

## **CAN MY PET COME WITH ME TO THE SHELTER?**

Household pets (dog/cat) can come with you to the shelter but, must be in sturdy plastic or metal cage/transport device. No reptiles or aggressive animals will be allowed. All animals must have current shot records. Animal owners are responsible for supplying food and water for their animals.

Please understand that we are not liable for any losses or injuries your animal may sustain while being evacuated. As a rule, pets will be transported with the owner. However, if a situation dictates, they may be transported in a separate vehicle.

## **I DON'T WANT TO EVACUATE!**

**Should you choose to stay, please remember there are NO SHELTERS in Brazoria County.**

There will be **NO SERVICES available to you (sewer, water, etc.)**. Hospitals will close, ambulances will not run, and police and fire departments cannot respond until the storm passes.

## **WHEN SHOULD I RETURN?**

Just because you hear from a friend or neighbor that their house is OK, does not mean it is safe for you to return.

Local emergency managers will utilize local media, public call and notification systems, and websites to notify residents when it is safe to return. If you do not have access to any of the above resources, contact your city's emergency management coordinator's office at 979-233-2700.

Do not venture onto the roads until you have been advised that they are passable and safe.

**DO NOT RETURN HOME UNTIL ADVISED TO DO SO BY CITY OFFICIALS.**

## **DURING A HURRICANE WATCH**

- Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for hurricane progress reports.
- Check emergency supplies.
- Fuel car.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Secure buildings by closing and boarding up windows. Remove outside antennas.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.
- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles, and cooking utensils.
- Review evacuation plan.
- Moor boat securely or move it to a designated safe place. Use rope or chain to secure boat to trailer. Use tie downs to anchor trailer to the ground or house.

## **DURING A HURRICANE WARNING**

- Listen constantly to a battery-operated radio or television for official instructions.
- If in a mobile home, check tie downs and evacuate immediately.
- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.
- Avoid elevators.

### **If officials indicate evacuation is necessary:**

- Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and watch for washed-out bridges.
- Secure your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and the main water valve.
- Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
- If time permits, and you live in an identified surge zone, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding or better yet, move it to a higher floor.
- Bring pre-assembled emergency supplies and warm protective clothing.
- Take blankets and sleeping bags to shelter.
- Lock up home and leave.

# Village of Jones Creek "Hurricane Preparedness"



**Each year hurricane season officially begins June 1 and continues through November 30. Natural disasters are unforeseen events that can seriously impact our lives, as we've seen in the past. The Village of Jones Creek has implemented a hurricane plan that will become effective in the event of a storm emergency. This brochure will provide you with basic information regarding these policies and procedures.**

One of the lessons we learned from previous disasters is the importance of establishing a comprehensive communications system to reach each of our residents should a disaster strike. This emergency brochure is designed to enhance the already existing Notification System.

**Make sure you are registered to receive phone messages from The Village of Jones Creek.**

## HOW DO I KNOW WHEN TO EVACUATE?

Mandatory evacuation orders will come from your local officials. Evacuations will be based on zip codes. Please be prepared to leave immediately.

## SHOULD I EVACUATE?

Local officials will make mandatory evacuation decisions before a storm makes landfall. Hurricanes are extremely unpredictable and can become increasingly dangerous in a matter of hours. It is NOT safe to wait. **Please Plan to LEAVE EARLY.**

## WHERE SHOULD I GO?

You may evacuate to any city you choose. Brazoria County residents have been assigned to Belton, Texas **for public shelters**. If you do not have hotel reservations or family you can stay with, you may evacuate to the public shelters in Belton.

## WHAT ROUTE SHOULD I TAKE?

There are no mandatory routes you must take when evacuating from your city. In fact there are several different routes you may take.

The state gas designated evacuation routes: SH-36, SH-288, SH-6, I-45, SH-290, HWY-59. If you choose to take an alternate route, essentials services such as food, fuel, etc. are not guaranteed.

Understand that, depending on the strength of the storm, contra-flow lanes might be open on SH-45, I-10, and SH-290, thirty-six (36) hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds. Plan your evacuation routes carefully, and have more than one route planned, realizing that contra-flow lanes have priority over all other routes.

**Double check your evacuation routes before you leave.**

**IT IS NOT SAFE TO WAIT!!!**

## WHAT IF I NEED TRANSPORTATION?

### **Register with 2-1-1 for public transportation**

- Dial 2-1-1 to register for a ride before hurricane season begins. Operators answering the phones at 2-1-1 are prepared to help you register for transportation and special assistance now.

### **Residents with special needs**

- If you have special health care needs, register by dialing 2-1-1. Gulf coast residents with special health care needs (including those who are disabled or medically fragile) living in evacuation zones, who do not have friends or family to help in an evacuation, should register by dialing 2-1-1. The 2-1-1- registry must be dialed in advance. Call 2-1-1 before a hurricane is in the Gulf of Mexico. This service is for people who cannot drive themselves or make transportation arrangements.
- To assist hearing impaired individuals in registering for 211 help before an event, please email or text your contact information to 211@brazoria-county.com

**In the event of an evacuation, individuals who have registered with 2-1-1 will need to meet at the evacuation HUB.** (A HUB is a meeting location for residents who need public transportation during an emergency.) At this location, residents will be checked in and bused to public shelters in Belton, Texas.

**Jones Creek residents go to a designated staging area location in Freeport and will be transported by bus to Angleton for the ride to Belton.**

### Angleton Fairgrounds

901 South Downing Road  
Angleton, Texas

### Staging Area

Freeport Intermediate  
1815 West Fourth St.  
Freeport, Texas

## Evacuation Destination

Bell County Expo Center  
301 West Loop 121  
Belton, Texas



## WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU?

### **YOU MUST BRING:**

- your driver's license or state issued picture ID
- Medications for at least 10 days
- Toiletries, snacks, and 5 days' worth of clothing
- No more than two pieces of luggage and one carry-on bag per person

### **DO NOT BRING:**

- Weapons
- Alcoholic beverages
- Illegal drugs

