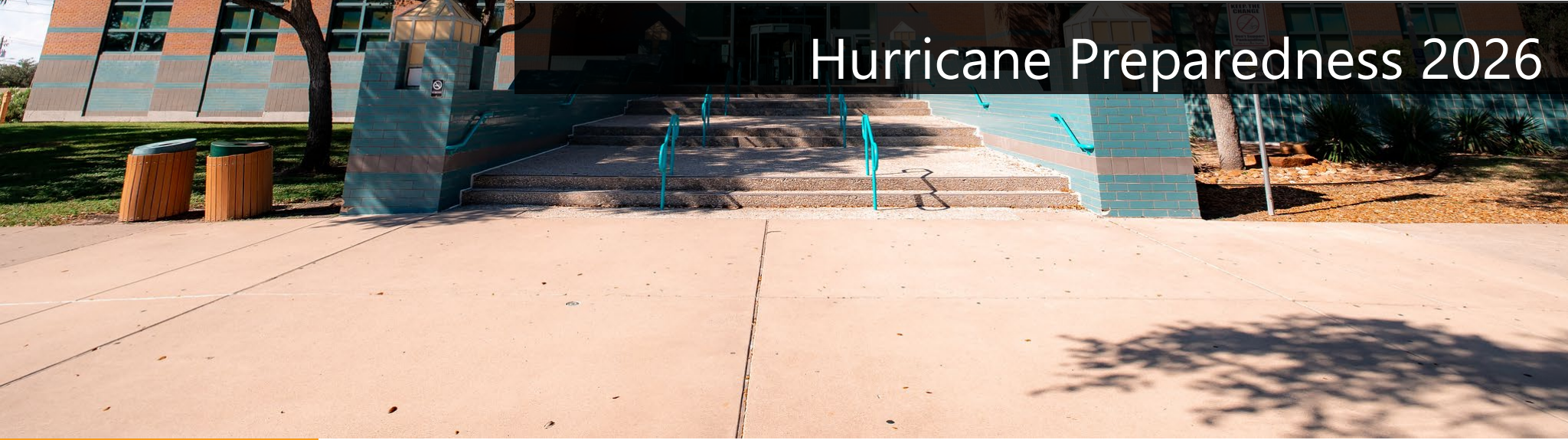




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Hurricane Preparedness 2026



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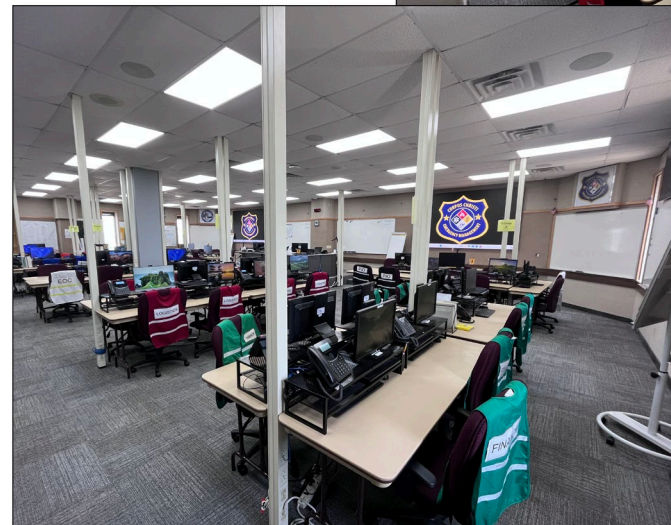
How the City is Prepared



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City Operation Center

A central location where the government can provide inter agency coordination and executive decision making for managing disaster response and recovery.



