Survivors Repairing, Rebuilding and Planning for the Future Can Get Questions Answered by Insurance and Mitigation Specialists March 5-10

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AUSTIN, Texas – As Texans repair or rebuild their homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent flooding, Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), home improvement stores and FEMA mitigation specialists are teaming up to provide free information, tips and literature on making homes stronger and safer.

Texans who have insurance questions can meet with TDI staff, in addition to mitigation specialists, at the McCoy's Building Supply in Kingsville (Kleberg County) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 8.

FEMA mitigation specialists will answer questions and offer tips and techniques to build hazard-resistant homes using proven methods that will prevent or reduce damage from future disasters. Most of the information and the free publications provided are geared to do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Recovery topics covered include flood insurance, elevating utilities and rebuilding flooded homes. Free reference booklets with information on protecting a home from flood damage will be available. FEMA mitigation specialists will be available at these stores:

County	Locations	Dates	Hours



Brazoria	McCoy's Building Supply 1308 S. Brooks St., Brazoria, 77422	Mon. March 5 Tues. March 6 – Fri. March 9 Sat. March 10	11 a.m 6 p.m. 8 a.m 6 p.m. 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Galveston	League City Lowe's (Store #2821) 1655 W. FM 646, League City, 77573	Mon. March 5 Tues. Feb. 6 – Sat. March 10	11 a.m 6 p.m. 8 a.m 6 p.m.
Harris	N. Central Houston Lowe's (Store #0681) 1521 N. Loop West, Houston, 77008	Mon. March 5 Tues. March 6 – Sat. March 10	11 a.m 6 p.m. 8 a.m 6 p.m.
Jefferson	Beaumont Home Depot (Store #501) 3910 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, 77703	Mon. March 5 Tues. March 6 – Sat. March 10	11 a.m 6 p.m. 8 a.m 6 p.m.



Kleberg	McCoy's Building Supply 2202 E. Carlos Truan Blvd., Kingsville, 78363	Mon. March 5 Tues. March 6 – Fri. March 9 Sat. March 10	11 a.m 6 p.m. 8 a.m 6 p.m. 8 a.m 5 p.m.
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For Texas disaster mitigation information, visit <u>www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation</u>.

For additional information about mitigation, visit www.fema.gov/what-mitigation

For information on protecting properties from disaster, visit www.fema.gov/protect-your-property.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, the FEMA Harvey Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FEMAharvey, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.

