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News Release

Survivors Repairing, Rebuilding and Planning for the Future Can Get Questions Answered by Mitigation Specialists March 12-17

AUSTIN, Texas – As Texans repair or rebuild their homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent flooding, home improvement stores and FEMA mitigation specialists are teaming up to provide free information, tips and literature on making homes stronger and safer.

FEMA mitigation specialists will answer questions and offer tips and techniques to build hazard-resistant homes using proven methods that will prevent or reduce damage from future disasters. Most of the information and the free publications provided are geared to do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

Recovery topics covered include flood insurance, elevating utilities and rebuilding flooded homes. Free reference booklets with information on protecting a home from flood damage will be available. FEMA mitigation specialists will be available at these stores:

County	Locations	Dates	Hours
Aransas	Aransas Pass Lowe’s (Store #2506) 150 S. FM 1069, Aransas Pass, 78336	Mon. March 12 Tues. March 13-Sat. March 17	11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Brazoria	McCoy's Building Supply 675 FM 517, Alvin, 77511	Mon. March 12 Tues. March 13-Fri. March 16 Sat. March 17	11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Galveston	League City Lowe’s (Store #2821) 1655 W. FM 646, League City, 77573	Mon. March 12-Sat. March 17	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Harris	Katy Lowe’s (Store #0098) 19935 Katy Freeway, Houston, 77094	Mon. March 12 Tues. March 13-Sat. March 17	11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Jefferson	Beaumont Home Depot (Store #501) 3910 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, 77703	Mon. March 12-Sat. March 17	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For Texas disaster mitigation information, visit www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation.

For additional information about mitigation, visit www.fema.gov/what-mitigation.

For information on protecting properties from disaster, visit www.fema.gov/protect-your-property.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, the FEMA Harvey Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FEMAhurvey, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

*Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at **800-621-3362** (voice, **711/VRS** - Video Relay Service) (TTY: **800-462-7585**). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).*

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call (800) 877-8339.