

# City of Wharton

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## City of Wharton Preparation Tropical Depression Harvey

Wharton, TX, August 23, 2017- The City of Wharton continues to monitor the development of Tropical Depression Harvey in the Gulf of Mexico, in coordination with the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center. This tropical depression is expected to develop into Tropical Storm or Hurricane Harvey, over the next few days. The forecast calls for 10 to 15 inches of heavy rain with isolated areas of 20+ inches. Residents can expect high winds and flash flooding. As residents and businesses brace for the anticipated storm, the City of Wharton is advising citizens to take the following steps:

- Gather essential supplies for at least three days, including water, non-perishable food, batteries and medications for all members of your household, including pets.
- Secure any outdoor furniture or other items that could become displaced due to high winds.
- Put together an Emergency Kit and check all emergency equipment, such as flashlights, generators and storm shutters.
- Contact family or close friends and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go, and what you will do in an emergency.
- Make a plan for your pets now. Make sure they are wearing a collar and have up to date tags. If you have to evacuate, take your pets with you. Remember if it's not safe for you, it's not safe for your pet.
- Shelters will not be available in the City of Wharton so be prepared to shelter in place or make other arrangements for your family.
- Do not drive through areas of high water. Remember Turn Around Don't Drown!
- Sign up today for the emergency alert system to keep you better informed of emergency situations, city related issues and notifications. The sign up for the system can be found on the City of Wharton website at [www.cityofwharton.com](http://www.cityofwharton.com) by clicking the Sign Up For Smart911 button.

The City of Wharton will continue to monitor the storm for the safety of all citizens. Please stay informed by tuning into local radio or local television stations.

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