

#### **Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Resources**

#### **National & State Resources:**

**FEMA** – Individual Disaster Assistance – call 1-800-621-3362 or apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov

#### Red Cross - 1-800-RED-CROSS

- Disaster Distress Helpline for counseling & emotional support
  - 1-800-985-5990 or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746
- American Red Cross Serving Central Texas:
  - o 2218 Pershing Dr., Austin, TX 78723
  - o 512-928-4271
- Shelter (see below)

**Unemployment** – if you lost your job because of Hurricane Harvey, you can apply for unemployment benefits through the *Texas Workforce Commission* 

Call: 1-800-558-8321 or apply online at: www.twc.state.tx.us

<u>Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries</u> - the Social Security administration has set up the following emergency payment location where people who cannot receive their regular SSI payment can pick it up in person: Toney Burger Center, 3200 Jones Rd Austin, TX 78745, from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

#### **SNAP** (food stamps)

• SNAP benefit recipients may use benefits for hot foods (rotisserie chicken, other prepared meals) until September 30

#### **State Bar of Texas Legal Disaster Hotline - (800)** 504-7030

**Shelter** -Find an Open Shelter near you by texting "SHELTER" and zip code to 43362, call 3-1-1 or look online at redcross.org/shelter

- Reagan High School 7411 Berkman
- Tony Burger Activity Center 3200 Jones Road
- Bartholomew District Park 1701 Greenbrook Parkway
- Delco Center 4601 Pecan Brook Dr.
- LBJ High School 7309 Lazy Creek Dr.

**AirBnB** Emergency Housing - https://www.airbnb.com/disaster/hurricaneharveyevacuees



1101 Camino La Costa Austin, Texas 78752 www.austinpcc.org 512.478.4939 People's Community Clinic delivers care with respect and dignity to people with little or no health insurance.

#### **Local Resources:**

#### Austin Disaster Relief Network - 512-806-0800

- Emergency financial assistance
- Emergency Transportation and Housing
- Call Center Support/Survivor Hotline
- Supplies (clothing, bedding, toiletries, toys, and other supplies)

#### **Catholic Charities Disaster Response Hotline** – 713-874-6664; Services include:

- Counseling
- Emergency Financial Aid for Disaster Relief
- Expedited Document Replacement for proof of naturalization or other immigration related documents.
- Material Assistance
- Home Rebuilding

**YWCA** – Hurricane Harvey Trauma Relief Program – provides counseling and support groups to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey

Call 512-326-1222 for more information

#### **ECHO** – Coordinated Housing Assessment

Coordinated housing assessment for people living outside, in a car, or an emergency shelter. Helps connect you to available housing programs in the Austin area.

#### Walk-in Assessments are available at the following locations:









# **Free Support Groups and Crisis Counseling**

Being displaced and separated from your family and friends, and confronting an uncertain future is difficult. At YWCA Greater Austin we understand that rebuilding a life and healing comes through comfort, connection and courage. We are here to help!

\*Support Groups & Crisis Counseling:

Spanish: Tues & Thurs 10am

English: Wed. 6pm & Thurs 10am

Contact us at 512.326.1222 for more information TODAY.

## Grupos de Apoyo y Terapia de Crisis GRATIS

Al ser desplazados de su hogar y posesiones, separados de su familia y amigos, y que enfrentan un futuro incierto es difícil. En YWCA Greater Austin entendemos que el reconstruir una vida y sanación viene a través de la comodidad, la conexión y el valor. ¡Estamos aquí para ayudar!

\*Grupos de Apoyo & Terapia de Crisis:

Español: Martes & Jueves 10am

Inglés: Miércoles 6pm & Jueves 10am

Contáctenos 512.326.1222 para mas información HOY.



### Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual Disaster Assistance

Survivors of federally-declared disasters can apply for Individual Disaster Assistance. \*note: at least one person in your household must have a Social Security Number.\* This program provides aid for:

#### Housing Needs:

- Temporary Housing (a place to live for a limited period of time): Financial assistance may be available to homeowners or renters to rent a temporary place to live. If no rental properties are available, a government housing unit may be provided, but only as a last resort.
- Lodging Expenses Reimbursement: Reimbursement of hotel expenses for homeowners or renters may be available for short periods of time due to inaccessibility or utility outage if not covered by insurance or any other program.
- Repair: Financial assistance may be available to homeowners to repair disaster-caused damage to their primary residence that is not covered by insurance. The goal is to make the damaged home safe, sanitary, or fit to occupy.
- Replacement: Financial assistance may be available to homeowners to replace their home
  destroyed in the disaster that is not covered by insurance. The goal is to help the homeowner
  with the cost of replacing their destroyed home.
- Permanent or Semi-Permanent Housing Construction: Direct assistance or money for the
  construction of a home. This type of help occurs only in insular areas or other locations
  specified by FEMA, where no other type of housing assistance is possible.