Primary Functions Include:

- Strategic Direction and Control
- Situation Assessment
- Establishing Priorities
- Resource Management
- Communications



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All Hazards Plan

- City Departments have an All-Hazard Emergency Plan
- Plans are Updated Annually
- Nursing Home Emergency Plans Reviewed by EOC Office

Department Operation Centers (DOC)

- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Corpus Christi Water
- Health District
- Public Works
- Solid Waste



How the City is Prepared



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City Emergency Teams

- 14 Emergency Teams Comprised of City Employees
- Teams Have Been Created To Respond To Emergencies: Before, During, and After a Storm
- Teams have Specific Roles During Emergencies
- Communication Between the EOC and Emergency Teams is Key in a Successful Operation

Team Approach

- Strong Interdepartmental Collaboration: City departments work together seamlessly, providing mutual support to ensure an effective response during emergencies.
- Prepared for the Worst-Case Scenario: Planning focuses on the most severe possibilities to ensure readiness well before a crisis occurs.
- Proactive, Not Reactive: While challenges are inevitable, the City's approach emphasizes preparation and early action to stay ahead.



How the City is Prepared



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Planning and Exercises

Whole Community Planning Approach: Disaster planning involves coordination across departments and agencies, using real-world training and tools to ensure readiness.

Key components include:

- **Web EOC Drills – Emergency Operations Coordination Practice**
- **Reverse Alert Drills – Testing Public Notification Systems**
- **Coastal Bend Hurricane Exercise – Regional Preparedness Collaboration**
- **Full-scale Evacuation Exercise – Simulating Large-scale Evacuations**
- **Incident Command Training – Ensuring Staff Are Trained In Structured Emergency Response Systems**
- **Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) – Testing the FEMA-managed Emergency Alert System**





2026 Hurricane Season

Begins June 1st

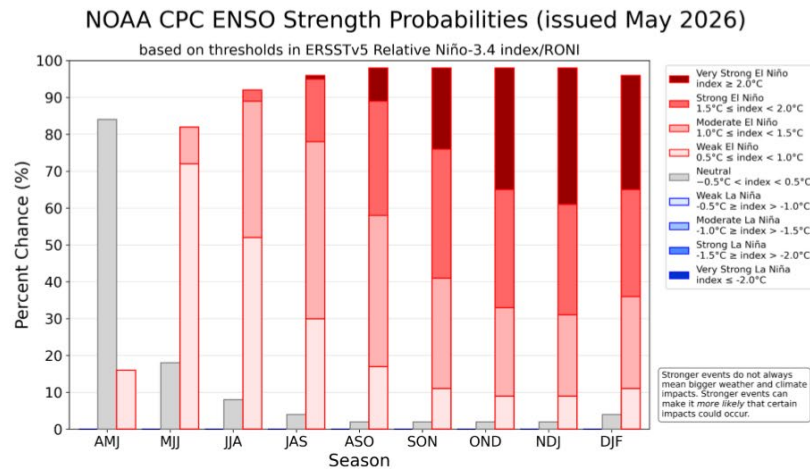
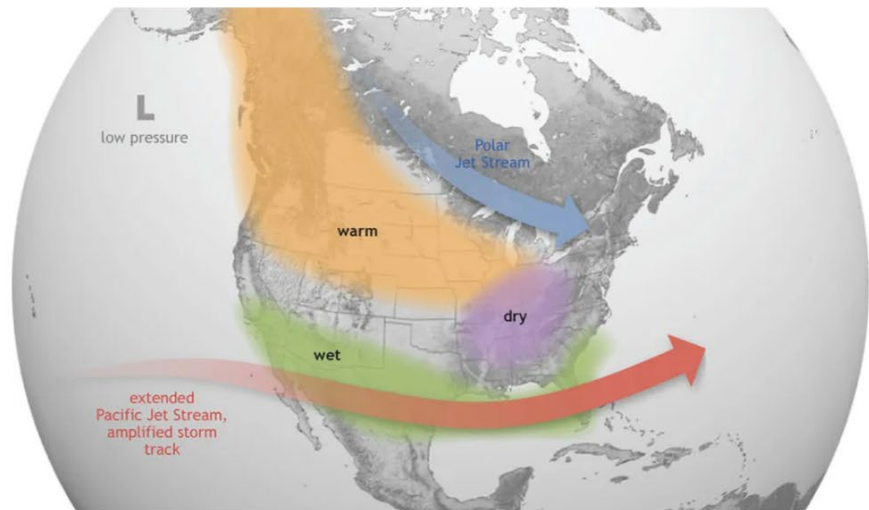
Forecast



El Niño/La Niña Conditions

May 18, 2026
12:37 PM

Synopsis: El Niño is likely to emerge soon (82% chance in May-July 2026) and continue through Northern Hemisphere winter 2026-27 (96% chance in December 2026-February 2027).



