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Prepare for Hurricane Season Now: Learn How to Make a Disaster Emergency Kit

Safe Room and Home Elevation Help Texans During Harvey

Safe From the Storm

In Victoria, nearly 400 evacuees with nowhere else to go sheltered inside a 168-foot-wide steel-reinforced safe room the day Harvey barreled into Texas. The room was constructed in 2015 for extreme weather events and meets occupancy requirements for hurricanes and tornadoes. The room's 20,000 square feet of protected space gives it capacity to shelter 1,000 occupants during a hurricane and 4,000 for a tornado. Learn more about the Victoria safe room at <https://go.usa.gov/xQr9S>.

Elevation Works



After eight times, Claire Rhoads was tired of seeing her home in Dickinson flood. Following Hurricane Ike in 2008, her home qualified as a repetitive loss structure because of its flood history and because her flood insurance contract contained increased cost of compliance. Claire used funds from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance program to elevate her home. Learn more about Claire and her story at <https://go.usa.gov/xQr9J>.

Looking for mitigation information and resources for recovering from a disaster in Texas? Visit <https://go.usa.gov/xQrX3>.

As we enter into the spring flooding and tornado seasons, and with hurricane season around the corner, now is the time to start preparing for disasters. We've got two resources to help you get your plans and your supplies together:

- First, watch a Facebook Live video to learn how to build your own disaster emergency kit. Go to the FEMA Harvey Facebook video page at facebook.com/FEMAHarvey/videos/ and click on the "How to Pack an Emergency Kit" video posted March 28. You'll see a demonstration of items to consider for your personal supply list. You'll also learn why an emergency kit is so important as you prepare yourself, your family and your pets for a disaster.
- Then, use this Basic Emergency Supply Kit as checklist to help you gather your supplies.

Visit ready.gov for more information about disaster mitigation and preparedness for you and your family.

Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water - one gallon of water per person for at least three days for drinking and sanitation. | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Sheeting/Duct Tape - to shelter-in-place. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food - at least a three-day supply of nonperishable food. Remember the pet food as well. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust Mask - to help filter contaminated air. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio - battery-powered or hand crank radio and extra batteries. | <input type="checkbox"/> Moist Towelettes, Garbage Bags and Plastic Ties - for personal sanitation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight - don't forget the extra batteries. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrench/Pliers - to turn off utilities. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Medications and First Aid Kit - at least a week's worth of medication. | <input type="checkbox"/> Can Opener - for canned food, if kit contains this. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Traveler's Checks | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Maps and Whistle |

Keep Informed

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit: www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey

or the Texas Division of Emergency Management at: www.dps.texas.gov/dem/

Stay in Touch

For updates on your application status or appeals, visit: DisasterAssistance.gov
(800) 621-3362 (711 or VRS) OR **(800) 462-7585** (TTY)

To find the nearest Disaster Recovery Center, visit: www.fema.gov/drc

