Those Building, Rebuilding or Repairing Can Plan for the Future and Get Questions Answered by Mitigation Specialists April 9-14

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AUSTIN, Texas – As Texans repair, build or rebuild their homes after Hurricane Harvey, home improvement stores and FEMA mitigation specialists are teaming up to provide free information, tips and literature on making homes stronger and safer.

FEMA mitigation specialists will 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 free literature provided is geared to do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Some topics covered will include flood insurance, elevating utilities and rebuilding flooded and wind-damaged homes. FEMA mitigation specialists will be available at these stores:

| County | Locations | Dates | Hours |
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| Aransas | Ace Hardware 2631 TX-35 Business, Rockport, 78382 | Mon. April 9 Tues. April 10-Sat. April 14 | 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. 8 a.m 6 p.m. |



| Fort Bend | Home Depot (Store #6546) 5900 Highway 6, South Missouri City, 77459 | Mon. April 9 Tues. April 10-Sat. April 14 | 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. 8 a.m 6 p.m. |
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| Harris | Lowe's (Store #555) 15555 F.M. 529, Houston, 77095 | Mon. April 9-Sat. April 14 | 8 a.m 6 p.m. |
| Harris | Home Depot (Store #565) 5455 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, 77505 | Mon. April 9 Tues. April 10-Sat. April 14 | 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. 8 a.m 6 p.m. |
| Jefferson | Parker Building Supply 2948 Gulfway Drive, Port Arthur, 77642 | Mon. April 9-Fri. April 13 Sat. April 14 | 8 a.m 6 p.m. 7:30 a.m 6 p.m. |

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

For additional information about mitigation, visit $\underline{\text{www.fema.gov/what-mitigation}}.$

For information on protecting properties from disaster, visit 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, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.