National Weather Service
Corpus Christi, TX



Forecast



How does El Niño affect the Gulf Coast?

- Fewer Atlantic hurricanes overall
- Lower chance of major hurricanes in the Gulf
- Stronger wind shear can weaken developing tropical systems


Important: El Niño does not eliminate the hurricane threat. Destructive Gulf storms can still occur.

For Corpus Christi, emergency preparedness still focuses on:

- Heavy rainfall
- Flooding
- Rapidly developing storms
- Early and late-season tropical systems



Forecast



2026 ATLANTIC TROPICAL STORM NAMES

These names will be used for named storms that form in the Atlantic Ocean during 2026.

Arthur	Hanna	Omar
Bertha	Isaias	Paulette
Cristobal	Josephine	Rene
Dolly	Kyle	Sally
Edouard	Leah	Teddy
Fay	Marco	Vicky
Gonzalo	Nana	Wilfred

 **BE PREPARED.**
IT ONLY TAKES ONE STORM.

 **MAKE A PLAN.**

 **STAY INFORMED.**

 **STAY SAFE.**

Be prepared: Visit hurricanes.gov and follow NOAA's @NWS and @NHC_Atlantic on X. May 2026

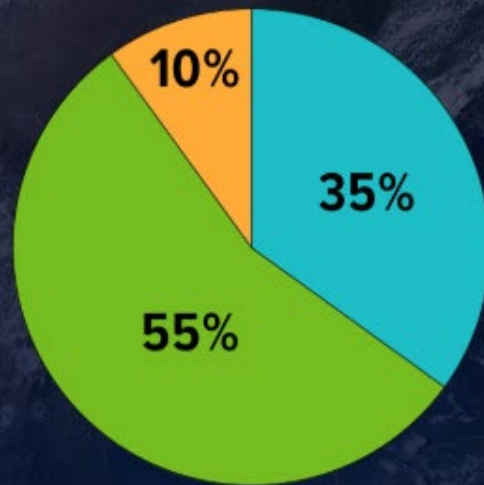


Forecast



2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook

Season Probability



■ Above Normal ■ Near Normal ■ Below Normal

Named Storms

8 - 14

Hurricanes

3 - 6

Major Hurricanes

1 - 3

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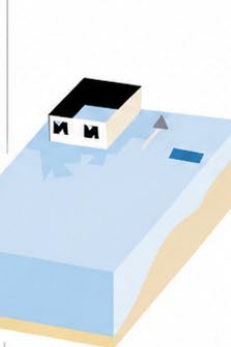
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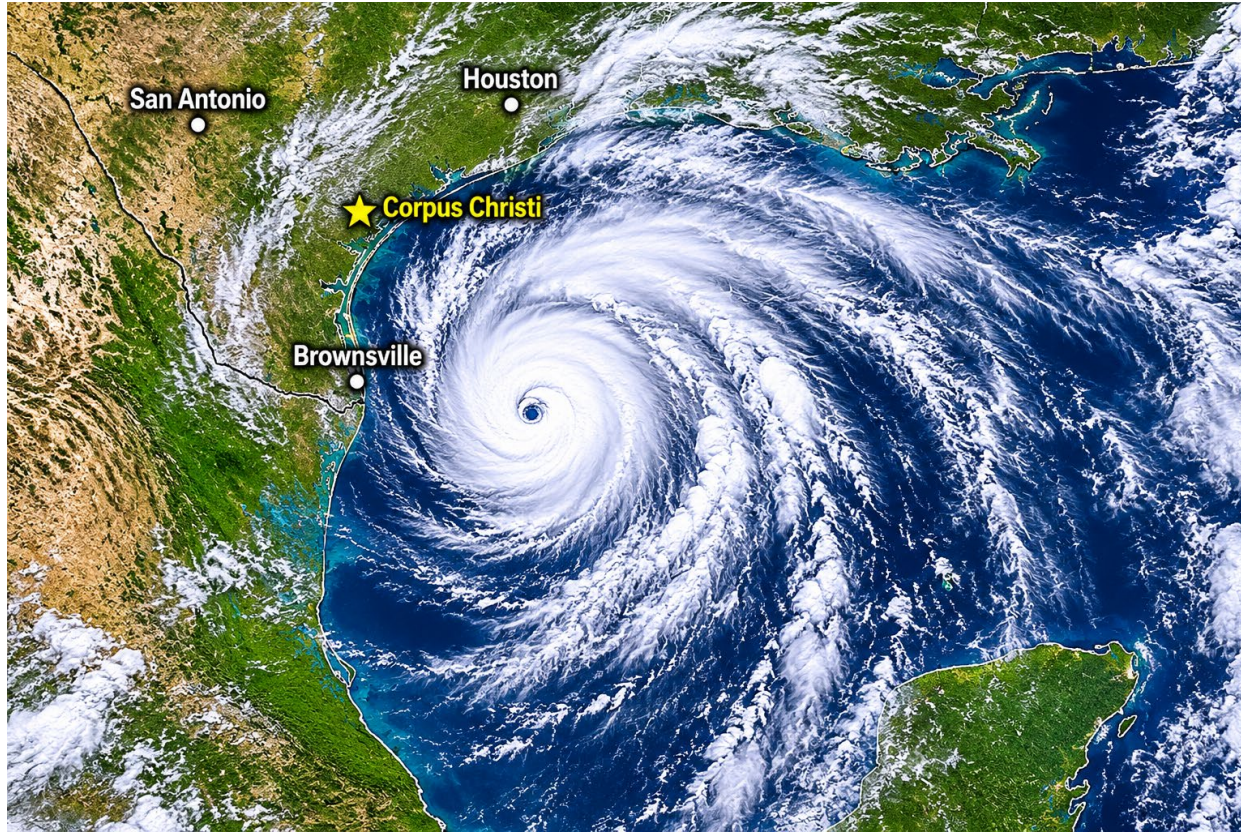
Storm Strength Impact Levels



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	Tropical Depression	Tropical Storm	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
Wind	≤ 38 mph (≤ 61 km/h)	39–73 mph (63–118 km/h)	74–95 mph	96–110 mph	111–130 mph	131–155 mph	Over 155 mph
Storm surge	1–3 ft	2–4 ft	4–5 ft	6–8 ft	9–12 ft	13–16 ft	Over 18 ft
							
