MATAGORDA, Texas (AP) — Hurricane Beryl swept ashore in Texas as a Category 1 storm in the dark of the early morning hours Monday, lashing Houston with heavy rains and powerful winds, and knocking out power to 1.5 million homes and businesses as fast rising waters caused street flooding and prompted rescues.

Beryl had already cut a deadly path through parts of Mexico and the Caribbean before turning toward Texas, and hit land around 4 a.m. High waters quickly began to close streets in storm-weary Houston, the nation’s fourth-largest city, which was again under flood warnings after heavy storms in recent months washed out neighborhoods.” Via AP

Texas State Response and Recovery Actions

AUSTIN – Acting Governor Dan Patrick issued this statement today following his press conference with Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief Nim Kidd: “As Hurricane Beryl approaches the Texas coast, now is the time for Texans to make their final preparations to protect themselves and their property. 121 counties are already under state disaster declaration, and more may be added if conditions warrant”. For more information or to read the full statement, visit the governor’s website here.

Texas Division of Emergency Management:

• The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) increased the readiness level of the State Emergency Operations Center as of 10 a.m. Friday and Texas Emergency Management Council agencies are working 24-hour operations, while also continuing to pre-position state emergency response resources that were readied for deployment by Governor Greg Abbott on Thursday.

• TDEM reminds Texans to stay informed, monitor local weather forecasts, follow directions from local officials, make an emergency plan, review hurricane evacuation routes, build a kit containing emergency supplies, and consider reviewing flood risk and insurance coverage.
Many Zones anticipate an evacuation notice. To learn more information about the designated zones, please visit the Division of Emergency Management's website. To find which zone you are located in, please visit the Hurricane Preparation Evacuation and Contraflow Routes.

The State of Texas currently has more than 2,500 responders and 1,200 assets rostered and deployed in support of the state's response to anticipated impacts from Hurricane Beryl. The following state emergency response resources have been rostered and deployed to support response operations:


- Texas National Guard: National Guard Personnel, including High Profile Vehicles and Chinook & Black Hawk Helicopters. Visit the Texas National Guard website here for more information.

- Texas Department of Public Safety: Texas Highway Patrol Troopers, the Tactical Marine Unit, and Helicopters with hoist capabilities. Visit the Texas Department of Public Safety website here for more information.

- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Game Wardens and Park Police to provide law enforcement support, along with Swiftwater Boats, Airboats, Flat Bottom Boats, Four-wheel Drive Vehicles, and Helicopters. Visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website here for more information.

- Texas Department of State Health Services (Emergency Medical Task Force): Medical Incident Support Teams and Severe Weather Packages, including Ambuses, Ambulances, and Command Vehicles. Visit the Texas Department of State Health Services website here for more information.

- Texas Department of Transportation: Highway maintenance personnel and personnel to monitor roadway conditions. Visit the Texas Department of Transportation website here for more information.

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- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service: Disaster Assessment and Recovery Agents as well as AgriLife Extension Agents to support agricultural and livestock needs. Visit the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service website [here](#) for more information.

- Texas Department of Information Resources: Monitoring for potential cyber-threats and impacts to technology infrastructure. Visit the Texas Department of Information Resources website [here](#) for more information.


- Railroad Commission of Texas: Monitoring the state’s natural gas supply, and communicating with the oil & gas industry. Visit the Railroad Commission of Texas website [here](#) for more information.

- Public Utility Commission of Texas: Personnel to coordinate with utility providers across the threat area. Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas website [here](#) for more information.

- Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster: Coordinating volunteer organizations across impacted areas. Visit the Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster website [here](#) for more information.

- FEMA Region 6: More than 100 personnel, 500,000 Meals Ready to Eat, 800,000 liters of Water, 20,000 Tarps, 2,500 Rolls of Plastic Sheathing, Generators, Urban Search and Rescue Teams, Tractor-Trailers, Communications and Command Vehicles. Visit the FEMA Region 6 website [here](#) for more information.

Power:

- CenterPoint Energy is mobilizing units – power line technicians, vegetation workers, damage assessors and support personnel – to respond to power outages after the touchdown of Hurricane Beryl. Report all power line hazards and smells of natural gas indoors at **713-207-2222**.
  - CenterPoint Energy’s Power Alert Service offers real time updates of outages and repairs. To sign up for the alert service, visit their website [here](#).

Health and Human Services:
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- Due to high temperatures cooling shelters are available to take refuge from the heat. Transportation to cooling centers may be available through 3-1-1 Houston or arranging a free trip through zTrip at **713-837-0311**. Below is a current list of cooling shelters:
  
  - **Southwest Multi-Service Center**
    - 6400 High Star Drive, Houston, TX 77074
    - Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
    - 832-395-9900
      - Snacks and water and phone charging available
  
  - **Lakewood Church**
    - 3700 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77027
    - Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
    - 713-635-4154

  - **Crosby Community Center**
    - 409 Hare Road, Crosby, TX, 77532
    - Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
    - 832-927-7730

  - **Big Stone Lodge**
    - 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, Texas 77373
    - Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
    - 281-350-1029

  - **Trini Mendenhall Community Center**
    - 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas 77055
    - Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
    - 713-956-0881

  - **Juergen's Hall Community Center**
    - 26026 Hempstead Road, Cypress, Texas 77429
    - Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
    - 713-274-3188

  - **Bayland Community Center**
    - 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston, TX 77074
    - Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
    - 713-274-3240
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- Radack Community Center
  - 18650 Clay Road, Houston, TX 77084
  - Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
  - 832-927-3000

- Weekley Community Center
  - 8440 Greenhouse Road, Cypress, TX 77433
  - Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
  - 713-274-3161

- Houston Food Bank is closely monitoring conditions and will provide relief through its 1,600 community partners across Southeast Texas. If you need food assistance, please call 832-369-9390. You can also click here to find free food assistance in your area.

  - Houston Food Bank has partners in Harris, Fort Bend, Galveston, Montgomery, Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Chambers, Grimes, Liberty, Madison, Robertson, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, Waller and Washington counties.

- Mental Health Services continue to be available. Below is a list of statewide crisis lines:

  - National Crisis line: 988 (available via call or text)
  - Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 9-8-8, option #1
  - 24/7 Crisis Text Line: Text TX to 741741
  - Texas 2-1-1: Dial 2-1-1, option #8
  - Non-Urgent Mental Health Services in Harris County: 866-970-4770

- The following shelters are currently open for refuge amid Hurricane Beryl:

  - Gallery Furniture
    - 6006 North Freeway, Houston, TX 77076
    - 713-694-5570
    - No pets are allowed at this location.

  - The Salvation Army Conroe Community Center
    - 304 Avenue East, Conroe, TX 77301
    - 936-760-2440
    - This location will be open 24 hours through 7:00 a.m. Wednesday.
Meals will be served at the back door with lunch from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and dinner from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Underover Fellowship
600 South Frazier Street, Conroe, TX 77301
936-447-0258
The church reported it lost power and was also giving away perishable food.

Education/Childcare:

- Due to the severe weather, various school closures are occurring throughout the state of Texas. For a full, up to date list of school closures, please visit the Texas Education Agency’s [website](http://www.tea.state.tx.us).

Employment:

- Texas Workforce Commission is hosting Re-Employment Job Fairs and assistance with submitting Disaster Unemployment Assistance Applications. For more information and a full list of services being offered, visit the Texas Workforce Commissions website [here](http://www.twc.state.tx.us).
  - An application for unemployment benefits can be submitted via phone 800-939-6631.
  - Apply for unemployment benefits [here](http://www.twc.state.tx.us).

Transportation:

- Many public transportation options have been suspended, for a full list of transit and rail closures, please visit Ride Metro’s website [here](http://www.ride-metro.org).

- Drive Texas Traveler Information System is available for drivers to stay informed about roadway conditions during emergencies. This service is monitored and updated 24/7 by TDOT and includes traffic conditions, road and bridge closures, and other specialized alerts. To use Drive Texas, visit the website at [https://drivetexas.org](http://www.drivetexas.org) or download the app—on both Apple and Android devices.

Communications:
In response to Hurricane Beryl, Verizon has deployed its fleet of portable assets, including fully functional, generator-powered cell sites that can replace or enhance network coverage and capacity in a given area as well as drones and a fixed wing aircraft that can provide service and situational awareness from the sky above. Additionally, Verizon has pre-staged satellite-based portable network assets that can provide an alternate way to connect cell sites to the rest of the network in the event that a fiber cable is lost due to commercial power outages or physical damage. All of these mobile assets are complemented by portable generators and a comprehensive refueling program ready to keep the network running in case of commercial power outages. Call/Text/Data usage incurred by customers living in Hurricane Beryl-impacted counties will be waived from July 8 -17.

In response to Hurricane Beryl, T-Mobile has readied Network Operation Centers (NOCs) to manage network traffic, with backup equipment and power supplies on hand, pre-located cell sites on wheels (COWS) to provide additional wireless capacity to hardest-hit areas, and 24/7 national Engineering Response & Crisis Management teams.

