Find your towed car in Harris County:** 713-308-8580
* **Texas Immigrant Rights Hotline:** 1-888-507-2970

**ROAD CLOSURES:**

* Fort Bend: <https://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/index.aspx?page=1937>
* Houston TransStar: <https://traffic.houstontranstar.org/roadclosures/#highwater>
* Drive Texas: <https://drivetexas.org/#/7/32.340/-99.500?future=false>
* All Texans can call 800.452.9292 for road closure information.

**AVAILABLE SHELTERS:**

* Up to date list made by Houston volunteers: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14GHRHQ_7cqVrj0B7HCTVE5EbfpNFMbSI9Gi8azQyn-k/edit#gid=1727856325>
* Up to date lists of available shelters in greater Houston area from local news outlets:
  + <http://abc13.com/weather/list-of-shelters-around-houston-area/2341032/>
  + <http://www.khou.com/news/local/list-harvey-shelters-around-houston-area/468037262>
* Map of shelters made by volunteers: <https://johnnyqbui.github.io/Houston-Shelters/>
* Up to date list of available shelters in Fort Bend county:
  + <http://fbcoem.org/emergency-shelters-in-fort-bend-county/>
* Text your address/location to 346-214-0739 for the closest shelter near you.
* Google Crisis Response has created a map showing open/at-capacity shelters: <http://google.org/crisismap/2017-harvey>
* Healthcare for the Homeless has a list: <http://www.homelesshouston.org/hurricane-harvey/>
* Islamic Society of Greater Houston has a list: <https://isgh.org/harvey/>
* AirBnB (some are letting evacuees stay for free!) <https://www.airbnb.com/disaster/hurricaneharveyevacuees>
* Dallas:
  + Samuell Grand Rec 6200 E Grand Ave, Dallas, Texas
  + Tommie Allen Rec Center 7071 Bonnie View Rd, Dallas, Texas 75241 <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tommie-M-Allen-Recreation-Center/115621025134266>
  + Walnut Hill Recreational Center

**FOOD RESOURCES:**

**PANTRIES:**

* Houston Food Bank / 832-369-9390 / [houstonfoodbank.org](http://www.houstonfoodbank.org/)
  + Emergency Food Pantry: <http://www.houstonfoodbank.org/services/emergency-food-pantry/>
  + Find a pantry near you: <http://www.houstonfoodbank.org/agency-locator/>
* Austin Food Bank 512- 282-2111/ <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org>
* Galveston Food Bank / 409-945-4232 / [galvestoncountyfoodbank.org](http://www.galvestoncountyfoodbank.org/)
* Food Bank of the Golden Crescent (Victoria) / 361-578-0591 / [victoriafoodbank.org](http://victoriafoodbank.org) (Closed Friday)
* Corpus Christi Food Bank / 361-887-6291 / [foodbankcc.com](http://foodbankcc.com)
* Southeast Texas Food Bank (Beaumont) / 409-839-8777 / [setxfoodbank.org](http://setxfoodbank.org)
* Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley (Pharr) / 956-682-8101 / [foodbankrgv.com](http://foodbankrgv.com)
* Brazos Valley Food Bank (Bryan) / 979-779-3663 / [bvfb.org](http://bvfb.org)
* Central Texas Food Bank (Austin) / 512-282-2111 / [centraltexasfoodbank.org](http://centraltexasfoodbank.org)
* San Antonio Food Bank / 210-337-3663 / [safoodbank.org](http://safoodbank.org)
* Good resource: <http://www.elgincourier.com/news/county_state/article_af48f5be-89cc-11e7-b5d8-73e1452875a1.html>

**GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE:**

* Food stamps (SNAP) can be used to purchase hot/ready to eat food: <http://abc13.com/food-stamps-can-be-used-to-purchase-hot-foods/2347523/>
* WIC Participants can report lost cards by called 800.942.3678. You can dial 211 to find the closest WIC Clinic and get a replacement card and benefits.

