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AUSTIN, Texas – As Texans repair or rebuild their homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent flooding, FEMA and home improvement stores in Galveston, Harris, Jefferson and Nueces counties are teaming up to provide free information, tips and literature on making homes stronger and safer.

FEMA mitigation specialists will be on hand to answer questions and offer tips and techniques to build hazard-resistant homes using proven methods that will prevent or reduce damage from future disasters. Most of the information and the free publications provided are geared to do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Recovery topics covered include flood insurance, elevating utilities and rebuilding flooded homes. Free reference booklets with information on protecting a home from flood damage will be available. FEMA advisers will be available at these stores:

| County | Locations | Dates | Hours |
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| Galveston | Clear Lake Shores Home Depot (Store #6560) 507 FM 2094, Clear Lake Shores, 77565 | Tues. Feb. 20 Wed. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 24 | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. |
| Harris | Meyerland Lowe's (Store #1570) 4645 Beechnut St., Houston, 77096 | Tues. Feb. 20 Wed. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 24 | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. |
| Harris | Brinkman Home Depot (Store #577) 999 North Loop West, Houston, 77008 | Tues. Feb. 20 Wed. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 24 | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. |
| Jefferson | Beaumont Lowe's (Store #0095) 4120 Dowlen Road, Beaumont, 77706 | Tues. Feb. 20 Wed. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 24 | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. |
| Nueces | Ace Hardware-Western Auto 10605 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, 78410 | Tues. Feb. 20 Wed. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 24 | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. |

For Texas disaster mitigation information, visit www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation.



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For other information about mitigation, visit www.fema.gov/what-mitigation.

More information about strengthening properties can be found at www.fema.gov/protect-your-property.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, the FEMA Harvey Facebook page

at [www.facebook.com/FEMAharvey](https://www.facebook.com/FEMAh Harvey), the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account

at twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

*Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at **800-621-3362** (voice, **711/VRS** - Video Relay Service) (TTY: **800-462-7585**). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).*

The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing



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disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call (800) 877-8339.



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