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Bexar County prepares for Tropical Storm Harvey

With the rising threat of Tropical Storm Harvey and orders from Governor Abbott increasing the threat awareness level, Bexar County is preparing for flooding, storm damage and evacuation if necessary.

Bexar County Parks and Public Works Departments have taken steps throughout yesterday and early this morning to ensure that all are ready for the arrival of Tropical Storm Harvey. Crews are fueled up and ready. Chainsaws, blowers, and other equipment are being made ready to be deployed as needed.

Public Works crews have deployed and pre-positioned barricades in advance of known low water crossings and other areas that are known to flood. Message boards have been pre-positioned around the County to notify residents of potential flooding. Additional staff has already been notified to be on standby should additional manpower be necessary. As the event develops, the decision to implement a 24 hour rotation of crews will be made.

All crews will be monitoring creeks and have been checking drainage ways and low water crossings to make certain they are free of any debris that may cause a damming effect during periods of heavy rain.

Bexar County urges all citizens to prepare in case of emergency. Please visit for more information on preparing an emergency kit for you and your family including your four legged family members https://www.bexar.org/672/Office-of-Emergency-Management

“I strongly urge all residents to make preparations for this storm. Please check the news for weather updates and above all, stay safe during this event,” states Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff.

During the actual storm event, drivers are urged not to venture out in severe weather if they don’t have to. If you do find yourself caught in severe weather, please remember not to drive around barricades and take the safest route possible.

If you do need to venture out to school or work, please check a list of road closures and HALT locations can be found on Bexar County’s website at www.bexar.org.

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