

HURRICANE PREPARATION

Evacuation Checklist

You Should Evacuate If...

- You are told to do so by the authorities.
- You live in a mobile home or temporary structure. These are **NOT** safe from hurricane-force winds.
- You live in a high-rise building.
- You live in a designated evacuation zone that has been called to evacuate.
- You live near the coast, river or waterway. Also evacuate if you live in a floodplain.

What Evacuation Zone Are You In?

Know what evacuation zone your home is located in before a hurricane hits.

Visit the [Texas Department of Transportation](#) website to see evacuation routes and zones.



Preparation

- Designate a main location and a backup location to meet up after the storm in the event your family gets separated during the evacuation.
- Identify your nearest evacuation centers, when they will open and if pets are allowed, if necessary.
- Reach out to friends and family who live outside of the forecasted storm zone and create a list of potential evacuation locations.
- Designate someone to pack the car with all your supplies and another person to listen for evacuation orders and print directions to your shelter.
- Use the document checklist to make sure you have all necessary information.
- Gather local area maps in the event that mobile devices lack service or electricity.

When Evacuating

- Stay calm! Evacuation orders are usually given before danger strikes.
- Listen to orders at least twice to determine evacuation locations, and print driving directions.
- Unplug appliances, turn off water at the main valve, and deactivate electricity at the breaker box.
- Pack your vehicle and go to your designated evacuation spot or backup location.
- Turn on the radio to stay tuned to emergency bulletins.
- Anticipate long periods without power and be sure that children's games or activities are easy to access.
- If traveling to stay with friends or family, stick to evacuation routes until you are out of an evacuation area. Emergency professionals will be using the road.