	<p>Minimal: An organized system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined circulation but not yet strong enough to be a tropical storm.</p> <p>Impact: Generally minimal, but can develop into a tropical storm.</p>	<p>Minor to Moderate: Can cause minor to moderate damage, especially in exposed areas.</p> <p>Naming: Assigned a name by the relevant tropical cyclone warning center.</p>	<p>Minimal: No real structural damage; some flooding.</p>	<p>Moderate: Material damage to buildings; small craft break moorings.</p>	<p>Extresive: Structural damage to small houses; inland flooding.</p>	<p>Extreme: Major structural damage & heavy flooding; evacuation necessary.</p>	<p>Catastrophic: Massive damage to buildings; small structures blown over or away.</p>





No matter how many storms there are, it only takes one to have a serious impact on Corpus Christi. That's why it's critical for the City to stay proactive in preparedness and planning.

IT ONLY TAKES ONE

Coordination and Collaboration



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Coordination with Key Agencies:

The City maintains constant communication with local, regional, and state partners to ensure a unified emergency response. These include:

- Nueces County Emergency Operations Center
- National Weather Service – Corpus Christi Office
- Port of Corpus Christi Emergency Operations Center
- Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)
- Coastal Bend Council of Governments
- Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council (CBRAC) Hospitals
- 2-1-1 Texas – Public Information & Assistance Line



Coordination and Collaboration



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Agencies Involved in Past Disasters

Various local, regional, and state agencies have played critical roles in past disaster responses, working alongside the City to coordinate evacuations, deliver resources, and restore essential services to the community.

