

City of Wharton

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City of Wharton Preparation for Beryl

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The City of Wharton continues to monitor the development of Tropical Storm Beryl in the Gulf of Mexico, in coordination with the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center. The City of Wharton is under a Tropical Storm Warning which means tropical storm-force winds are expected somewhere in this area within the next 36 hours. NWS predicts strong Tropical Storm force winds 50-65 mph with gusts to 90 mph. The window for Tropical Storm force winds is predicted to be Sunday evening until Monday afternoon.

Residents should expect high winds and possible 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 since we are a pass-through County. 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 signup for the system can be found on the City of Wharton website at 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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