**GROCERY STORE OPENINGS:**

* Fiesta: <https://www.fiestamart.com/hurricane-harvey-update/>
* HEB: <https://patch.com/texas/houston/hurricane-harvey-houston-area-heb-stores-are-open-closed>
* Kroger:
  + <https://www.kroger.com/topic/houston>
  + <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1rnfl_vOr_99z478j8pCpQunvKfc&ll=29.864352947944052%2C-94.77470605000002&z=8>

**INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES:**

* Disaster Strategies Disability Hotline: 800.626.4959
* PortLight: [www.portlight.org](http://www.portlight.org)
* Aging and Disability Resource Center: (855) 937-2372

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/aging/long-term-care/aging-disability-resource-center>

**INFANT NEEDS:**

* Texas Diaper Bank: 210-731-8118 / [ihelp@texasdiaperbank.org](http://www.texasdiaperbank.org/our-programs/ihelp@texasdiaperbank.org) / <http://texasdiaperbank.org>
* L.I.F.E. Houston (free baby formula): (713) 528-6044

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

**MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS:**

* Children and Natural Disasters: <http://www.nctsn.org/trauma-types/natural-disasters/floods>
* Disaster Distress Helpline: Talk to a professional about emotional distress by calling 1-800-985-5990 or texting “TalkWithUs” to 66746.
* National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

[Suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

* The Harris Center for Mental Health & Individuals with Developmental Disabilities:
  + Crisis Line: (866) 970-4770
  + Main Line: (713) 970-7000

<http://www.mhmraharris.org/>

**HEALTH ASSISTANCE:**

* American Kidney Fund is providing emergency grants to help with dialysis.
  + <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/as-hurricane-harvey-bears-down-on-gulf-coast-american-kidney-fund-opens-disaster-relief-program-for-texas-dialysis-patients-affected-by-storm-300509776.html>
* Gentle Pediatrics, Dr. Shahid Hasnain: <https://www.gentlepediatrics.com>
  + Dear Houstonians, we understand that the clinics will remain closed for the next few days. If you or your loved one needs free Pediatric Medical Care, then please call 832-222-5437 option 1 and Gentle Pediatrics would be honored to do the best possible for any patient from newborn to 21 years of age. I am sure some of my other physician colleagues from different specialities would consider announcing their availability as well. Let's stay connected and watch each other in this challenging time.
* Houston Healthcare for the Homeless: <https://www.facebook.com/HealthcarefortheHomelessHouston/?hc_ref=ARRIczm2w_JuaNw9zllhrTYhN8YZWwl5uHYV1oBOjnX6FyDaCQXzcAAiOOKKEPynnfs&fref=nf>
  + In order to serve those who are homeless and to provide relief efforts for those who have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey, HHH’s Caroline Street Clinic (1934 Caroline Street, Houston, TX 77002) will be open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.for urgent need on a walk-in basis.
* The Houston area midwives have put together a channel on the radio app “Zello” called Houston Midwives for Pregnant Mammas.
  + It's a resource for moms in labor who are unable to make it to the hospital.
* Lifesavers Emergency Services on Tomball Parkway: offering free medical care regardless of insurance status.
  + <http://lifesaverser.com>
  + <https://www.instagram.com/p/BYYoUIgB0nk/?taken-by=lifesaversemergencyroom>
* Meridian Springs Primary Care is offering free e-consults thru video chats or phone calls to people who are in need of it. Contact number 281-826-1359.
* MDLive is providing free medical telehealth services for the victims of Harvey:
  + <http://www3.mdlive.com/l/254762/2017-08-25/3bjmz>
* Rowe Docs: [www.rowedocs.com](http://www.rowedocs.com)
  + If you are unable to get to a medical center and need urgent medical advice go to their site, request an online appointment and get free medical advice.
* Find an open pharmacy: <https://www.healthcareready.org/rxopen?fref=gc>
  + In the event of a natural or manmade disaster, pharmacists are able to fill medications in emergent situations even without a prescription or contact with physician.
  + <http://www.texaspharmacy.org/news/news.asp?id=360856>

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE:**

* Avenue CDC is helping Houstonians with FEMA applications, filing insurance claims, foreclosure prevention, home repair best practices, managing finances in cris and filing for unemployment assistance.This can be done in person or over the phone.
  + Call 713.864.9099 or email [classes@avenuecdc.org](mailto:classess@avenuecdc.org)
* The State Bar: the State Bar operates a legal hotline—(800) 504-7030—that helps people find answers to basic legal questions and locate recovery resources in the wake of a disaster. The toll-free hotline is answered in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese and directly connects callers with legal aid providers in their area.
  + [www.texasbar.com/disasters](http://www.texasbar.com/disasters)
* Great Resource: <http://blog.texasbar.com/2017/08/articles/guest-blog/vick-state-bar-has-legal-resources-to-help-during-harvey/>

