



# Hurricane Harvey

*Activation: Hurricane Harvey, Texas, US*

*Situation Report 1 - (period covered: Aug 24-25, 2017)*

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## Situation Overview

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This report provides situational updates and useful website and social media links for government agencies, phone numbers, and shelter locations.

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[@Disasteranimals](#)

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[@DAFNReady](#)

### Facebook pages

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### Background

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## Significant Updates (most recent first)

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- Traffic signals along US 183 and US 77 set for evacuations from the coast. [source](#)
- The lanes of the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway entering SPI are closed. The lanes leaving SPI remain open. [source](#)
- Corpus Christi - Assisted evacuation will conclude at noon. RTA is still running for transport to CC Gym. [source](#)
- The last evacuation bus has left Aransas Pass. There will be no more evacuation runs. [source](#)
- HWY 361 to Port Aransas will be completely blocked off at 9 a.m. [source](#)
- A hurricane warning has been issued for a portion of the Texas coast, from north of Port Mansfield to Sargent, including the city of Corpus Christi. Structural damage to buildings near the coast is expected. The NHC also issued its first-ever public storm surge warning, which includes a swath of the Texas coast from Port Mansfield to High Island. This means a life-threatening storm surge is expected in the warned area in the next 36 hours. This warning does not include Galveston Bay, but does include Galveston Island and the Bolivar Peninsula. [source](#)
- Evacuation from the cities of Bishop, Agua Dulce, Banquete, Driscoll, Petronila and Robstown ended at 11:00 a.m. at the following locations Bishop Community Center, Driscoll City Hall, Agua Dulce Community Center, Banquete Community Center, Bluntzer School square 666/624 Robstown Transfer station, Petronila School [source](#)

### Aug 24:

- Disaster Declarations
  - In anticipation of Hurricane Harvey making landfall in the Gulf Coast region, Governor Greg Abbott has preemptively declared a State of Disaster for the following counties: Aransas, Austin, Bee, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Brazoria, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Waller, Wharton and Wilson. [source](#)
- Mandatory Evacuations:
  - Brazoria County (Gulf of Mexico to the Intracoastal Canal); all Calhoun County (effective immediately); Matagorda County (South of FM 521 and FM 2611 in Sargent), all areas S of FM 521 in Matagorda County, all areas south of Business 35 W of Palacios. All persons under age of 18 must leave the evacuation area; Port Aransas/Aransas Pass; all San Patricio County (effective at noon today); City of Ingleside (effective immediately); All Refugio County (effective immediately); city of Portland; city of Rockport; city of Robstown. [source1](#) [source2](#) [source3](#)

- Nueces County, the City of Corpus Christi and the City of Port Aransas have issued a mandatory evacuation for high profile vehicles [source](#)
- The US Navy has closed Naval Air Station Corpus Christi until further notice and has ordered the evacuation of all non-essential active-duty military personnel. [source](#)
- Voluntary Evacuations:
  - all Jackson County (effective immediately); western Nueces County; all Victoria County; all Bolivar Peninsula; City of Corpus Christi (effective at noon today); Bee County and city of Beeville; city of Shoreacres, city of La Porte. [source1](#) [source2](#) [source3](#) [source4](#)
- State search and rescue teams have been deployed to the coast. [source](#)
- The US Navy has closed Naval Air Station Corpus Christi until further notice and has ordered the evacuation of all non-essential active-duty military personnel. [source](#)
- Oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico had already begun to evacuate workers. [source](#)
- Governor Abbott activated about 700 members of the state National Guard. Military helicopters were also on standby in Austin and San Antonio in preparation for search and rescues and emergency evacuations. [source](#)
- Central Texas Red Cross urgently needs volunteer shelter workers. [source](#)
- FEMA is sending supplies to south Texas including meals, tarps, and water. [source](#)
- Closures around coastal Texas bend. [source](#)

## National Links

- FEMA: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
- NOAA NWS National Hurricane Center: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)