- AEP
- American Red Cross
- Catholic Charities
- Coastal Bend Community Foundation
- Coastal Bend Food Bank
- Corpus Christi NWS
- Del Mar College
- Functional Needs Support Team
- RACES, or Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service
- Independent School Districts
- KLUX Radio
- Port of Corpus Christi
- RTA
- Salvation Army
- TAMUCC
- Texas Division of Emergency Management
- U.S Coast Guard
- 2-1-1 Texas



Partner Communication



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The City uses layered communication systems to ensure timely and accurate updates reach all sectors of the community:

- Businesses – Operational updates and safety protocols
- Hospitals & Dialysis Centers – Critical medical coordination
- Schools – Closures, shelter coordination, and transportation alerts
- Nursing Facilities – Evacuation support and medical needs
- STEAR Participants – Direct outreach to vulnerable populations
- General Public – Warnings, instructions, and recovery resources

Communication Channels used include:

- Webex Briefings for Key Partners



Outreach



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Engaging the Community Before the Storm

The City of Corpus Christi uses a wide range of outreach methods to inform and prepare residents for hurricane season:

- 100,000 Hurricane Preparedness Information Pamphlets Mailed Out With Utility Bills
- Public Presentations
- Facebook And X/Twitter
- Regional Reverse Alert
- Telephone & Email
- Hurricane Special With Channel 3
- Multiple TV Interviews On Hurricane Preparedness



Communications



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Engaging the Community Before the Storm

City Provides Real-time Updates Across Multiple Trusted Platforms:

- Regional Reverse Alert – Official Emergency Notifications At reversealert.org
- Klux 89.5 FM – Continuous Radio Updates During Weather Events
- City Website – Visit www.corpuschristi.tx.org/readycc For Preparedness Resources
- City News Releases – Official Updates and Information On The City's Newsroom Page
- News Media – Live Coverage and Updates Through Local TV and Radio Stations
- Social Media - Facebook: [@Readycc](https://www.facebook.com/Readycc) - Twitter/X: [@Readycc](https://twitter.com/Readycc)



Community Messaging

Emergency Alert Program Overview

The City of Corpus Christi - Nueces County LEPC and Coastal Plain LEPC have partnered to provide an emergency alert program for citizens. The system allows officials to alert you depending on the preferences you chose. When signing up, residents enter their contact information and subscribe to notifications based on their location. The information residents provide is protected and will not be used for any purpose other than the intended purpose.

How It Works

When officials issue a notification about a potential safety hazard or concern, residents will receive a message on the voice or text communication method they have registered. A key feature of the system is the ability to confirm receipt of the alert. If residents opt for the confirmation feature, the alert system will continue to attempt to contact the individual through subsequent notification methods until a confirmation is received. This feature is optional.

Sign up for Notifications

Residents can create an account by adding contact information, location, and notification preferences. All information provided will be kept confidential.

Stop Receiving Notifications

Residents can stop receiving alerts or modify their preferences at any time by removing contact information.

The screenshot displays the 'Regional REVERSE ALERT' website. At the top, there are logos for various Texas counties and the state seal. The main heading is 'Know Now with Emergency Alerts - Corpus Christi'. Below this, there is a sign-up section titled 'Sign up for the Proper Reverse Alert' which includes a list of partner jurisdictions: Aransas County, Nueces County, Refugio County, and San Patricio County, each with its respective seal. A 'Sign in to your account' form is visible, featuring fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Sign In' button, and links for 'Forgot Username or Forgot Password' and 'Don't have an account? Sign Up'. The footer contains copyright information for Everbridge, Inc. and links to 'Terms of Use' and 'Privacy Policy'.



OEM Website



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PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON

- MAKE AN EVACUATION PLAN
- ASSEMBLE SUPPLIES
- CHECK YOUR INSURANCE
- HAVE A COMMUNICATION PLAN

Prepare for Hurricane Season: Hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th. Learn how to make an emergency plan for all family members and pets.

