

HALTOM CITY PUBLIC PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM (OWS)

HALTOM CITY HAS A NETWORK OF 5 OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS PLACED IN STRATEGICALLY LOCATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE OUTDOORS. THOSE THAT ARE INDOORS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HEAR THEM.

ACTIVATION CRITERIA

- THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ISSUES A TORNADO WARNING OR SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING.
- TRAINED SPOTTERS HAVE REPORTED A TORNADO IN THE JURISDICTION OR IN A NEIGHBORING JURISDICTION THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT HALTOM CITY.
- SUSTAINED WINDS OF 70MPH OR GREATER. (WIND SPEEDS OF 45MPH MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR AREAS OR EVENTS WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ARE OUTDOORS)
- REPORTED HAIL OF 1.25' IN DIAMETER OR GREATER. (1' MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR AREAS OR EVENTS WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ARE OUTDOORS)
- GAS OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS LEAKS OR SPILLS OR LARGE FIRES THAT COULD AFFECT RESIDENTS.
- OTHER EMERGENCY AS DIRECTED BY THE COMMUNITY'S ELECTED OFFICIALS.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HEAR A WARNING

- WHEN THE OWS IS ACTIVATED, REMAIN CALM AND SEEK SHELTER INDOORS. THEN, TUNE INTO YOUR NOAA ALL HAZARDS RADIO OR LOCAL TV OR RADIO STATION FOR MORE INSTRUCTIONS.
 - NOTE: IN THIS AREA, WBAP RADIO 820 AM IS THE DESIGNATED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM STATION.
- TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY. STAY INSIDE UNLESS YOU RECEIVE INFORMATION THAT CONTRADICTS DOING SO.
- PLEASE DO NOT CALL 911 UNLESS YOU MUST REPORT A LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

THE NIXLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IS USED TO CONNECT CITY AGENCIES TO CITIZENS IN REAL-TIME. INFORMATION CAN BE RECEIVED VIA TEXT, VOICE CALL, AND EMAIL. TEXT MESSAGES CAN BE RECEIVED AS PART OF YOUR TEXT MESSAGING PLAN, OTHERWISE STANDARD MESSAGE RATES APPLY.

TO RECEIVE ADVISORY AND ALERT NOTIFICATIONS, (WEATHER/DISASTER INFO, PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS ETC.) TEXT YOUR ZIP CODE TO **888777**. IF YOU HAVE A LANDLINE IT IS ENCOURAGED TO USE THAT NUMBER TO SIGN-UP FOR VOICE-ALERTS, SO YOU CAN BE REACHED IN THE EVENT YOU LOSE POWER.

REGISTER ONLINE:
[HTTPS://LOCAL.NIXLE.COM REGISTER/](https://local.nixle.com/register/)

WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA SITES TO FOLLOW

CITY

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.HALTOMCITYTX.COM/](https://www.haltomcitytx.com/)
FACEBOOK: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM HALTOMCITYTX](https://www.facebook.com/haltomcitytx)
TWITTER: [HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/HALTOMCITY](https://twitter.com/haltomcity)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TWITTER:
[HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/HALTOMCITYOEM](https://twitter.com/haltomcityoem)

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

FACEBOOK:
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HALTOMCITYFD](https://www.facebook.com/haltomcityfd)

LIBRARY

FACEBOOK:
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HALTOMCITYPL](https://www.facebook.com/haltomcitypl)
TWITTER: [HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/HALTOMCITYPL](https://twitter.com/haltomcitypl)

PARKS AND RECREATION

FACEBOOK: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ HALTOMCITYPARKSRECDEPT](https://www.facebook.com/haltomcityparksrecdept)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FACEBOOK: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ HALTOMCITYPOLICEDEPT](https://www.facebook.com/haltomcitypolicedept)
TWITTER: [HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/HALTOMCITYPD](https://twitter.com/haltomcitypd)

SENIOR CENTER

FACEBOOK: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ HALTOMSENIORCENTER](https://www.facebook.com/haltomseniorcenter)



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

ALL POLICE AND FIRE EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

ANIMAL SERVICES

MAIN: 817-222-7124
AFTER HOURS: 817-281-1000

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MAIN: 817-222-7145

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

MAIN: 817-222-7140

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY

MAIN: 817-222-7000
DISPATCH: 817-281-1000

PUBLIC WORKS

MAIN: 817-834-9036
AFTER HOURS: 817-222-7000

GENERAL INFORMATION

DIAL 2-1-1

MAKE A PLAN

MAKE A PLAN TODAY. YOUR FAMILY MAY NOT BE TOGETHER IF A DISASTER STRIKES, KNOW HOW YOU'LL CONTACT EACH OTHER AND RECONNECT IF SEPARATED. ESTABLISH A FAMILY MEETING PLACE THAT'S FAMILIAR AND EASY TO FIND

1. HOW WILL I RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS AND WARNINGS?
2. WHAT IS MY SHELTER PLAN?
3. WHAT IS MY EVACUATION ROUTE?
4. WHAT IS MY FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD COMMUNICATION PLAN?
5. DO I NEED TO UPDATE MY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT?

