

CDC OF EL CAMPO PSA ~ 13 JULY 2024: HURRICANE BERYL RECOVERY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR WHARTON COUNTY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

If you had ANY damage due to hurricane Beryl check out the resources for DISASTER ASSISTANCE below. NOTE: If you need assistance with any of these programs please reach out to Carolyn Gibson or Beverly Supak at the City Development Corporation of El Campo office: 979-543-6727 or visit us at 707 Fahrenthold in El Campo. All of our contact information and a copy of this PSA can be found on our website at <https://elcampoeco.org>. We have verified Wharton County's inclusion and eligibility in disaster assistance here: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>. The City Development Corporation wants to be you go-to for information and we are standing by to assist you in any way we can!!

REMINDER: The Northside Education Center has public computers with wi-fi available Monday thru Friday. Come for a visit to cool down, charge your phones, or use the computers at NO CHARGE!

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN OTHER AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AND COUNTIES.

DISASTER INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE LINKS:

SMALL BUSINESSES, FARMERS & RANCHERS, HOMEOWNERS, RENTERS, NON-PROFITS...you are all eligible for assistance for both physical and non-physical losses! <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4798>

FIRST: All homeowners, renters, business owners, and those with agricultural losses should report disaster damages through the Individual Assistance – State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT).

Please, please make sure you report **ALL OF YOUR** damages to: <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/>

NOTE: DO YOUR PART! These surveys help emergency officials determine eligibility for federal disaster assistance for El Campo and Wharton County!!

Small businesses, renters, homeowners, private non-profits can **NOW** apply for SBA disaster loans. Applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal found here: <https://lending.sba.gov/>

Wharton County is included in H-GAC's 13 county coverage. H-GAC has great information on their page: <https://www.h-gac.com/funding> with links to many disaster assistance programs. H-GAC's Local Development Corporation also has additional business funding resources (not disaster related) here: <https://www.hgaldc.com/>

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is now accepting applications for **Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)** as a result of severe weather due to Hurricane Beryl. Under the Presidential Disaster Declaration (DR-4798-TX) dated July 9, 2024, **workers and self-employed individuals** in Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker, **and Wharton Counties** who have been unable to work due to damage sustained from Hurricane Beryl may be eligible for DUA benefits. DUA information can be found here: <https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/unemployment-benefits/disaster-unemployment-assistance>

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PRESS RELEASE:

PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR. APPROVES MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION FOR TEXAS

LINK TO DECLARATION: <https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20240710/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-major-disaster-declaration-texas>

Release Date: July 10, 2024

WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance is available to the state of Texas to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Beryl from July 5-9, 2024.

Federal funding is available to the state, tribal and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis in Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Colorado, Dewitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Goliad, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hidalgo, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Webb, Wharton and Willacy counties for debris removal and emergency work, including direct federal assistance.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Benjamin Abbott has been named Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.

CDC OF EL CAMPO NOTE- REMEMBER THE i-STAT PROVIDES THE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION SO BADLY NEEDED TO HELP DETERMINE THE MONETARY DAMAGE CAUSED, PROPERTY IMPACTS, AND THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTY.

<https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/>