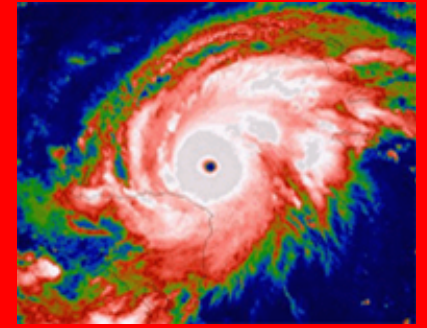


## PRACTICE AND MAINTAIN YOUR PLAN

- Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills annually.
- Replace stored water every three months and food every six months.
- Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) according to manufacture's instructions.
- Test your smoke detector once a month and replace the batteries twice a year. It is suggested the batteries be replaced in the fall and spring.
- During emergencies, listen to 530 AM Texas City's designated Emergency Alert System Station, for emergency information from local public officials. Follow their instructions and recommendations.

If you have additional questions, contact your local Emergency Management Office at (409) 643-5707.

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## Emergency Preparedness: Family Emergency Plans

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The routine of our daily lives can easily be disrupted by emergencies and/or disasters and each event can have immediate and lasting effects. The goal of Galveston County's Office of Emergency Management is to prepare the County to respond to, and recover from the effects of disasters and emergencies.



As the need arises, additional support and assistance will be provided by local, state and federal agencies such as the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Salvation Army, and the Greater Houston American Red Cross. Along with these service agencies are dedicated volunteers who extend themselves to assist the County when called upon.

When emergencies occur, emergency management departments (Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works, and Health) are trained to respond to the areas affected by the event. It is the responsibility of all of us to be personally prepared to respond to and manage the effects of a disaster.

Galveston County's Office of Emergency Management has prepared self-help booklets and pamphlets to assist you in developing your personal emergency preparedness program for your family's protection.

Remember, knowing what to do in emergencies is your responsibility. More importantly, knowing what to do is the best protection for you and your family.

- **LEARN** about potential hazards and how to deal with them
- **DEVELOP** an Emergency Plan
- **PRACTICE** and maintain your emergency plan.

## FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF DISASTERS COULD AFFECT YOU:

**Contact Texas City's Office of Emergency Management at (409) 643-5707.**

- Ask about the types of natural or technological (hazardous materials, major transportation accidents, etc.) disasters most likely to occur in Galveston County. Request information on how to prepare for each occurrence.
- Ask about the Emergency Alert System (EAS). EAS broadcasts are activated by local authorities when there is an emergency. (530 AM or KTRH 740 AM). Pay close attention to these messages.
- Ask about animal care after a disaster. Animals may not be allowed inside emergency shelters. Only service animals accompanying the disabled will be allowed.
- Ask about special assistance for the elderly and disabled, if needed.
- Ask about evacuation and safe inland traffic routes.
- Find out about disaster plans at your place of employment, children's school, day care and other places where your family spends time.

## DEVELOP A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

- Discuss what your family should do for each type of disaster:
- Find safe areas in your home to take shelter.
- Determine the best escape routes from your home and find two ways out of each room.
- Pick places to meet--choose a location outside your house in case of household emergency, such as a fire, and one outside your neighborhood in case you can not return to your house.
- Pick local and out-of-town family check-in points for everyone to call if your family gets separated.

- Make sure everyone knows the phone numbers.
- Discuss what to do in an emergency.
- Stock emergency supplies.

Assemble enough supplies to support your needs for three days and include the following:

- water
- packaged or canned food
- can opener
- change of clothes/footwear
- blankets / sleeping bags
- first aid kit
- prescription medications
- an extra pair of glasses
- a battery powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- an extra set of car keys,
- cash/credit cards,
- battery operated tone-alert weather radio.

Prepare an Emergency Car Kit and include:

- battery powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, maps
- booster cable, tire repair kit/pump
- fire extinguisher
- blanket
- first aid kit
- bottled water, non-perishable high-energy foods

Install safety features such as:

- smoke detectors
- and fire extinguishers in your home.
- Learn basic safety measures such as CPR, first aid and use of fire extinguishers, how, where and when to turn off water, gas, and electricity at the main switches.
- Post emergency phone numbers by the telephone. Teach children how and when to call 911, Fire/Police/ EMS.