Comcast has opened 141,000 public Xfinity WiFi hotspots in areas it serves across Texas in Hurricane Beryl's path for anyone to use, including non-Xfinity customers, for free.

Donations/Volunteering:

- Charity Navigator organization reviews charities and assigns them a score based on the charity's financial health, accountability, and transparency. For more information, please visit their website here.

- The American Red Cross provides several ways to help: If you would like to volunteer, click here. Make a $10 donation by texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 or donate at 800-733-2767 or RedCross.org.

American Red Cross

The Red Cross provides emergency response services throughout the state of Texas. You can search for local shelters and get updated information on Hurricane Beryl by visiting the
Central and South Texas chapter [website](#). Below is a list of all chapters in the Central and South Texas Region.

- Central Texas - 2218 Pershing Drive, Austin, TX 78723, 512-928-4271
- Heart of Texas - 6801 Sanger Avenue, Suite. 228A, Waco, TX 76710, 254-523-4985
- Hill Country - 333 Earl Garrett Street, Kerrville, TX 78028, 830-257-4677
- Permian Basin - 4241 Tanglewood Lane, Odessa, TX 79762, 432-563-2267
- Greater San Antonio - 3642 East Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78219, 210-224-5151
- West Texas - 3620 Admiral Street, El Paso, TX 79925, 915-592-0208

**Shelter:** Find open Red Cross shelters [here](#).

**Safe and Well:** If you are looking for a loved one in the area or are in an affected area and would like to list yourself as safe and well, please visit the Red Cross Safe and Well registry [here](#).

**211 Texas**

2-1-1 Texas connects callers to health and human services information and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including shelter, cell phone power stations, basic needs, and disaster assistance. To find your local 211, visit the website [here](#) and enter your city, county, or zip code.

**Texas Health and Human Services Department of Aging**

Texas Health and Human Services Department of Aging service providers around the state are in progress or have completed check-in and informational calls to their senior clients. Please call the Elder Helpline Line at **800-252-9240** for assistance.

Click [here](#) to learn more.
Additional Natural Disaster Resources

**Airbnb Open Homes Program**
Airbnb helps individuals impacted by a natural disaster by offering free temporary housing to displaced persons. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
- Visit the FEMA website for information [here](#).
- Find open shelters near you by texting SHELTER and your zip code to 4FEMA (43362). Example: Shelter 01234. (Standard text message rates apply.)
- To Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance
  - Online: [https://www.disasterassistance.gov/](https://www.disasterassistance.gov/)
  - Phone: **800-621-3362**, TTY **800-462-7585**
- FEMA tips on how to find short-term and long-term housing after a disaster can be found [here](#).

**Ready.Gov**
This website provides emergency updates, disaster preparedness tips, and resources. You can sign up to receive emergency updates on your cell phone or download an app for updates. For disaster preparedness resources visit their website [here](#).

**Rebuilding After a Hurricane or Tropical Storm**
- FEMA offers a fact sheet on Rebuilding after a hurricane or tropical storm which can be found [here](#).
- Insurance information on recovering after a hurricane or tropical storm can be found on the Insurance Information Institute website [here](#).

**CARe Inc.**
- CARe is short for Community Assisting Recovery. Their mission is to provide free comprehensive information about disaster recovery, including the insurance claim process, to disaster survivors so they may effectively reestablish their homes and communities.
  - All CARe volunteers and staff have lost their homes and successfully recovered from disasters. They understand the needs of disaster survivors. To learn more about their services, please visit their website: [www.carehelp.org](http://www.carehelp.org)
**SAMHSA – Disaster Distress Helpline**
SAMHSA’s Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. This resource is available to anyone in the United States, as well as in Puerto Rico.

- For anyone in the United States looking for support, call: (800) 985-5990
- For anyone in Puerto Rico looking for support, call: (800) 985-5990 and select option 2 for a Spanish-speaking counselor.
- You may visit the website for more information here.

**SAMHSA Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator**
Visit the website here.

This line is available 24 hours/day and 7 days/week. The Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator provides information and a search tool for behavioral health and substance abuse/addiction services in the United States and U.S. Territories. You can access the free and confidential treatment provider search tool using the link listed above. After completing the search criteria, you can view a list of treatment providers and detailed information about each provider.

You may also call (800) 662-4357 to receive free and confidential information about mental health and substance abuse treatment services in your area.

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