

Houston FEB Update #1

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- Info from CenterPoint Energy: Ready to put in new insulation after Harvey? Here's what you need to know:
 - Add insulation and repair air leaks around doors and windows for an effective barrier to outside heat in s
 - Seal Hidden Air Leaks-Take a little time to address air leaks. You can save a lot of money, for years to c
 - Identify and seal air leaks before installing insulation.
 - It's not difficult to check your insulation level; just grab a ruler and flashlight.
- Do I Have Enough Insulation?
How Much Insulation Should I Add?
 - Look across the span of your attic. If your insulation is just level with, or below, your floor-joists you shou
 - Distribute insulation evenly, with no low spots; sometimes there is enough insulation in the middle of the
 - Many air leaks and drafts are easy to find because they are easy to feel—like those around windows an
 - Holes may be hidden in attics and crawlspaces.
 - Seal leaks with caulk, spray foam or weather stripping.
 - You don't need to be a pro to know the proper insulation levels and insulation depth.
 - Insulation levels are specified by R-Value, a measure of insulation's ability to resist heat flow.
- Add the Right Kind of Insulation
 - The higher the R-Value, the better the thermal performance of the insulation.
 - We recommend a wall-insulation level of R-15.
 - We typically recommend attic-insulation level of R-38, or about 12 to 15 inches, depending on insulation
 - Today's homeowner has many types of insulation to choose from. Avoid common insulation mistakes w
 - When adding insulation, you don't have to use the same type of insulation that currently exists in your a
 - If you use fiberglass over loose fill, make sure the fiberglass batt has no paper or foil backing; it needs t
 - If you choose to loose fill, it may be wise to hire a professional. The application requires a blowing mach
 - After any project where you reduce air leakage, have a heating and cooling technician check to make su
 - venting properly. - See more at: <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/en-us/residential/in-your-community/>
- Disaster Recovery Centers Opens First Baptist Friendswood Relief Center [209 S. Friendswood Dr](#) at Shadowbe
& Sun Noon-5.
- Harris County Emergency Ops Center has returned to Level IV Normal Operations. We still have a way to go to
- FEEA provides grant assistance up to \$500 to help with major home repairs, temporary lodging costs, or replace
even be completed on a smartphone. <https://feea.org/our-programs/disaster-relief/>
- TxDOT: Since Harvey hit the Texas coast 1 month ago road closures due to flooding and damage have dropped
- Harris County Animal Shelter seeks Harvey Heroes for animals Since Hurricane Harvey ravaged the region one
provided care and respite to nearly 1,000 displaced animals, but now the shelter needs community support to fos
was expanded from a 72-hour policy to 30 days from intake to allow ample time for an owner to reclaim their pet.
Others need to be fostered for a few more weeks until they are able to be adopted. "Every animal we have recei
owner within the 30-day hold period. Although this has caused us to reach capacity, we have been able to mana
White, HCPH Division Director Veterinary Public Health. "Adopting or fostering is not only more beneficial for a s
need." To foster or adopt an animal visit www.countypets.com. All animals adopted from the Harris County Anim
microchipped.
- Harris County: Reminder: Do not park vehicles on the street next to your debris piles. Debris haulers need curbs
- Harris County Budget Office is recommending no property tax increase for next year, despite significant Hurricar
- Fort Bend Recovers is doing another event! This Saturday in Arcola. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Arcola Community Cer
- State of Texas/FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers will change their hours of operation starting Monday, Sept. 25,
The 40 centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses in counties included in the Texas federal di
Recovery specialists from the Federal EmergencyManagement Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Ac
assistance and to help anyone who needs guidance in filing an application.
*Most centers will operate 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Six centers will
following locations: Edna High School Stadium (Jackson County); Wharton Civic Center (Wharton County); North*

(Refugio County); Klein Multi-Purpose Center (Harris County); and the Office of Emergency Management Parking (Waller County) is open 7 a.m. to noon daily until further notice.

