

Hurricane Beryl

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Key Messages

- To date, FEMA has approved more than \$765 million in financial assistance for 700,378 Texas households to help survivors of Hurricane Beryl in 22 counties: Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Walker, Waller, and Wharton.
- The Oct. 10 deadline for Texans affected by Hurricane Beryl to apply for FEMA assistance or for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan has passed. However, renters, homeowners and businesses that were unable to apply before the deadline have another 60 days (starting from Oct. 10) to file a late application with FEMA or the SBA.
 - **To apply with FEMA**: complete a late application online <u>at DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** or visit a Disaster Recovery Center.
 - **To Apply with the SBA:** visit the MySBA portal at <u>https://lending.sba.gov</u> or visit an SBA Business Recovery Center (see below for locations).
- Note: SBA has temporarily paused funding for its disaster loan program. However, the SBA is still
 accepting applications for low-interest, long-term disaster loans to assist homeowners, renters,
 businesses, and nonprofits affected by disasters. Once additional funding is secured from
 Congress, disaster loan applications will be processed promptly.
- Two (2) Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) remain open in the Hurricane Beryl disaster area in Houston and Lake Jackson. DRCs operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Saturday, closed Sunday. Centers can help with both Hurricane Beryl and the April 26 – June 5 storms and flooding. For locations go to <u>fema.gov/drc</u>.

FEMA Continues Assistance to Texans Affected by Hurricane Beryl

FEMA specialists continue working in **22** counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl to help people apply for assistance. As of Oct. 18, **56,413** residents have visited the Disaster Recovery Centers FEMA has operated. More than **2,163** households and **5,939** people are currently staying temporarily in **595** hotels at FEMA expense because they cannot return to their homes.

Personal Property Assistance

FEMA assistance is limited to basic needs; however, aid may be available for personal property if you are uninsured or underinsured. Personal property includes appliances: clothing, home furnishings, tools required for work and school such as computers, and items required for eligible applicants with disabilities.

Many Forms of Assistance Available

Texans recovering from Hurricane Beryl may need FEMA assistance for basic home repairs, rental of temporary housing and other uninsured expenses. A fact sheet providing details is available here: <u>Many Forms of Assistance Available.</u>

SBA Business Recovery Centers

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations, and businesses of any size. The SBA disaster loan program is designed to help survivors with their long-term recovery needs. As of Oct. 21, SBA has approved \$385.4 million in loans to renters, homeowners and businesses impacted by DR-4798.

SBA Business Recovery Center locations:

Brazoria County (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 116 S Velasco St., Suite C, Angleton, TX 77515

Galveston County (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

MarMo Plaza, 2121 Market St, Galveston, TX 77550

Harris County (Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

- University of Houston Downtown (UHD), Marilyn Davies College of Business, 320 North Main St., Room B106, 1st Floor, Houston, TX 77002
- Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston, TX 77055

Montgomery County (Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

 East Montgomery County Improvement District, 21575 US Highway 59, Ste. 201, New Caney, TX 77357

Additional Resources

• **Crisis Counseling**: Call the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) at **800-985-5990**; for Spanish, press "2").

If you believe you are the victim of a scam, report it immediately to your local police or sheriff's department or contact the Office of the Texas Attorney General Consumer Protection Hotline at 800-621-0508. If you have knowledge of fraud, waste or abuse, you can report this information to the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at **866-720-5721**. You can also email <u>StopFEMAFraud@fema.dhs.gov</u>.

- **Disaster Legal Assistance**: Call the Texas State Bar Legal Hotline at **800-504-7030** Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phones are answered in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.
- **Disaster Unemployment Assistance**: The deadline to apply was **Sept. 9, 2024**. A deadline extension has not been announced.
- For information on replacing documents: see <u>Replacing Lost Documents</u>.
- WIC Benefits: <u>WIC Texas | Texas WIC</u> or call 800-942-3678.

Social Media

- Texas Division of Emergency Management Facebook (@TxDEM)
- Texas Division of Emergency Management Twitter (@TDEM)
- Texas Division of Emergency Management Instagram (@tdemtv)
- <u>FEMA Region 6 Facebook (@femaregion6)</u>
- <u>FEMA Region 6 Twitter (@femaregion6)</u>

FEMA Disaster Page and News Releases

- DR-4798-TX Disaster Website
- DR 4798 News and Media

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