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**For immediate release:**

Updated at 8-29-17 @ 11:00 A.M. CST

**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 is expected to make a second landfall in Louisiana. This weather event should clear the area by Thursday morning.

Areas in Washington County that are prone to flooding may continue to experience some flooding in those areas during this event. Washington County can anticipate moderate rain at times and the possibility of gusty winds. Use caution when outdoors as saturated grounds increases the likelihood of trees uprooting and falling.

**Recovery After the Storm:** Public Officials as that you 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.

**Lake Somerville and the Brazos River levels** can be found on the websites below:

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

With the extreme impact to the surrounding area outside of Washington County, plan and prepare for your personal needs over the next few 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!

**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](#))

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**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

**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