#### Necessary and Serious Needs caused by the disaster including:

- Disaster-caused child care expenses.
- o Disaster-caused medical and dental expenses.
- Disaster-caused funeral and burial expenses.
- Disaster-caused damages to essential household items (room furnishings, appliances);
   clothing; tools (specialized or protective clothing and equipment) required for your job;
   necessary educational materials (computers, school books, supplies).
- o Fuel for the primary heat source (heating oil, gas).
- o Clean-up items (wet/dry vacuum, dehumidifier).
- Disaster-caused damage to an essential vehicle.
- Moving and storage expenses caused by the disaster (moving and storage of personal property while repairs are being made to the primary residence, and returning property to the primary address).
- If you have insurance, *file a claim through your insurance first*. FEMA may still provide assistance insurance is insufficient to meet your disaster-related needs.

#### To Apply:

CALL 1-800-621-3362 or apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov



# **DISASTER SURVIVOR APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

# To apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov:

- Go to www.DisasterAssistance.gov on your desktop, mobile, or tablet device.
- Click **Find Assistance** and answer questions to get a list of assistance you may be able to apply for.
- Click **Apply Online** to complete an application.
- Come back after you apply and click Check
   Status to check the status of your application.

# To apply by phone for FEMA assistance only:

- 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)
- TTY 1-800-462-7585
- 711 or VRS 1-800-621-3362

INFORMATION CHECKLIST  Before you start your application, please have the information below and a pen and paper ready.			
	Social Security Number  You, another adult member or minor in your household must have a Social Security number.  You or they must also be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.  If you don't have a Social Security number, follow the steps below to get instructions on what to do and what documents you will need.  1. Go to faq.ssa.gov.		Damage Information  Describe the damage caused by the disaster. Include the type of disaster (like flood, hurricane, or earthquake) and the type of dwelling or vehicle (like a condo, house, or mobile home, or a car or truck).  Financial Information  Provide your total annual household income, before taxes, at the time of the disaster.
	<ol> <li>Click on How do I apply for a new or replacement Social Security number card in the Most Popular FAQs section.</li> <li>Once you have your number, you can go to DisasterAssistance.gov or call FEMA at one of the phone numbers above to apply.</li> <li>Insurance Information</li> <li>Describe the type(s) of insurance coverage you have. This could include coverage under policies like homeowners, flood, automobile, or mobile home.</li> </ol>		Contact Information Provide the address and phone number of the property where the damage occurred, and the address and phone number of where we can reach you now.  Direct Deposit Information (optional) If approved, we can deposit the funds directly into your bank account. You just need to provide the following banking information:  Bank name Type of account (like checking or savings) Routing number Account number



# File a Flood Insurance Claim



Within 24-48 hours, an adjuster will call you to schedule an appointment.



TIP

Photograph and move water-damaged items outside (to prevent mold), but don't have them hauled away until an adjuster sees them.

# DURING THE ADJUSTER'S VISIT



### The adjuster will:

- Have official identification.
- Take measurements and photos, and note direct flood damage.
- Provide you with a local contact if any additional visits are needed.
- Provide you with a flood certification number.
- Provide you a suggested Proof of Loss, based on the assessment.

## The adjuster will not:

- Approve or disapprove claims.
- Tell you whether your claim will be approved.

### Be ready with:

- Documents related to damaged property (i.e., contractors' estimates, receipts, photos).
- Your policy number and insurance company info.





Review, sign, and send the Proof of Loss to your insurance company within 60 days after the loss.

#### REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PAYMENT

If you discover additional damage after filing your claim, or repairs cost more than estimated, you can file for additional payment. Contact your adjuster or insurance agent to start the process.

#### **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Checks for building property are made out to the mortgage holder's name.



