



# City of Wharton

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## City of Wharton Flood Advisory

*Wharton, TX, August 27, 2017*

The City of Wharton has received reports from the National Weather Service now projecting an **additional** 15 to 25 inches of rainfall from the storm, the Colorado River will experience historic flood levels. The projections show the river could reach major flood stage in overnight hours tonight with a possible crest of 50.5 feet. The City of Wharton is currently under a voluntary evacuation and is urging all residents to please take heed of this warning. If you do decide to evacuate, go to [www.drivetexas.org](http://www.drivetexas.org) to see what roadways are open at this time. If the projections are correct, it would be the highest level the Colorado River has experienced and could cause catastrophic citywide flooding. If you choose to stay please be aware of the following:

- Emergency Services may not be able to respond due to high waters, this includes Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- The effects of the flood will last several days, make sure to have essential supplies for three or more days, including water, non-perishable food, batteries and medications for all members of your household, including pets.
- Areas of the City will experience street flooding, do not attempt to drive through areas of high water. Turn Around – Don't Drown.

Please make alternate arrangements for the safety of you and your family by going to [www.drivetexas.org](http://www.drivetexas.org) to check available roadways.

If you have questions, please feel free to call 979-532-2491, calls will be answered 24 hours a day.

The City of Wharton will continue to monitor the situation. Please stay informed by tuning into local radio stations or television stations.

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