Weather Forecast: Click each image below to see a larger graphic.

Flood Watch

A flood watch has been issued for all of South Texas beginning late tonight and continuing through Monday. Multiple rounds of showers and storms are expected over the next 5 days, and with the rain we have already seen, flash flooding will be a concern.

Rainfall Forecast

A wet pattern will persist through the rest of this week and over the weekend. Much needed rainfall is expected across the area with additional amounts of 3-4 inches expected with localized totals over 6 inches. Highest totals are expected in the Victoria Crossroads. With repeated rounds of rain localized flash flooding may become possible.

EOC News

- City to Participate in Statewide Emergency Alert System Drill on April 2**
The City of Corpus Christi will participate in a statewide drill of public warning systems on Thursday, April 2, in coordination with the Texas Division of Emergency Management.
Apr 01, 2026
- Hazmat Emergency Response Drill at City Facility**
The City of Corpus Christi's Hazardous Waste Treatment Plant, located at 12001 Leopard Street, will be conducting a hazmat drill on Friday, March 20. First responders will participate in the simulated incident, which will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Mar 18, 2026
- Emergency Refuge Centers and Daytime Warming Centers will Open this Weekend**
A cold front will push into the area, dropping temperatures to near freezing Friday night. Strong north winds will create hazardous marine conditions through Saturday. Saturday morning wind chills/feels like temperatures are expected to be slightly below 32 degrees.
Jan 30, 2026

View All EOC News

This Week's Weather Forecast

- Today, May 21, 2026**
Showers and thunderstorms likely before 8am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. Heat index values as high as 90. East-southeast wind 7 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.
Temperature: 83F
Wind Speed: 7 to 10 mph
Wind Direction: ESE
- Tonight, May 21, 2026**
A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 5am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 76. Heat index values as high as 86. South-southwest wind 6 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New rainfall amounts less than a tenth of an inch possible.
Temperature: 74F
Wind Speed: 6 to 9 mph
Wind Direction: SSW

Weather from NWS

Partners

- NOAA
- FEMA
- CDC
- TEXAS A&M
- LEPC
- EM
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Hurricane Preparedness

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- Reverse Alert**
View the latest alerts issued by the City of Corpus Christi and Hancock County.
- Media Contacts**
Public Information Officers support city residents by delivering valuable information.
- EOC**
When disaster strikes, officials and staff gather at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends November 30 each year, but don't wait until the last minute! Now is the time to get prepared before a storm threatens our area. Here are some resources and tips to consider as you make your plan.

