



HOUSTON REGION DISASTER RECOVERY RESOURCES

As Houston region businesses begin the process of cleanup following Hurricane Harvey and the extensive flooding caused by the storm, the Greater Houston Partnership will provide and continue to update this list of disaster recovery resources. The Partnership recognizes the importance of clear, timely information regarding the availability of resources for regional businesses and employees. We hope this information will help you identify resources that address your business needs, but please feel free to let us know what other information may be useful to you.

Those wishing to donate to Hurricane Harvey relief efforts should consider the United Way Relief Fund at unitedwayhouston.org/flood or the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund established by Mayor Sylvester Turner and Harris County Judge Ed Emmett at ghcf.org/hurricane-relief.

REGIONAL RESOURCES:

- Houston Disaster Recovery - <http://www.HoustonRecovers.org>
- City of Houston Emergency Information – <http://www.HoustonEmergency.org>
- Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Portal - <http://ReadyHarris.org/>
- Local Road Conditions – Houston Transtar - <https://traffic.houstontranstar.org/layers/>
- State Road Conditions – Drive Texas - <https://drivetexas.org/>

FEDERAL RESOURCES:

- Disaster Assistance Portal - <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

The goal of the Disaster Assistance Improvement Program is to improve access to disaster information and make applying for disaster assistance easier. ***This is not just the beginning of the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) grant process, but it is also the gatekeeper for assistance from the federal government. For business owners, that assistance will include SBA disaster loans which will be available. Individuals and businesses must register to secure resources. This is an important step of the recovery process that is not well understood.***

FEMA, under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), acts as the managing partner. The site allows you to find disaster assistance that meets individual needs, learn more about the 70 forms of assistance from 17 federal agencies, apply and determine status for disaster assistance and reduce applications required, identify a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center, locate a hotel or temporary place to live, find food and nutrition programs, apply for change of address, and learn more about SBA loans for homeowners, renters, and businesses.

You also may register by calling 1-800-621-FEMA(3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY). If you use 711, relay or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 800-621-3362 directly. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

- FEMA Assistance - <https://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance>
- FEMA – What to do if your business is damaged - <https://www.fema.gov/what-do-if-your-business-or-farm-was-damaged>
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loans - <https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/disaster-loans>
- Hurricane Harvey SBA Declaration Info: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Declarations/DeclarationDetails?declNumber=1008079&members=false>
- National Small Business Association Disaster Relief - <http://www.nsba.net/disaster-relief/>
- IRS Tax Relief for Victims of Hurricane Harvey <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-gives-tax-relief-to-victims-of-hurricane-harvey-parts-of-texas-now-eligible-extension-filers-have-until-jan-31-to-file>

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced significant tax relief this week for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Those in Texas impacted by the storm now have until January 31, 2018 to file certain individual and business tax returns and make certain tax payments.

REPORT UTILITY OUTAGES:

- Houston 311 - <http://www.houstontx.gov/311/>
 - Non-Emergency Outages in City of Houston for Water, Sewer and Gas
- CenterPoint Energy - <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/en-us/residential/customer-service/reporting?sa=ho>
- Entergy - http://www.entergy.com/Contact_Us/
- AT&T - <http://repair.att.com/repair/repairCenters.jsp>