

*Sign up.
It could save
your life.*



Register by calling 2-1-1 today — before the storm is on its way!

If you will need help leaving your home in the event of a hurricane, call 2-1-1 to sign up in advance for a ride.

Dial 2-1-1 today, or as soon as possible, if

- You have a disability or a health care need requiring an ambulance or other special vehicle to get out.
- You cannot drive and cannot arrange transportation.
- You do not have a vehicle, and you have no one else to help you during an evacuation.

What information do I give when registering?

- Your name, address, and phone number (best number to call)
- Name and phone number of an emergency contact person and their relationship to you (neighbor, son, sister, friend, landlord, etc.)
- Whether you have pets or service animals that will also need to be evacuated
- Information about your specific medical and transportation needs

What happens next?

Local emergency management will make every attempt to evacuate you if you cannot get out by yourself, as long as you are in the direct path of the storm. Once a hurricane enters the Gulf, pay close attention to local radio and TV to learn when and how evacuations will take place. If an evacuation is announced and you have registered but no one has contacted you, you may dial 2-1-1 for instructions.

What else do I need to do?

Make your evacuation plans before a hurricane enters the Gulf. You may call 2-1-1 for guidance. Information specialists are available 24 hours a day to help you with emergency planning and all other human services questions, and information is available in more than 90 languages.

Can I register for someone else, such as my mother or other elderly or disabled relative?

Yes, as long as you have the individual's consent to be registered. Please be sure to have complete contact information, emergency contact information, information about medical needs and any pets or service animals, and the reason that the individual needs transportation assistance.

What do I need to bring with me during an evacuation?

Pack a small bag with extra clothing and personal hygiene products, as well as medications and a list of your prescriptions. Bring any assistive devices you normally use (glasses, cane, walker, etc.), a photo ID, and if possible, a small pillow and a blanket.

Consider purchasing medical-alert tags or bracelets with a written description of your disability or health-related conditions, such as diabetes or Alzheimer's disease. Also, be sure to write down any known health problems you may have, such as high blood pressure.

What do I need to bring for my pet?

Supplies for a pet or service animal (Seeing Eye dog, for example) should include food, identification tags, proof of up-to-date vaccinations, and veterinarian contact information. You must also have a way to restrain your animals (cage, leash, kennel, etc.).

If your pet is not a service animal, it probably will not be allowed in an emergency shelter — it will be sheltered at an alternate location in the same city. This location will be determined by the emergency management plan in the town or city where you are based for sheltering. If you can, learn ahead of time about the location you may be evacuated to.

Who sees my personal information?

Your registration information will go into a state database, maintained by the University of Texas Center for Space Research, which allows local emergency management officials to receive it immediately.

How long is this registry active? Do I need to call to update my information?

Once you are registered, your information is safe in the database. There is no reason to call 2-1-1 or your local emergency management to verify your information.

Call today!

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For additional information on preparing for a disaster, go to the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)

Web site at

<http://TexasHelp.tamu.edu>

The statewide 2-1-1 Texas Information & Referral Network is a program of the Health and Human Services Commission. Hurricane preparedness efforts for Texans with disabilities and special health care needs are being led by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

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