2026 NWS Hurricane Guide 2026 NWS Guide de Huracanes

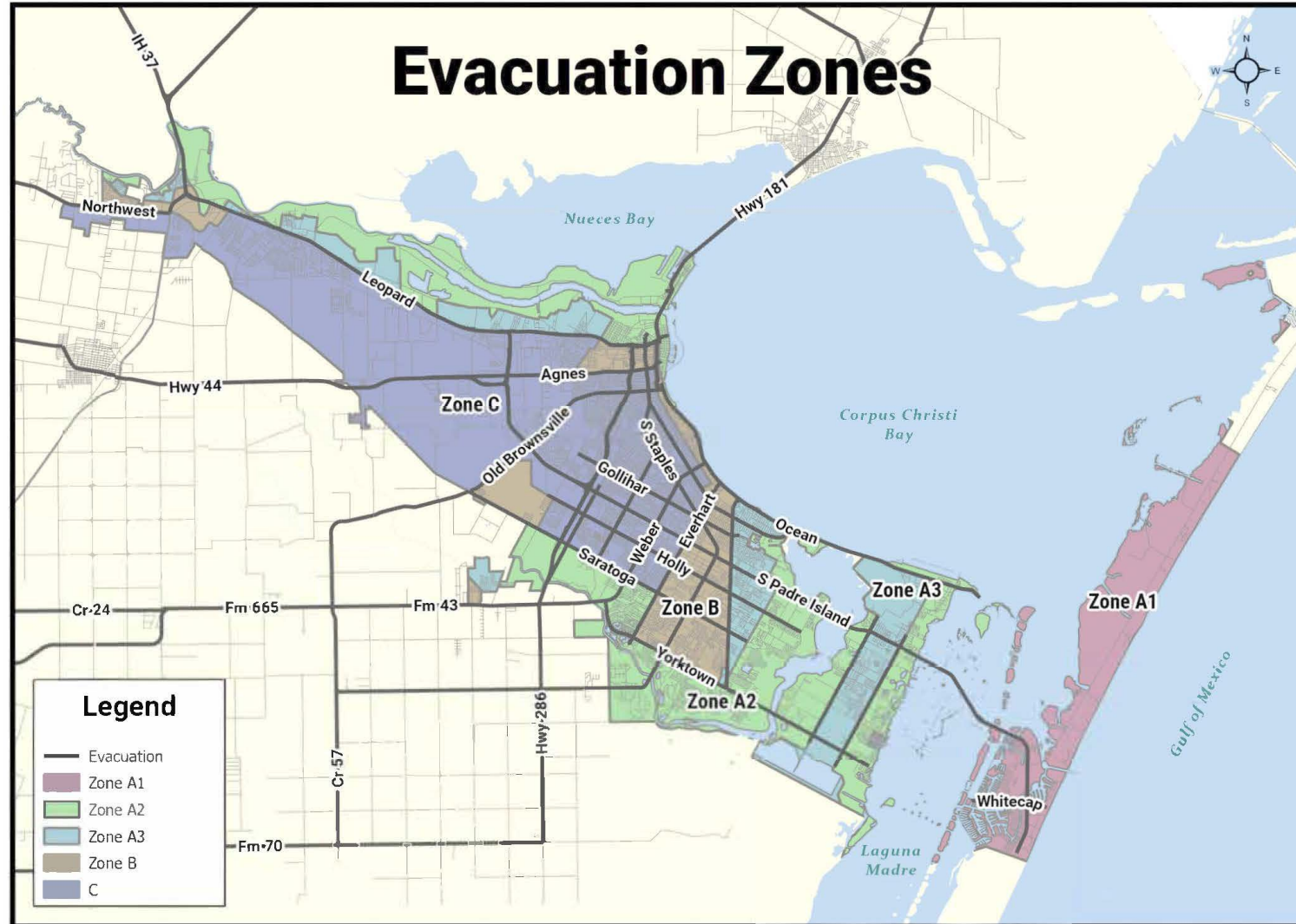
- Prepare your family**
Develop a plan and make arrangements for all family members and pets.
Create an Emergency Plan
Emergency Planning for Pets
Hurricane Planning Flyer
Register with STEAR
- Know where to go**
Citizens should prepare a plan well in advance of an evacuation.
Evacuation Routes and Maps
What to do in a Hurricane
Before and During the Storm
- Prepare your home & boat**
Learn how to protect your home from strong winds and water damage.
Insure and Retrofit Your Home
National Flood Insurance Program
More Info on Ready.gov
More Info on TexasReady.gov
- Prepare your business**
Resources are available to help your business prepare for hurricanes.
Hurricane Ready Request For Companies & Organizations
Institute for Business and Home Safety
Preparedness Planning for Your Business
FEMA Protect Your Business
Register with STEAR
- Reverse Alert**
Receive emergency updates via text, mobile, business phones, email, and more.
Reverse Alert Information
Reverse Alert Website
Reverse Alert Sign Up
Reverse Alert Login
- Learn about hurricanes**
Hurricanes are dangerous forces of nature that must be taken seriously.
Western Gulf of Mexico Tropical Cyclones History
Hurricane Wind Scale
National Hurricane Center
FEMA for Kids and Educators

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Evacuation Zones

The City is divided into five evacuation zones (A1, A2, A3, B, and C).

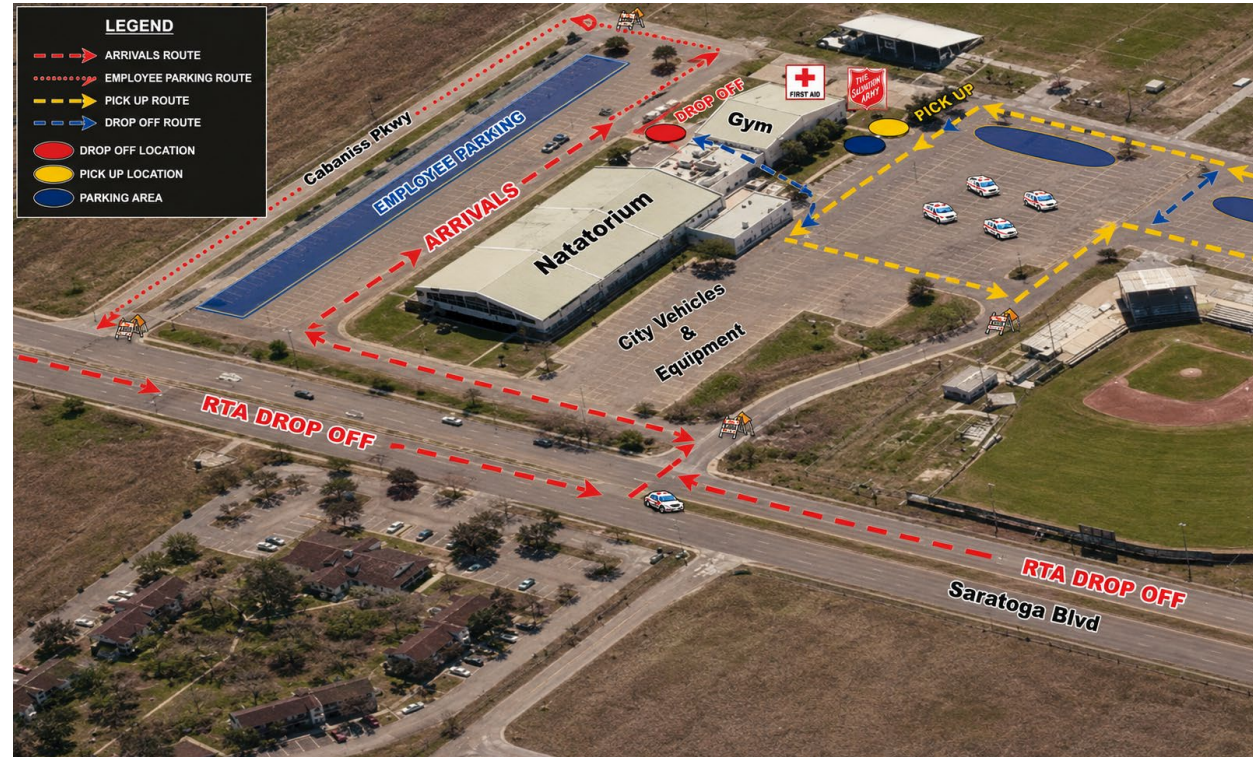
- Evacuation recommendations are made based on factors such as storm strength, path, and storm surge projections.
- A phased evacuation timeline is in place to guide decision-making on when and which zones should evacuate to maximize safety and reduce congestion.



Evacuation Plan

For residents unable to self-evacuate, the City provides free assisted evacuation options in partnership with RTA and school districts:

- Pickup at Nearest Bus Stop: RTA will transport individuals from local bus stops to a designated transfer station.
- Transfer to Corpus Christi Gym: The transfer station will send evacuees to the City's evacuation hub at the Corpus Christi Gym.
- No-Cost Service with Support: Passengers may bring pets and personal belongings; all rides are free of charge.
- CCISD and State Buses: Additional transport out of town will be supported through school and state resources.



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Phased Post Reentry



Reentry into the community is coordinated in structured phases to ensure safety and restoration of critical services.

PHASE 1

Emergency Response,
Immediate Mass Care &
Damage Assessment



PHASE 2

Restoration of Essential
Services, PODs, Mass Care
Operations, & other
support



PHASE 3

Business Owners &
Residents





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Questions?