## Regional and Local Links

### State Links

- Texas Division of Emergency Management: [website](#), [twitter](#)
- FEMA Region 6: [website](#), [twitter](#)
- Texas Department of Transportation: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
- Texas Military Department <https://tmd.texas.gov/> <https://twitter.com/TXMilitary>

### County and City Links

- Austin County
  - Austin County Government: [website](#), [facebook](#)
- Aransas County
  - Aransas County Government: [website](#)
- Bee County
  - Bee County Government [Website](#)
- Brazoria County
  - Brazoria County government: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
  - Brazoria County Emergency Management: [website](#)
- Calhoun County
  - Calhoun County government: [website](#)

- Chambers County
  - Chambers County government: [website](#)
  - Chambers County Emergency Management: [website](#)
- Galveston County
  - Galveston County government: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
  - Galveston County Office of Emergency Management: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
  - City of Galveston: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
  - City of Galveston Office of Emergency Management: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
- Harris County
  - Harris County government: [website](#), [facebook](#)
  - Harris County Emergency Management: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
  - City of Houston: [website](#), [twitter](#)
  - City of Houston Emergency Management: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
- Jackson County
  - Jackson County government: [website](#)
  - Jackson County Emergency Management: [website](#)
- Kenedy County
  - Kenedy County government: [website](#)
- Kleburg County
  - Kleburg County Emergency Management: [website](#)
- Matagorda County
  - Matagorda County government: [website](#)
- Nueces County
  - Nueces County government: [website](#)
  - Nueces County Emergency Management: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
  - City of Corpus Christi: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
  - Corpus Christi Office of Emergency Management: [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
- Refugio County
  - Refugio County Emergency Management: [website](#)
- San Patricio County
  - San Patricio County Emergency Management: [website](#)
- Victoria County
  - Victoria County government: [website](#)
  - Victoria City/County Emergency Management: [website](#)

## Red Cross

- Red Cross Coastal Bend (Corpus Christi): [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
- Red Cross of Greater Houston: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)
- Red Cross of South Texas: [website](#), [twitter](#), [facebook](#)

## Emergency Numbers

### Emergency Phone Numbers

Emergency - 911

### Information Helplines

- Houston, non-emergency helpline: 311 or 713-837-0311
- Austin, non-emergency helpline: 311 or 512-974-2000

### Reunification Hotlines and Websites

## Maps and Situational Awareness

- Drive Texas [Road Map](#)
- Google [Crisis Map](#)
- NOAA [Interactive Map](#)
- RX Open [Pharmacy Map](#)
- [evacuation guide with highlighted routes](#)

## Shelters and Evacuation Centers

### Statewide

- Red Cross shelters [database](#).

### Austin

- For shelter updates in Austin, Texas, follow [@AustinHSEM](#) on Twitter.
- The American Red Cross Serving Central Texas has issued an urgent request for volunteer shelter workers and managers. [Source](#)

### Bastrop County

- Smithville Recreation Center at 106 Gazely St. in Smithville. (Shelter is for local people who need to evacuate their homes due to flooding). [source](#)

### Dallas - Fort Worth

- To find a shelter, call 211

### Laredo

- Texas A&M International University, 5201 University Blvd, Laredo, TX 78041. Will house students from Texas A&M Corpus Christi and Texas A&M Kingsville. [source](#)

### New Braunfels

- New Braunfels ISD Shelters;
  - 9th grade center, 659 S Guenther Ave
  - New Braunfels High School, 2551 TX-337 Loop

- Klein Road Elementary, 2620 Klein Way
- Oak Run Middle School, 415 Oak Run Point [source](#)

### Port Isabel

- Community Center, 213 Yturria. [source](#)
- Municipal Court, 110 W Hickman. [source](#)

