Mitigation specialists invite all Texans to talk preparedness July 23-28

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AUSTIN, Texas – More than 50,00 Texans have learned how to better prepare their homes for natural disasters while visiting local home improvement stores. Join your fellow Texans and visit with a FEMA mitigation specialist at a store near you.

We're in the midst of hurricane season, making it a great time to meet with a FEMA expert and learn how to prepare for extreme weather. Our mitigation specialists will provide tips and techniques on how to repair and build more hazard-resistant homes using proven methods to mitigate against future flood damage.

Specialists are eager to meet with anyone who has questions about disaster preparedness, even if Hurricane Harvey did not affect them. Topics covered include making a family disaster plan, disaster supply kits and the importance of flood insurance. FEMA mitigation specialists will be available at these stores:

	County	Locations	Dates	Hours
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Brazoria	Home Depot (Store #6543) 1514 Broadway St., Pearland, 77581	Mon. July 23-Sat. July 28	8 a.m5:30 p.m.
Brazoria	Home Depot (Store #6567) 10111 Broadway St., Pearland, 77584	Mon. July 23 Tues. July 24-Sat. July 28	11 a.m5:30 p.m. 8 a.m5:30 p.m.
Montgomery	Lowe's (Store #1515) 3052 College Park Drive, Conroe, 77384	Mon. July 23-Sat. July 28	8 a.m5:30 p.m.
Montgomery	Home Depot (#6516) 19103 I-45, Conroe, 77385	Mon. July 23-Sat. July 28	8 a.m5:30 p.m.

For Texas-specific disaster mitigation information, visit <u>www.fema.gov/texas-</u> <u>disaster-mitigation</u>. For additional mitigation information, visit <u>www.fema.gov/what-</u> <u>mitigation</u>. For information on protecting properties from disaster, visit <u>www.fema.gov/protect-your-property.</u>

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the FEMA Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at <u>www.fema.gov/disaster/4332</u>, the FEMA Harvey Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/FEMAharvey</u>, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at <u>twitter.com/FEMARegion6</u> or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at <u>www.dps.texas.gov/dem/</u>.



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