



Orange County Emergency Management Joint Information Center

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TO: News Media
FROM: Joint Information Center
DATE: August 25, 2017
SUBJECT: Hurricane Harvey (NR #4)

Partnering Agencies:



Hurricane Harvey continues to strengthen and is expected to make landfall on the central Texas Coast as a category 3 hurricane. Orange County is currently preparing for extended rain and possible flooding that may last for several days. Officials will continue to monitor this situation closely and will keep Orange County residents updated with the most accurate information as it becomes 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 Officials have NOT called for an evacuation at this time, but want to urge all Orange County citizens to be prepared. Have a plan.

The primary concern for Orange County currently is the extended rainfall and possible flooding in the days ahead. Officials in all surrounding areas are consistent in asking citizens to take extra precautions with regards to this extended rainfall and the threat of rising waters.

- Do not get out into the weather if you don't have to.
- Take extra precautions if you're forced to drive through water.
- Pay attention to barricades.
- Never attempt to drive through flooded roadways.
- Avoid underpasses.
- Be aware of hydroplaning.
- If you drive through neighborhoods, WATCH YOUR SPEED. High speeds cause water to be pushed into homes, endangering property and/or lives.
- TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!

UPDATED SANDBAG INFORMATION

8/25/17

1300

NEW SITES:

-- Sites for Seniors/disabled: **pre-filled** sandbags available for *senior citizens and disabled residents* at the Precinct 1 and Precinct 4 Road and Bridge locations.

-- The City of Pinehurst: has opened a sandbagging station today, 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.

-- The City of Orange: has opened a sandbagging station today, Friday, August 25th. It will be located at Memorial Field on Eddleman Drive near Meeks Drive. Please be aware this will be a self-service station and will only be open while resources last. Residents will need to provide their own shovels.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED SITES:

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