



Orange County Emergency Management
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TO: News Media
FROM: Joint Information Center
DATE: August 24, 2017
SUBJECT: Hurricane Harvey (NR #3)

Partnering Agencies:



Hurricane Harvey is strengthening and is expected to make landfall on the central Texas Coast as a category 3 Hurricane. Officials will continue to monitor this situation closely and will keep Orange County residents updated with the most accurate and up to date information as it comes available.

Orange County residents are encouraged to closely monitor the situation by visiting the National Weather Center or the National Hurricane Center online at <http://www.weather.gov/srh/> and http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/news/AL092017_key_messages.png

Orange County is currently preparing for extended rain and possible flooding that may last for several days. We are supplying sandbags for those residents in low lying areas, areas near bodies of water with potential for flooding, and for others in areas where there is a possibility for rising water.

Orange County Officials have NOT called for an evacuation at this time, but want to urge all Orange County citizens to be prepared and have provided information on steps to take and supplies you may need.

UPDATED SANDBAG INFORMATION

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NEW SITE: The City of Pinehurst will be opening a sandbagging station tomorrow, Friday, August 25th, from 9 am until 4 pm at their Operations & Maintenance building located at 3000 Gull Street in Pinehurst. Citizens can use the 28th Street entrance, which is located off of MacArthur Drive near the Strickland Drive intersection. A complete list of Sandbag stations are listed below.

COUNTY SITES:

- Precinct 1 Road & Bridge Barn, North Hwy 87 at North Teal, Orange
- Precinct 2 Road & Bridge Barn, 2600 Lawrence Road, Orange
(between 7:00 am – 3:30 pm only / Monday – Friday)
- Commissioner Precinct 2 Office, 11867 Hwy 62 North, Orange
- Precinct 3 Road & Bridge Barn, 2502 W Roundbunch Road, Orange
- Precinct 4 Road & Bridge Barn, 375 Claiborne Street, Vidor
- Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Hwy 90, Orange
(between 7:00 am – 4:00 pm / Monday – Friday)

BRIDGE CITY SITE:

- Bridge City Sewer Plant, 297 Bower, Bridge City
(between 8:00 am - 5:00 pm only / Bridge City residents only)

WEST ORANGE SITE:

- Wesco Little League Park, corner of Burnett & Newton Streets
(Friday 8am - 3pm; Saturday 9am – 3pm/ West Orange residents only) ** added Saturday

VIDOR SITE:

- across from Animal Shelter, 160 Watts Street

ORANGE SITES:

- same sites as COUNTY sites above

*** Friday, August 25th between 7am and 3pm, the Precinct 1 and 4 County Barn locations will be manned and making pre-filled sandbags available for *senior citizens and disabled residents*.

Hurricane Harvey Preparedness

What should you do now to prepare.

- Make a disaster kit (List is attached)
- Make arrangements for pets. (
 - Have at least 3 days of food, water and other supplies for your pet
 - Other items to consider: Leashes, crates, collars/id tags, sanitation
- Check on friends and neighbors who may have special needs
- Set up an out of area point of contact for you and the rest of your family (this could be on social media)
- Check your car to see that it is ready (full of fuel etc)
- Prepare your home for tropical storm conditions
 - Fill all available containers with drinking water
 - Secure outside items that may be effected by the wind

Disaster Supply Kit

- Can Opener
- 3 Day Supply of Non-Perishable Food
- Sleeping Bag or Bedding
- Fire Extinguisher
- Bleach (Unscented)
- Mosquito Repellant
- Extra Prescription Medicine
- Baby Food, Diapers and formula
- First Aid Kit
- Water (One Gallon Per Person Per Day for at least 5 days)
- Eating Utensils
- Tarp, Rope & Duct Tape
- Toiletries
- Toilet Paper
- Battery Operated Radio
- Flashlight
- Extra Batteries
- Extra Keys
- Sunglasses
- Eyeglasses
- Hearing Aid Or Other Special Items
- Important papers including Insurance, Money, Checks or Credit Cards, etc..
- Name, Address and telephone number of out of town contact person