Mitigation specialists invite all Texans to talk preparedness June 25-30

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AUSTIN, Texas – Join the more than 43,000 Texans who have learned from FEMA mitigation specialists at local home improvement stores how to prepare their homes for natural disasters.

Hurricane season began this month, making it a great time to meet with a FEMA expert and learn how to prepare for extreme weather. Our mitigation specialists will provide tips and techniques on how to repair and build hazard-resistant homes using proven methods to prevent future flood damage.

Specialists are eager to meet with anyone who has questions about disaster preparedness, even if Hurricane Harvey did not affect them. Topics covered include making a family disaster plan, disaster supply kits and the importance of flood insurance. FEMA mitigation specialists will be available at these stores:

County Locations Dates Hours	
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Cameron	Lowe's (Store #2669) 525 E. Ruben Torres Blvd., Brownsville, 78520	Mon. June 25 Tues. June 26-Sat. June 30	11 a.m5:30 p.m. 8 a.m5:30 p.m.
Harris	Home Depot (Store #569) 13400 Market St., Houston, 77015	Mon. June 25-Sat. June 30	8 a.m5:30 p.m.
Harris	Home Depot (Store #6828) 4159 FM 1960 West, Houston, 77068	Mon. June 25 Tues. June 26-Sat. June 30	11 a.m5:30 p.m. 8 a.m5:30 p.m.
Harris	Lowes (Store #2822) 20902 Kuykendahl Road, Spring, 77379	Mon. June 25-Sat. June 30	8 a.m5:30 p.m.
Hidalgo	Home Depot (Store #506) 409 N. Jackson Road, Pharr, 78577	Mon. June 25-Sat. June 30	8 a.m5:30 p.m.

For Texas disaster mitigation information, visit <u>www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-</u> <u>mitigation</u>. For additional information about mitigation, visit <u>www.fema.gov/what-</u> <u>mitigation</u>. For information on protecting properties from disaster, visit <u>www.fema.gov/protect-your- property.</u>



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



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