

City of Wharton



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City of Wharton Monitors Tropical Storm Beta

Wharton, TX, September 21, 2020- The City of Wharton continues to monitor the development of Tropical Storm Beta in the Gulf of Mexico, in coordination with the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center. The National Weather Service is predicting Tropical Storm Beta to produce a long duration rainfall event from the middle Texas coast to southeast Louisiana.

Tropical Storm Beta is expected to make landfall late tonight or early Tuesday morning, but our area is already beginning to receive rainfall and winds from the outer rainbands of the storm. The National Weather Service forecast shows that our area could receive a significant amount of rain depending on the track of the rainbands. Wharton County is currently under a tropical storm warning and flash flood watch, we are expected to experience tropical storm force winds and gusts until 9 p.m. Tuesday night.

The City of Wharton will continue to monitor the storm for the safety of all citizens. At the time of this release, Waste Corporation of America (WCA) is still scheduled to pick up garbage on their regular schedule. If there are any significant changes, the City of Wharton will notify residents via Smart911 or Facebook. Please stay informed by tuning into local radio, local television stations and by liking the Wharton Police Department, City of Wharton – Community Development Department and/or the City of Wharton OEM’s Facebook pages.

Also, if you or someone you know has not signed up for the emergency alert system to keep you better informed of emergency situations, city related issues and notifications, do it today. 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.

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT STRENGTHENING YOUR HOME

- 1** Keep trees around your home trimmed well before a storm to prevent damage from broken branches.
- 2** Have the proper materials in advance to board up your windows to protect them from flying debris.
- 3** Bring loose outdoor items such as patio furniture inside. They can blow around and cause damage to homes.
- 4** Secure all doors on your property. Remember that the garage door is usually the most vulnerable.
- 5** Move your car inside a garage or to another secure location.

For more Hurricane Safety Information, visit weather.gov/hurricanesafety