

# 2023 HURRICANE SEASON

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

### GET READY

Checklists and local info on preparing for hurricanes

**Ready.gov: Hurricanes** [ready.gov/hurricanes](https://ready.gov/hurricanes)

**Texas Ready** [txready.org](https://txready.org)

**Ready Harris** [readyharris.org](https://readyharris.org)

**Fort Bend County OEM** [fbcoem.org](https://fbcoem.org)

**Ready Houston** [readyhouston.tx.gov](https://readyhouston.tx.gov)

**Sugar Land** [sugarlandtx.gov/EM](https://sugarlandtx.gov/EM)

### FLOOD INSURANCE

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides affordable insurance to property owners, renters, and businesses to help mitigate the effects of flooding on homes, businesses, and properties.

For those applying for the NFIP, most policies take 30 days to take effect. And for those who already have a policy, please note that it does not renew automatically. It is important to start the process soon.

**National Flood Insurance Program**  
[FloodSmart.gov](https://FloodSmart.gov)

### SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

- **Ready Harris Alerts** [bit.ly/ReadyHarrisAlerts](https://bit.ly/ReadyHarrisAlerts)
- **AlertHouston** [houstonemergency.org/alerts](https://houstonemergency.org/alerts)
- **Fort Bend County (FBC) Alert** [fbcoem.org](https://fbcoem.org)
- **Sugar Land eNotify** [sugarlandtx.gov/eNotify](https://sugarlandtx.gov/eNotify)
- **Harris County Flood Warning System**  
[harriscountyfws.org](https://harriscountyfws.org)

#### Need extra assistance during emergencies?

Sign up with TDEM's State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry [here](https://www.tdem.state.tx.us/emergency).

### BUILD A KIT

#### FOOD & WATER

- 7-day supply of non-perishable food
- Hand-operated can opener
- Plastic plates, cups, and utensils
- 7-day supply of 1 gallon of drinking water per person per day

#### FIRST AID

- [American Red Cross approved first aid kit](#)
- Prescriptions and essential medications

#### PERSONAL HYGIENE

- Hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes
- Toilet paper, paper towels, and garbage bags
- Dental care and vision products
- Change of clothes, pair of shoes and blanket per person

#### BABY ITEMS

- Baby formula and bottles
- Diapers

#### COMMUNICATION

- Portable, battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries for flashlights, lanterns, and radio
- Extra cell phone battery or car charger

#### PET NEEDS

- 7-day supply of non-perishable pet food
- Cage or pet carrier and leash
- Pet medications and pet first aid kit

This list is not exhaustive. Please visit the Ready Harris **Emergency Essentials Kit Checklist** at [bit.ly/EmergencyEssentialsKit](https://bit.ly/EmergencyEssentialsKit) for more.

### OTHER RESOURCES

- **National Weather Service** [weather.gov/hgx](https://weather.gov/hgx)
- **National Hurricane Center** [nhc.noaa.gov](https://nhc.noaa.gov)
- **CenterPoint Outage Tracker** [Click here](#)
- **Houston TranStar** [houstontranstar.org](https://houstontranstar.org)
- **Sugar Land Intelligent Traffic System** [its.sugarlandtx.gov](https://its.sugarlandtx.gov)

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