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## **City of Wharton Flood Recovery**

Wharton, TX, September 3, 2017 –

The City of Wharton is urging residents affected by the flooding to watch for and report any suspicious activity or potential fraud to the Wharton Police Department. Scam artists, identity thieves and other criminals may attempt to prey on vulnerable flood victims and the most common post-disaster fraud practices include phony housing inspectors, fraudulent building contractors, bogus pleas for disaster donations and fake offers of state or federal aid.

The City of Wharton advises all residents to always require any contractor to obtain a permit from the City before they begin work on your property or before they are given money for your protection. Scam attempts can be made over the phone, by mail or email, text or in person. Wharton residents are asked to remain alert, ask questions and require photo identification when someone claims to represent a government agency.

Residents who are still without power will need to contact the City of Wharton Code Enforcement Department for a Meter Release starting, Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

For additional information, Contact:

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