**PET RESCUE AND CARE:**

* Texas SPCA: [www.spca.org](http://www.spca.org) | <https://www.spca.org/news_hurricane-harvey>
* Rescued Pets Movement: <https://www.facebook.com/rescuedpetsmovement/?hc_location=ufi>
* Austin Pets Alive: [www.austinpetsalive.org](http://www.austinpetsalive.org) | <https://www.austinpetsalive.org/hurricane-harvey-evacuations/>

**WHAT TO DO IF YOUR HOUSE IS/WAS FLOODED:**

* Do not call 911 unless your life is in immediate danger.
* Do not enter your attic unless you have a way to break through and onto roof: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/people-climbing-into-attics-to-escape-flooding-official-says/468028354>
* Check out ready.gov flood page: <https://www.ready.gov/floods>
* Read this helpful Red Cross guide: Repairing your Flooded Home.
  + <https://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m4540081_repairingFloodedHome.pdf>
* Getting Started after the Flood: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2obpLPFHFr7RFBobjFaOTYzckk/view>
* Tips and tricks from a Texan who has been flooded three times:
  + Ensure physical safety - everything else can be replaced - you can’t
  + Take pictures - lots of pictures. Establish how high the water was inside and outside of your house. You need to prove how deep the water was as part of your flood claim. Use a yardstick or ruler on the outside of your house to establish the high water mark.
  + File your claim immediately - get in line for adjustors, etc. Be nice to the adjustor - he or she will be valuing your loss and establishing the rebuild - every dollar counts, so be a pleasant memory for the adjustor, rather than “that” person.
  + Save all receipts - all of them
  + Order a storage container as they will sell out fast
  + As soon as the water recedes, start mitigating the damage. Shopvac out what water you can, remove the wet carpets, remove the baseboards and start removing wet sheetrock. Cut a line about 2 feet up the wall. The straighter you cut, the easier the rebuild will be. Bag debris/insulation etc and take it outside. Save a square of ruined carpet and ruined carpet pad for the insurance to verify replacement value - if you have multiple carpets, save multiple samples. - Your goal is to get anything wet out of your house so it can begin to dry. Don’t worry about removing glue down hardwoods, let the contractor handle that during the rebuild
  + Take pictures of any damage you see, wet sheetrock, wet carpet, wet furniture, anything you want to claim - document. For contents, document individual items - each shirt, book, etc needs to be enumerated and documented for the claim - if you say 20 books on your claim, you need a photograph where 20 books can be individually accounted for - be exact and over detailed
  + We are expecting more rain so don’t put flood debris where it can float away, block a drain and cause more trouble
  + Be very careful about hiring “the experts” companies will bring in fans, etc and eat up a lot of your claim check by “drying” your house - once the walls are open, the studs will dry in time. Fans, your air conditioner a dehumidifier from Home Depot will do the job. You can spray the studs with bleach as they dry out. We saved $10K each claim by doing the work ourselves in our three floods.
  + Plastic storage tubs work better than cardboard boxes for storage of your undamaged stuff
  + No matter who your insurance company is, all flood claims go through the federal government, all money comes through FEMA, so the time between the adjustor visiting your house and you getting money takes weeks/months - be patient - it is challenging and horrible waiting, but you are dealing with all the other claims that are in flight as well.
  + Your first estimate will likely be less than you expect, so work with your contractor to file a supplement for things that were missed. Be wary of working with 3rd party arbitrators as they will take a % of your total claim, not just any extra they get you in the supplement.
  + Accept help when offered and be specific - if someone asks “what can I do?” tell them something specific - I need candles, contractor bags, sandwiches - be grateful of those that reach out and be honest with what you need.

**INSURANCE/FEMA CLAIMS:**

* Insurance claims:
  + **For flood and hurricane victims from TX State Bar President-Elect:** Important changes affecting property damage claims under Texas Insurance Law will go into effect on Friday, September 1, 2017.
  + To take advantage of current Texas Insurance Law protecting property owners’ with regard to damage claims resulting from HURRICANE HARVEY, policyholders should send a written message or email directly to their insurance company that (1) specifically references their claim; AND (2) is dated BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017. Telephone messages will not suffice to give written notice. KEEP A HARD COPY OF WHAT IS SENT.
  + Reason why it needs to be before September 1: <https://www.texastribune.org/2017/05/04/texas-house-weather-insurance-lawsuits/>
* National Flood Insurance Program policyholders may call 1.800.621.3362 for general information, servicing of claims or technical assistance.
* Apply for FEMA: Applicants may apply for help from FEMA by registering on the website [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov/). People without internet access may sign up by calling (800) 621-FEMA (3362).
  + <http://abc13.com/2348709/?sf109628513=1>