### San Antonio

- San Antonio is a federally and state-designated evacuation center. There are designated shelter facilities around the city and officials are preparing for an influx of people. Buses are transporting evacuees to the 200 block of Gemblar Road to check in. All evacuees should check in at Gemblar Road. From there, evacuees will be transported to shelters located around the city. [source](#)
- The Salvation Army serving San Antonio area: "This is a mobile feeding unit capable of feeding hundreds of people a day, three meals a day and we can do it for days at a time; possibly even weeks at a time if the damage is really severe, Brad Mayhar from the Salvation Army San Antonio Area command." [source](#)

### Victoria

- St. Joseph High School gym, 110 E. Red River St. [source](#)
- Bloomington Bobcat Dome, 200 N. Leonard St. [source](#)

## Hospitals and Healthcare

### Status of Hospitals

- Aug 25: NICU babies evacuated from hospital in Corpus Christi, TX. [source](#)
- Aug 24: Corpus Christi Medical Center on Thursday announced service suspension of Northwest Regional Emergency Department, Northshore Emergency Center, Corpus Christi Medical Center and Corpus Christi Medical Center - Bay View Hospital. Services at Northwest Regional Emergency Department, Northshore Emergency Center, Bay Area Hospital's Emergency Department and Bayview Behavioral Hospital will reopen as soon as possible after Hurricane Harvey has passed. Those in need of emergency care will be able to visit Doctors Regional Emergency Center at 3315 S. Alameda St. [source](#)
- Aug 24: Corpus Christi - Driscoll Children's Urgent Care, Driscoll Imaging Center and Driscoll After-Hours Clinic-Victoria will close Friday until further notice. [source](#)
- Aug 25: NICU babies evacuated from hospital in Corpus Christi, TX. [source](#)

### Hospital Lists

- List of hospitals in Texas. [source](#)
- RxOpen - map of open pharmacies. [source](#)

## Special Needs Populations

- Aug 25: HHS is ready to provide emergency SNAP food benefits to Texans facing shortages because of spoilage, difficulties in transporting food to affected areas or electricity outages. Special eligibility offices will be set up in the areas affected, and ice will be available at various community centers. For information about emergency benefits dial 2-1-1. [source](#)
- Aug 25: The Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center are being evacuated to the San Antonio campus [source](#)

## Schools

### Status of Schools

- Aug 25: Port Aransas ISD schools closed until further notice. [source](#)
- Aug 24: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi closed its campus and asked everyone to evacuate. [source](#)
- Aug 24: Houston Independent School District announced all district schools and administrative offices will be closed on Monday, August 28. [source](#)

### Information Links

- List of school districts in Texas. [source](#)
- School district locator. [source](#)

## Airports

### Status

- Aug 25: Corpus Christi International Airport is closed. [source](#)
- Aug 24: Houston airports expect to remain open after Hurricane Harvey hits, but airlines are encouraging customers to change travel plans, according to the Associated Press. United, Southwest and American are offering waivers for customers scheduled to fly to, from or through Houston and several other Texas cities from Friday through Sunday. Delta will waive charges for changes to flight plans through Saturday. [source](#)

### Lists of Airports / Links

- List of airports in Texas. [source](#)



## Roads / Bridges

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- Aug 25: HWY 361 to Port Aransas has been closed. [source](#)
- Aug 24: The evacuation lane of I-37 northbound from Corpus Christi to San Antonio has been opened to relieve traffic. [source](#)

### Useful Links

- Road conditions in Texas: [www.DriveTexas.org](http://www.DriveTexas.org) or call at 800-452-9292.
- Texas traffic information, Federal Highway Administration. [source](#)

## Railways

### Useful Links

- List of Texas railways. [source](#)
- Railroad map. [source](#)

## Maritime / Shipping / Ports / Ferries

### Status

- Aug 24: Port of Corpus Christi is closed. [source](#)
- Aug 25: Port Aransas ferry closing @ 8 am [source](#)

### Useful Links

- Map of ports in Texas. [source](#)
- Index of ports. [source](#)

## Communications

## Useful Links

- Telecommunication providers in Texas. [source](#)