[HTTPS://WWW.READY.GOV/PLAN](https://www.ready.gov/plan)

BUILD A KIT

AFTER AN EMERGENCY, YOU MAY NEED TO SURVIVE ON YOUR OWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. A KIT IS A COLLECTION OF BASIC ITEMS YOUR HOUSEHOLD MAY NEED IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. TO ASSEMBLE YOUR KIT STORE ITEMS IN AIRTIGHT PLASTIC BAGS AND PUT YOUR ENTIRE DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT IN EASY-TO-CARRY CONTAINERS SUCH AS PLASTIC BINS OR A DUFFEL BAG.

- WATER (ONE GALLON PER PERSON PER DAY FOR SEVERAL DAYS, FOR DRINKING AND SANITATION)
- FOOD (AT LEAST A THREE-DAY SUPPLY OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD)
- BATTERY-POWERED OR HAND CRANK RADIO AND A NOAA WEATHER RADIO WITH TONE ALERT
- FLASHLIGHT
- FIRST AID KIT
- EXTRA BATTERIES
- WHISTLE (TO SIGNAL FOR HELP)
- DUST MASK (TO HELP FILTER CONTAMINATED AIR)
- MOIST TOWELETTES, GARBAGE BAGS AND PLASTIC TIES (FOR PERSONAL SANITATION)
- WRENCH OR PLIERS (TO TURN OFF UTILITIES)
- MANUAL CAN OPENER (FOR FOOD)
- LOCAL MAPS
- CELL PHONE WITH CHARGERS AND A BACKUP BATTERY
- GLASSES, CONTACTS, AND PRESCRIPTIONS AS NEEDED

[HTTPS://WWW.READY.GOV/KIT](https://www.ready.gov/kit)

EMERGENCY WATER SHUT-OFF TIPS

1. LOCATE THE WATER COMPARTMENT, TYPICALLY FOUND NEAR THE STREET WITH "WATER METER" ON THE LID. THE VALVE CLOSEST TO YOUR HOME IS THE HOMEOWNER SHUT-OFF VALVE. FOR THOSE LIVING IN MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEXES, YOUR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE STAFF SHOULD HANDLE THOSE DUTIES FOR YOU VIA THE COMPLEX'S MASTER METER.



2. UTILIZE A WATER KEY, PLYERS, AN ADJUSTABLE WRENCH, OR CHANNEL LOCKS TO TURN YOUR WATER VALVE OFF.



SEE VIDEO BELOW:
[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=4FMXCKMUH1Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FMXCKMUH1Y)

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) IS AN ODORLESS, COLORLESS GAS CREATED WHEN FUELS (SUCH AS GASOLINE, WOOD, COAL, NATURAL GAS, PROPANE, OIL, AND METHANE) BURN INCOMPLETELY. IN THE HOME, HEATING AND COOKING EQUIPMENT THAT BURN FUEL ARE POTENTIAL SOURCES OF CARBON MONOXIDE. VEHICLES OR GENERATORS RUNNING IN AN ATTACHED GARAGE CAN ALSO PRODUCE DANGEROUS LEVELS OF CARBON MONOXIDE. YOU CAN BUY A CO DETECTOR AT YOUR LOCAL HARDWARE STORE OR ONLINE.

SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CO SAFETY:

[HTTPS://WWW.NFPA.ORG/PUBLIC-EDUCATION/STAYING-SAFE/SAFETY-EQUIPMENT/CARBON-MONOXIDE](https://www.nfpa.org/public-education/staying-safe/safety-equipment/carbon-monoxide)

STATE OF TEXAS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REGISTRY (STEAR)

DO YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW NEED SOME ASSISTANCE DURING TIMES OF AN EMERGENCY EVENT? THE STEAR PROGRAM IS A FREE REGISTRY THAT PROVIDES LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE NEEDS IN THEIR COMMUNITY. REGISTERING YOURSELF IN THE STEAR REGISTRY DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A SPECIFIC SERVICE DURING AN EMERGENCY. AVAILABLE SERVICES WILL VARY BY COMMUNITY.

WHO SHOULD REGISTER?

- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OR ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS SUCH AS:
 - PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIMITED MOBILITY
 - PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMMUNICATION BARRIERS
 - PEOPLE WHO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DURING AN EMERGENCY EVENT
 - PEOPLE WHO REQUIRE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE
 - PEOPLE WHO REQUIRE PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE

HOW TO REGISTER

- REGISTER ONLINE AT "STATE OF TEXAS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REGISTRY"
- DIAL 2-1-1
- CONTACT YOUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE