



City of Onalaska

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CITY OF ONALASKA, TEXAS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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HURRICANE HARVEY

According to the National Weather Service, Hurricane Harvey is currently a category 2 hurricane and is forecast to be a category 3 hurricane at landfall. Landfall is expected tonight along the middle Texas coast (Corpus Christi, Rockport).

At this time, Onalaska is not under a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Warning; however, we may receive a substantial amount of rainfall. The National Weather Service estimates our area could receive 8-10 inches of rainfall over the next five days. Winds could reach 40-50 mph. Our office will continue to release information to the public as this incident progresses.

Our primary concern is flooding within the low-lying areas of the County. Residents that reside in flood-prone areas, please take necessary precautions. Please be aware of potential for area creeks,; Kickapoo, Sandy and Open Bottom to affect certain areas; i.e. Sportsman's Retreat & Wells Landing subdivisions as well as road flooding on Hodge Bottom Rd., May Drive and Wright Cemetery Rd.

As a precautionary measure, the Mayor of the City of Onalaska has declared a local state of disaster in anticipation of the need to request the assistance of county and state resources and assets.

Flood Safety Tips: In the event of severe flooding, please remember:

Turn Around, Don't Drown! Do not drive through high water and DO NOT DRIVE AROUND BARRICADES!
Just 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.

DO NOT WALK through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down.

STAY AWAY from streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly with little warning.

MOVE important items – especially important documents like insurance policies to the highest possible floor. This will help protect them from flood damage.

DISCONNECT electrical appliances and do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. You could be electrocuted.

Please look for further updates on the Polk County, Texas website (www.co.polk.tx.us) and the Polk County Emergency Management Face book page: www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement).