



For immediate release:

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Weather Update for Washington County: Harvey is still categorized as a tropical storm and is currently off the gulf coast near Matagorda Bay. It is anticipated to begin a northeast track on Tuesday and will make a second landfall east of Houston. This weather event should clear the area by Thursday morning.

Areas in Washington County that are prone to flooding may continue to flood during this event. Outer bands may produce times of moderate downpours and gusty winds. 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

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.

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!

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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 phones are now operational.

Brenham City Hall: 979-337-7200

Brenham Police Department: 979-337-7337

Brenham Fire Department: 979-337-7300

The Washington County Courthouse, the City of Brenham and the City of Burton office will be open for normal business hours beginning Tuesday August 29th. All government agencies ask that you contact your supervisor if employees are not able to make it to work.

School and Public Services closures are for Tuesday, August 29th:

Brenham ISD

Blinn College - all campuses

Burton ISD

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