- All mainlanes of SH 6 north of I-10 will be opened to traffic this afternoon once barrels are removed. Inside lanes
- You can now take SH 6 from US 290 to IH 10! TxDOT crews reopened SH 6 through Addicks; 1 right lane NB/SH
- SH 6 between I-10 West and Clay road is now open. TXDOT will resume tolling on SH 99 @ Clay effective 10 A
- Survivors can receive free guidance from disaster case managers on how best to recover from Hurricane Harvey disaster unemployment and disaster legal assistance. They may simply call the Disaster Case Management Hot hours. Other helpful resource telephone numbers for Texas survivors are:
 - the Disaster Distress Helpline at [800-985-5990](tel:800-985-5990);
 - Disaster Legal Services Texas at [800-504-7030](tel:800-504-7030);
 - and Disaster Unemployment Assistance at [800-939-6631](tel:800-939-6631).
- The Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program offers short-term food assistance benefits to families re homes and have access to electricity and grocery stores. Benefits are loaded on a Lone Star Card within three d SNAP benefits, based on household size. There is a limited period of time to apply for D-SNAP, based on your c Be from a county that has been declared a federal disaster area*.
Have experienced a loss of income, destruction of your home or a disaster-related expense, such as temporary
Not have been getting regular SNAP food benefits at the time of the disaster.
Meet certain income limits. [Click here to view income limits.](#)
- Harris County releases comprehensive Hurricane Harvey Recovery Guide. Download it here and share: http://www.readyharris.org/Portals/43/PDFs/HarveyRecoveryGuide_ReadyHarris_Final.pdf?ver=2017-09
- Emergency Service Personnel online store w/complimentary items for delivery or pickup. <https://www.team911.c>
- VA: "Operation Stand Down Rebound: Harvey Relief for Homeless Veteran Community" Oct. 6, 10a-4p, MacGre snacks, clothing, showers, haircuts, medical screenings, flu shots, hygiene products. Download the flyer at <http:>
- FEMA info: The Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program, which pays for short-term hotel stays, has be will receive a phone call telling them whether they are eligible for the extension and what they need to do to rema to remain eligible. Hurricane Harvey survivors who are not currently in the program but who may be eligible are assistance.
- All METRORail lines have resumed service.
- The Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC) will begin offering D-SNAP in Fort Bend beginning today. TH benefits to families recovering from a disaster. D-SNAP is designed to help when people return to their homes ar Card within three days of applying, and the amount is equal to two months of the maximum amount of SNAP ben
- If you lost your job because of Hurricane Harvey, you can apply for unemployment benefits online at <https://apps> Unemployment Assistance is Wed, 9/27.
- If you have a small business affected by Harvey, you may wish to attend "Next Steps: Rebuilding Small Business professionals in the legal and finance sectors will provide you with relevant advice and guidance. Topics to be c rebuilding, legal options for protection, preparation for future natural disasters and more. Sat, September 30, 201 [Floor, Houston, TX 77098](#)
- Report your storm debris to Houston 311. For faster service, use the app (available on iTunes or Google Play St
- FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers in Houston Area

Katy Mills Mall ([Fort Bend County](#))
[5000 Katy Mills Circle](#)

Baytown Community Center (Harris County)
2407 Market Street
Baytown TX 77520

Greenspoint Mall (Harris County)
263 Greenspoint Mall
Houston TX 77060

Webster Civic Center (Harris County)
[311 Pennsylvania Avenue](#)
[Webster TX 77598](#)

Neutrality Building (Harris County)

Suites 125 & 150
[1301 Fannin Street](#)
[Houston TX 77002](#)

The Church Without Walls ([Harris County](#))
[5725 Queenston Boulevard](#)
[Houston TX 77084](#)

Simonton Community Church ([Fort Bend County](#))
[9703 FM 1489](#) (Simonton Rd.)
Simonton TX 77476
Hours: Daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Old Amegy Bank ([Galveston County](#))
[2401 Termini St.](#)
[Dickinson TX 77539](#)

Bayland Community Center ([Harris County](#))
[6400 Bissonnet Street](#)
[Houston, TX 77074](#)

Humble Senior Activity Center
[1401 S Houston Avenue](#)
[Humble TX 77338](#)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
[625 Nottingham Oaks Trl](#)
[Houston TX 77079](#)
Hours: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 7 days a week
Old Conroe Police Department Building
Pasadena Convention Center
[7902 Fairmont Parkway](#)
[Pasadena TX 77507](#)

Northshore Community Fellowship of Faith Parking Lot
[444 Maxey Road](#)
[Houston TX 77013](#)

Brazoria County Facility Warehouse
1620 FM 523 Road
Oyster Creek TX 77541