



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The devastating power of a hurricane poses a major threat to everything in its destructive path. Characterized by excessive rainfall, flooding, storm surges, and high-speed winds, hurricanes can endanger many lives and cause significant property damage. As warmer weather approaches in Texas, it is time to start preparing for hurricane season. The 2026 Atlantic hurricane season runs from June through the end of November, and it is vital that Texans plan accordingly to protect people, property, and pets from hurricanes.

Our state's readiness, responsiveness, and overall resilience against hurricanes are essential to protect our communities in the months ahead. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has been working with personnel from across the state, along with state and federal agencies, to discuss preparedness, response, and recovery operations. TDEM recommends that Texans stay informed, follow instructions from local officials, monitor weather forecasts, make an emergency plan, assemble an emergency supply kit, review hurricane evacuation routes, and consider reviewing flood risk and insurance coverage.

Additionally, TDEM, the National Hurricane Center (NHC), and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) provide web pages that are dedicated to preparedness resources and safety tips. NHC is also able to issue an advisory up to 72 hours before the anticipated arrival of a storm surge or tropical storm-force winds on land. Suggestions to prepare for a hurricane include securing homes to withstand hurricane-force winds, making preparations for pets and livestock, identifying high-risk flood areas to avoid, staying continuously informed through reliable weather updates, and staying ready to evacuate and follow instructions from authorities.

Texans should also be aware of safety risks posed in the hurricane aftermath, such as power outages, high water, downed electrical power lines, and broken gas mains. The most common cause of hurricane-related deaths in Texas is drowning, primarily due to storm surge and inland flooding, which can persist before and after a hurricane makes landfall.

Each year, before hurricane season, a week is set aside to emphasize the importance of hurricane preparedness and to remind every family, business, and community to take proactive measures and stock up on emergency supplies to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their property. Individuals, including residential and commercial property owners, should prepare their property and communities for the upcoming hurricane season, and state agencies should review and update their hurricane preparedness plans.

Additionally, in accordance with Section 418.127, Texas Government Code, cities, counties, and state agencies—including the TDEM, Texas Education Agency, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Department of Insurance, and DSHS—will conduct community outreach and education activities on this important issue.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn about hurricane preparedness measures and implement them prior to hurricane season. By doing so, we will foster a safer and more secure future for our state this hurricane season.

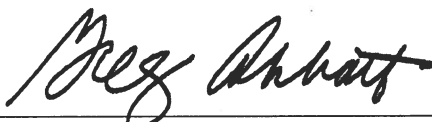
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 25 – May 30, 2026, to be

Hurricane Preparedness Week



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 22nd day of May, 2026.



Governor of Texas