



City of Bellaire Hurricane Preparedness and Emergency Situations June 2009

Dear Resident:

Hurricane Season is upon us. From now until November 30, we are at risk of a hurricane or tropical storm striking the area. The City of Bellaire is ready to respond and encourages all residents to prepare, make a plan and stay informed. The City has posted several useful links to help you with this on our website at www.ci.bellaire.tx.us

How the City will communicate with you during an emergency?

The City will prepare answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS) before, during and after an event, and will provide updates as the situation develops. We will communicate the FAQS and updates in several ways:

- City's website will contain updates on the home page
- "Notify Me" system. – Sign up to receive emergency notifications via email at <http://www.ci.bellaire.tx.us/list.aspx>
- Local media - radio, newspaper, Internet and television.
- In the event of widespread power outages, situational updates and FAQS will be posted at the following locations if accessible:
 - City Hall – 7008 S. Rice Avenue
 - Library – 5111 Jessamine Avenue
 - Parks and Recreation Facility – 5125 Laurel
 - Police Station – 5110 Jessamine
 - Public Works – 4337 Edith
 - Evergreen Park – 4500 Evergreen
 - Mulberry Park – 700 Mulberry
 - Feld Park – 6406 Avenue B
- Channel 16 (Comcast customers) will reflect this information during the event
- Twitter – You can sign up to receive "tweets" via the City's Twitter Site at <http://twitter.com/cityofbellaire>. This will enable you to receive text messages related to the emergency situation on your cell phone. The City will only use the twitter site during emergency situations.
- Emergency phone hot line, 713-662-8206, will be activated to answer questions.

Special Needs Registration

The City works with the State of Texas to maintain communication with those residents that have special needs. Please register through the Transportation Assistance Registry by dialing 211 to talk to a referral specialist if you feel the following applies to you:

- If you have a disability or special health care need
- If you cannot drive and cannot arrange transportation
- If you do not have a vehicle and you have no one else to help you evacuate.

Before an event the City will contact all residents that have registered with 211 to check on their status. Please register for this service now. The City may not be able to assist you if you wait until the storm is on its way to register.