**TRANSPORTATION:**

* Find your towed car: <http://www.findmytowedcar.com>
* Uber is providing free rides to and from shelters: <https://www.uber.com/blog/austin/hurricane-harvey-relief-efforts/>

**TECHNOLOGY:**

**Computer connectivity:**

* Please spread the word if anyone needs computer connectivity or a recharge in order to communicate as a result of the storm.
* In response to Hurricane Harvey, the HP Foundation has deployed the HP Connection Spot disaster relief trailer to the Houston area.
* The HP Connection Spot provides emergency connectivity to people who are unable to communicate as a result of a natural disaster. The HP Connection Spot’s connectivity and services are also available to first responders and non-profit personnel attending the disaster.
* The HP Connection Spot will be located at Copperfield Baptist Church, 8350 Highway 6 N, Houston beginning Sep 1 - Sep 5 from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

**Cell phone carriers:**

* AT&T is giving credits for additional data, text and voice to Hurricane Harvey victims: <http://about.att.com/inside_connections_blog/hurricane_harvey>
* Sprint (+Boost, Virgin Mobile) will waive casual call and text for Hurricane Harvey victims: <http://newsroom.sprint.com/sprint-is-ready-for-hurricane-harvey.htm>
* T-Mobile is offering unlimited data: <https://newsroom.t-mobile.com/news-and-blogs/t-mobile-responds-to-hurricane-harvey.htm>

**HELPFUL LINKS/APPS/GUIDES:**

* **PLEASE BEWARE OF (FEMA) SCAMMERS:** <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey-rumor-control>
* Download the **Nextdoor app** to talk with people in your neighborhood! There are people in your neighborhood who may have resources and are willing to help out.
  + <https://nextdoor.com>
* The **FEMA app** for iPhone has emergency information by county.
  + <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fema/id474807486?mt=8>
* Texas Senate: <https://www.cornyn.senate.gov/content/page/hurricane-harvey-resources>
* Austin Chronicle lists sites, social media resources and emergency resources: <https://www.austinchronicle.com/daily/emergency/2017-08-25/hurricane-harvey-resources/>
* Preparing For Action Resource Guide: <http://www.preparingforaction.org>
* Harvey Needs Resource Guide: <http://harveyneeds.org>

***FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO HELP:***

**VOLUNTEER** *(IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO)*

* Volunteer Houston: [www.volunteerhouston.org](http://www.volunteerhouston.org)
* Find a shelter that needs your help here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14GHRHQ_7cqVrj0B7HCTVE5EbfpNFMbSI9Gi8azQyn-k/edit#gid=1727856325>
* Awesome volunteer map by Sketch City: <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-weather/hurricaneharvey/article/Live-map-Where-you-can-do-the-most-good-12161299.php>
* Help people apply for FEMA:
  + \*Attention all volunteers wanting to assist with Hurricane Harvey FEMA & other Forms Assistance!\*
  + OCA-Greater Houston is co-hosting the first of a series of trainings with AAPI Community Partners to train volunteers to assist Harvey Survivors with applying for government aid such as FEMA Assistance, TX Workforce Commission for unemployment.
  + By attending this workshop, you will be joining a pool of volunteers that can help support staff of AAPI Community Partner organizations in providing this greatly needed assistance at their offices and/or at different community events over the next few months to help Harvey Survivors.
  + \*For this training, please bring a laptop that is wifi ready for internet access.\*
  + If you are bilingual, that would be great! If not, that's great too!
  + Dinner & refreshments will be provided based on the number of people who register for this session.
  + If this session becomes full, please send your email address to info@ocahouston.org and we will send the invite to you for the next available session.
  + When - Tuesday, 9/5 from 6pm – 8pm
  + Where - BPSOS-Houston
  + 11360 Bellaire Boulevard, #910
  + Houston, TX 77072
* Join Ecclesia in their relief efforts:
  + Ecclesia: <http://ecclesiahouston.org/reliefprojects/>
* Baker Ripley at NRG (1 NRG Park, Houston, TX 77054)
  + <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNxxsBN3JQxGrclUnda-BHX2GrQYCp6ifZwjCsNvL1INP8Kw/viewform?fbzx=-1926742414910720500&fref=gc&dti=115202345868604>
* Church of the Apostles (on 14th & Shepard):
  + [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0844a4ae2fa64-cota](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.signupgenius.com%2Fgo%2F30e0844a4ae2fa64-cota&h=ATPpzG7ClWGEUMxd5-0LCcQd3i4GuEDQZcbZdf_QHFqyWdYh2mSS6bDIgwh4n_zaFWsuVBfS3JLnQzGDUwlKPbJs7sq2RCo7UsRS4RH8DExtS19c1dPV_ykFH8dSvukzR1ZGiy21YZ1mYpiD9BSRkSIQZY9P9BgcS5c7OyQ9lfWqx8g655x0MQ6Rzfg96IKjn_CIXp2Lt1t7EjGQKpjyq-5MIOTOP7wSrhFp0G5tNk-4ut-K4JcgD_q7BOEEsdhSoI-OVaiSxVIq0BHKn9ie0w)
* Crosspoint Church: <http://www.cpointchurch.org/other-stuff/storm-updates/>
* George R Brown Convention Center
  + Call 713.853.8001
  + To be a mental health volunteer: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j\_3HFEplEKObx84x6w9zFsu-VnxAz9RQ\_yJVQ80MA\_4/htmlview#](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j_3HFEplEKObx84x6w9zFsu-VnxAz9RQ_yJVQ80MA_4/htmlview)
  + *Also in need of toiletries, wheelchairs, bottled water, individually packaged food, pillows. We do not need additional clothing items at this time. Donations should be brought to dock B - mid-building, on Chartres St.*
* Fire Marshall is looking for individuals with high water vehicles and boats to help with water rescues: call 713.881.3100
* Houston Food Bank: Text “DisasterVol” to 51555 and be notified when Houston Food Bank needs more volunteers.
* Islamic Society of Greater Houston
  + Complete the form <https://isgh.org/harvey/>
* Rescue Houston: Help coordinate rescuers and rescuees! Rescue Houston, an anti-trafficking organization, needs volunteers to monitor dispatch, call rescuers, and rescuees for the day. If you would like to help, please email volunteer@rescuehouston.org to get more information. The hands-down number one thing you can be doing is calling the 2,500 rescuers we have on our roster and empowering them to save lives! Right now we're going through the first batch of rescuers we have with boats.
* Salvation Army Family Residence Shelter (1603 McGowen St, Houston, Texas 77004)
  + Call 713.650.6530 and ask for Ruby or Yolanda.
* Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:
  + Sign up to foster a displaced pet at [www.spca.org/foster](http://www.spca.org/foster)
* If you are bilingual, you can volunteer as an interpreter at the George R. Brown Center (including remotely--this is a great opportunity for folks to help from outside of Houston), please complete this form:
  + <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNDPKINECbmwVJkNpzDs7EkB_D2ENkYyeDwsfIYweQu9cNKg/viewform?embedded=true>
* If you are a medical professional:
  + Volunteer with Rowe Docs ([www.rowedocs.com](http://www.rowedocs.com)): <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSct4OZrheicWs2ylP5yNQAnyDlCmWMsVi2-ac-Sm2uNWEDnFg/viewform>
    - Step 1: For those who have sent your CV expect an email from ROWE@rowedocs.com today. If you don't receive it check your inbox for spam. You can also use this form to sign up and Email CV to me directly rowe@rowedocs.com .
    - Step 2: Sign and Return HIPAA agreement
    - Step 3: Once these documents are received you should be credentialed and added to our virtual telemedicine network within 48 hours. Your email and password will be emailed to you. You can sign on whenever you are free to see patients or sign up to be contacted as needed.
  + Volunteer with NRG: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1B0X0duaTKiwRkV1v15AEPQxH-0IWAY1tMQmOd3KziZs/edit#gid=0>
  + Texas Medical Board is issuing expedited 30-day temporary permits for out-of-state physicians assisting with the Hurricane Harvey emergency response in Texas (free of charge).