## Amateur Radio

### Frequencies in use in South Texas are:

7.268 LSB [Hurricane Watch Net Night](#) and 14.325 USB Hurricane Watch Net Daytime

1	Traffic		STX Night Emergency Net	3.8730	LSB	3.8730		A	6:30PM - 6:30AM
2	Traffic		STX Day Emergency Net	7.2850	LSB	3.8730		A	6:30AM - 6:30PM
3	H & W		STX Night Health & Welfare Net	3.9350	LSB	3.9350		A	6:30PM - 6:30AM
4	H & W		STX Day Health & Welfare Net	7.2900	LSB	7.2900		A	6:30AM - 6:30PM
5	Packet		STX Night Digital Net	3.5925	LSB	3.5925		A	6:30PM - 6:30AM
6	Packet		STX Day Digital Net	7.0905	LSB	7.0905		A	6:30AM - 6:30PM
7	Traffic		SATERN	14.2650	USB	14.265		A	
8	Emergency		Red Cross	47.4200				A	Local tones may vary
9	Tactical		Red Cross	47.5000				A	
10	Traffic		MARS	5.330.5	USB	5.330.5		A	

- SHARES and MARS stations may be monitoring 5330.5.
- [VOIPWX net](#) will be on IRLP 9219, Echolink 7203, and Allstar 28848 Use listen only nodes or streaming audio, if not actively involved in disaster recovery.
- Don't forget to monitor [APRS stations](#) in the affected area as well.
- The closest Software Defined Radio to South Texas is [W5CQU](#). Daytime frequencies only would be heard here. Also, consider listening at [GlobalTuners](#) and [RemoteHams](#) where a number of High Frequency remotes can be found.
- Please see updates from the [American Radio Relay League](#).

## Power and Fuel

### Status

- Aug 24: Calhoun County Electric has shut down its power grid. [source](#)

### Useful Links

- Power companies in Texas. [source](#)
- Preparedness tips for Fuel Stations [Source](#)

## Water Systems

### Useful Links

- Water utilities in Texas. [source](#)

## Pictures and Videos

- Aug 25: The Weather Channel live feed. [source](#)
- Aug 25: Live Feed from Galveston.com. [source](#)

## Twitter Accounts

### Hashtags

Event hashtags: #Harvey #HurricaneHarvey

Weather hashtags: #txwx #stxwx #glwx #ccwx #houwx

### Accounts of Interest

- [@HumanityRoad](#)
- Humanity Road [Twitter List](#)

## FaceBook Accounts

- [Aransas Pass Police Department](#)
- [Port Aransas Independent School District](#)
- [City of Port Aransas Animal Shelter](#)
- [Port Aransas Fire Department](#)
- [Port Aransas Medical Services](#)
- [Corpus Christi International Airport](#)
- [Corpus Christi Police Department](#)
- [Corpus Christi Caller-Times](#)

- [K-99 Corpus Christi](#)
- [National Weather Service Corpus Christi](#)
- [Austin 3-1-1](#)

## Traditional Media (TV, Radio, Newspapers)

- [NewsON](#) offers a number of streams for news channels around the Nation.
- List of newspapers and news media outlets in Texas. [source](#)
- List of radio stations in Texas. [source](#)
- Radio station finder. [source](#)

## Animals in Disaster

### Status

- Aug 25: The Animal Defense League of Texas and San Antonio Pets Alive are preparing to assist fellow shelters in the path of Hurricane Harvey and are calling for pet foster volunteers. [source](#)
- Aug 24: Austin Pets Alive! is helping shelters in the direct line of Hurricane Harvey to transport as many animals as possible to APA. [source](#)
- Aug 24: Port Aransas Animal Shelter animals have been evacuated. [source](#)

### Useful Links

- Veterinarians in Texas. [source](#)
- Pet friendly hotels in Texas. [source](#)
- Pet friendly hotels and motels in Texas. [source](#)
- Humane Society of Central Texas: [website](#)
- Humane Society of Southeast Texas: [website](#)

## Volunteers Reporting

Alice, Lloyd, Joe, Crystal, Cindy, Aline, Cat, Chris, Judi