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**For immediate release:**

Updated at 8-28-17 @ 11:00 A.M. CST

**Weather Update for Washington County:** Harvey is still categorized as a tropical storm and is currently moving toward the waters of the gulf near Matagorda Bay. It is anticipated to begin a northeast track on Tuesday and should clear the area by Thursday afternoon. This continues to be a slow moving weather event that will continue to impact Washington County and the surrounding area through Thursday.

Areas in Washington County that are prone to flooding may flood during this event. Outer bands of the storm continue to produce times of heavy downpours, gusty winds and the possibility of severe weather including tornadoes. Use caution when outdoors as saturated grounds increases the likelihood of trees uprooting and falling.

Be diligent throughout this weather event and stay tuned to the local media. You can view road closure status updates for Washington County and the City of Brenham at <http://harvey.cityofbrenham.org> and <http://co.washington.tx.us>. Area TX DOT is aware of the impact to the Hwy 290 retaining wall at the FM 389 crossing. At this time, one lane of eastbound HWY 290 traffic is blocked.

With the increased amount of rainfall in Washington County and the surrounding area, those near Lake Somerville and the Brazos River may experience some flooding. Stay tuned to local media and the Washington County Office of Emergency Management's hotline **979-337-7470** (~~979-337-7386~~) for more information. Further details about Lake Somerville and the Brazos River can be found on the websites below:

- [Brazos River](#)
- [Somerville Lake](#)

**Rainfall Totals Reported Since the start of the storm:**

- Washington County 13 to 22 inches
- City of Brenham 16.09 inches

If road flooding does occur please TURN AROUND AND DON'T DROWN. DO NOT DRIVE INTO WATER. If you see water over a roadway or barricades are blocking a roadway, STOP! Do not move them, relocate them or take them. TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN!

**What You Can Do To Prepare:** Public Safety Officials ask that you listen to local media outlets. Due to the catastrophic flooding outside of Washington County and the possibility of additional rainfall in our area, please be prepared and take the necessary precautions to protect yourself, family, pets and property. If you are in a flood prone area, move livestock to higher ground and ensure pets have access to food and

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water in a dry and safe location. With the extreme impact to the surrounding area outside of Washington County, plan and prepare for your personal needs over the next 4 days. Have supplies on hand, such as prescriptions and the necessary food items.

**Contact Information:**

**For Life Threatening Emergencies call: 9-1-1**

**To Report a Power Outage:**

City of Brenham Power Outage: 979-337-7400

Bluebonnet Electric Outage Hotline: 800-949-4414 ([View Outage Map](#))

Entergy Customers Outage line: 800-968-8243 ([View Outage Map](#))

**To Report Debris Blocking Roadway or Creating a Hazardous Situation:**

City of Brenham: 979-337-7400

Washington County: 979-277-7373

**Information Hotline:**

**979-337-7470** (~~979-337-7386~~)

**Please note that the City of Brenham has experienced a phone outage and AT&T is aware of the outage and will work to restore it. If you needed to reach non-emergency City of Brenham services including the Brenham Police Department, Brenham Fire Department and City Hall, please call 979-337-7410.**

**School and Public Services closures are pending for Tuesday, August 29th.**

**Shelter Information:**

There is not an official shelter established at this time in Washington County. Washington County continues to be a "pass-through" area due to our proximity to the storm's path. If this changes, the public will be notified.

**Emergency Management Coordinators:**

- Washington County – Bryan Ruemke
- City of Brenham – Chief Ricky Boeker