<http://tmb.state.tx.us/page/visiting-physician-temporary-permit>

* If you are a midwife:
  + The Houston area midwives have put together a channel on the radio app “Zello” called Houston Midwives for Pregnant Mammas. It's a resource for moms in labor who are unable to make it to the hospital. Midwives willing and able to help and support can be contacted through that forum.
* If you are an attorney and would like to help the Texas Bar assist victims of Harvey go to [www.texasbar.com/attorneyvolunteer](http://www.texasbar.com/attorneyvolunteer)
* Join Remote Area Medical: <https://app.robly.com/archive?id=d556412410ae44f814c42c8674b80d0e&v=true>
* Volunteer with the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
  + <https://www.nvoad.org/how-to-help/volunteering/>
* Volunteer with the Austin Dallas Relief Network: <https://adrn.org/disaster-relief/hurricaneharvey/>

**OFFER A PLACE TO STAY:**

* Do you have an AirBnB in North Texas?
  + You can donate days from your rental for those who are need in help. Make sure to spread the word. Donate days or sign up here: <https://www.airbnb.com/disaster/hurricaneharveyevacuees>

**DONATE:**

*When donations can be harmful:* [*https://angeliagriffin.wordpress.com/2017/08/31/the-wrong-donations-some-tough-words-on-disaster-relief/*](https://angeliagriffin.wordpress.com/2017/08/31/the-wrong-donations-some-tough-words-on-disaster-relief/)

**LOCAL/STATE ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Funds:**

* JJ Watt’s Houston Flood Relief Fund: <https://www.youcaring.com/victimsofhurricaneharvey-915053>
* Mayor Sylvester’s Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund: <https://ghcfdisaster.kimbia.com/hurricaneharveyrelieffund>

**Shelters:**

* Find a shelter to donate items to here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14GHRHQ_7cqVrj0B7HCTVE5EbfpNFMbSI9Gi8azQyn-k/edit#gid=1727856325>
* Baker-Ripley:



**Churches:**

* Catholic Charities - Galveston: <https://catholiccharities.org/donate-now-and-help-our-neighbors-recover-from-disaster/>
* Crosspoint Church: <http://www.cpointchurch.org/other-stuff/storm-updates/>

**Arts:**

* Fresh Arts Disaster Relief Exhibition: <https://www.facebook.com/fresharts/photos/p.10155606526333164/10155606526333164/?type=1&theater>

**Education:**

* Adopt a Texas Classroom: <https://www.teachersoftomorrow.org/texas-teachers-adopt-texas-classroom>
* Kipp Public Schools: <https://kipphouston.org/civicrm/contribute/transact/?reset=1&id=1>
* Kipp Houston High School: <https://www.gofundme.com/help-our-kippsters>
* Principals Helping Principals: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UoxQkP9BuFAa2DaSbVBTNyyRvxglK7F54x1C9ZbUKDc/edit#gid=0>

**Businesses:**

* Black Swan Yoga event on September 7th: <https://www.facebook.com/events/119003778824664/>

**Non-profit organizations:**

* Austin Disaster Relief Network: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/austin-disaster-relief-network/survivor-supply-drive-help-houston-and-local-families-affected/1414306525271566/>
* Avenue CDC: <http://www.avenuecdc.org/hurricane-harvey-recovery/>
* Baker-Ripley helps long-term after natual disasters like Harvey: <https://www.bakerripley.org/locations/baker-ripley-neighborhood-center>
* Bayou Action Street Health, Houston’s Street Medical Collective has an amazon list: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/ls/ref=?ie=UTF8&%2AVersion%2A=1&%2Aentries%2A=0&lid=26UOYXYJ77GJW&ty=wishlist>
* Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County: <https://www.homelesshouston.org/take-action/donate/>
* Dream to Inspire: <https://www.gofundme.com/houstontough>
* Greater Houston Black Chamber: <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/GHBC-Establishes-Fund-for-African-American-Business-Relief.html?soid=1103062898456&aid=WUiVuk7kUkU>
* Feeding Texas: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/feeding-texas>
* Friends4Life needs kennels, carriers, cat food, dog food, collars, leashes, cat beds and dog beds. You can drop off supplies in the garage of 601 Woodland Ave, 77009 (Heights) and 315 West Polk, 77019 (Montrose) or make a financial donation at <http://friends4life.org/how-to-help/donate/>
* Houston Food Bank: <http://www.houstonfoodbank.org/donate/donate-money/>
* Jewish Federation of Greater Houston: <http://www.houstonjewish.org/>
* A Just Harvey Recovery <https://anothergulf.com/a-just-harvey-recovery/>
* Living Hope Wheelchair Association: <http://www.lhwassociation.org/donate> Portlight.org, a disaster relief org focused on helping people with disabilities <https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=lCOW0J0cDqfmFN8Fb-xyJb7pBMg7DC7ZUzA7kGx9WByMJH1pR_imzL6XIVbfhn5b6dLe90&country.x=US&locale.x=US>
* The Montrose Center: <https://my.reason2race.com/DNicol/HurricaneHarveyLGBTQDisasterReliefFund2017>
* Salvation Army of Greater Houston: <http://salvationarmyhouston.org>
* SHAPE Community Center: <http://www.shape.org/hurricane-harvey>
* Texas Diaper Bank: <https://texasdiaperbank.networkforgood.com/projects/33717-change-a-life>
* The Way Home: <http://www.thewayhomehouston.org>
* United Way of Greater Houston: <https://www.unitedwayhouston.org/flood>
* Young African Professionals Houston: <https://give.hands.org/team/131760>
* Donate blood at the Carter Blood Bank: <https://ww2.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/centers>
* Others: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eLvsRpADADP94rTccrlKXcO6xd4nwHPpyy1KiQxukrE/mobilebasic>

**NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

* American Kidney Fund Disaster Relief: <https://secure2.convio.net/akf/site/Donation2?df_id=4663&mfc_pref=T&4663.donation=form1>
* BlackAmericaWeb.com Relief Fund: <https://blackamericaweb.com/black-america-web-relief-fund/>
* Global Giving Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund: [www.globalgiving.org/projects/hurricane-harvey-relief-fund](http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/hurricane-harvey-relief-fund)
* Gofundme has aggregated all Hurricane Harvey funds: [www.gofundme.com/hurricaneharvey](http://www.gofundme.com/hurricaneharvey)
* The GOOD Campaign for those on dialysis: <https://www.gofundme.com/the-good-campaign>
* Heart to Heart International: <http://www.hearttoheart.org>
* National Black United Front: <https://www.razoo.com/story/Iil38f>
* Samaritan’s Purse International: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/disaster/hurricane-harvey/?&utm_source=SPFacebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=m_YHHR-17SM&utm_content=8-28Harvey-TruckPhoto>
* Somebody Cares: <https://somebodycares.org/harvey-response-begins-as-storm-continues-its-devastation/>
* Team Rubicon: [www.teamrubiconusa.org/donate](http://www.teamrubiconusa.org/donate)
* Transgender Foundation of America: <http://transadvocate.com/help-the-trans-community-overcome-hurricanetropical-storm-harvey_n_20619.htm>

Some articles listing how to help:

* Senator Borris Miles: <http://www.icontact-archive.com/yiOThMH64xkowriiIp8I71fxBa-YY_IU?w=2>
* Texas Monthly: <http://www.texasmonthly.com/the-daily-post/ways-can-help-people-hurricane-harvey/>
* Chron.com resource list: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-weather/hurricaneharvey/amp/Hurricane-Harvey-How-to-help-victims-of-the-12003372.php>
* Medium.com: <https://medium.com/@Celeste_pewter/how-to-help-the-victims-of-hurricane-harvey-f876ae7e7ed>
* Vox.com: <https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2017/8/27/16211642/hurricane-harvey-donations-charities-disaster-relief>
* Charity Navigator: <https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=content.view&cpid=5239&utm_content=bufferbc14e&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer>
* NPR: <http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/08/28/546745827/looking-to-help-those-affected-by-harvey-here-s-a-list>
* New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/28/us/donate-harvey-charities-scams.html?smid=fb-share>

**NOTES:**

*This document was made with help from this awesome United We Dream resource guide targeting those who speak spanish and are undocumented:* <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14nRfxbCatN6MQPvjLZGVIu_12sScpxvtyS5Dm1FrgHA/edit>

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*Just in case you’re interested in the history of Houston and its floods:*

* [*http://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/explainer/article/The-trouble-with-living-in-a-swamp-Houston-7954514.php*](http://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/explainer/article/The-trouble-with-living-in-a-swamp-Houston-7954514.php)
* [*https://www.texastribune.org/boomtown-floodtown/?utm\_campaign=trib-social&utm\_medium=social&utm\_source=facebook&utm\_content=1503748956*](https://www.texastribune.org/boomtown-floodtown/?utm_campaign=trib-social&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_content=1503748956)

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