



## Orange County Emergency Management

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**SUBJECT:** Hurricane Harvey (NR #28)

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### **HIRING CONTRACTORS AND CONSTRUCTION PERMITS**

All contractors must get a COUNTY LICENSE to do any work on flood-damaged homes in the unincorporated areas of Orange County. Before hiring a contractor, please ask to see their "county license" or call the county at 409-745-1463 after Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> to verify that the contractor is licensed. Beware of contractors requiring large payments before any work is completed.

Construction permits are **REQUIRED** for all residents in flood zone areas. Permits will not be issued until FEMA required inspections have been completed. Residents will be informed when the inspections begin.

Permits in non-flood zone areas are also required. It is recommended that the moisture content on the studs be checked before a permit is issued.

Permit fees will be waived for construction due to damage from Hurricane Harvey.