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News Release

Mitigation specialists invite all Texans to talk home improvement May 21-26

AUSTIN, Texas – Join the more than 30,000 Texans who have learned how to prepare their homes for natural disasters from FEMA mitigation specialists at local home improvement stores.

Get ready for spring floods and for hurricane season, which begins June 1. Meet with a mitigation specialist to get tips and techniques on how to repair and build hazard-resistant homes using proven methods to prevent future flood damage.

Specialists are eager to meet with anyone who has questions about disaster preparedness, even if Hurricane Harvey did not affect them. Topics covered include making a family disaster plan, disaster supply kits and the importance of flood insurance. FEMA mitigation specialists will be available at these stores:

County	Locations	Dates	Hours
Brazoria	Lowe's (Store #137) 200 Highway 332 East, Lake Jackson, 77566	Mon. May 21 Tues. May 22-Sat. May 26	11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Harris	Home Depot (Store #6558) 8400 Westheimer Rd., Houston, 77063	Mon. May 21-Sat. May 26	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Harris	Lowe's (Store #1053) 5400 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, 77505	Mon. May 21 Tues. May 22-Sat. May 26	11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Harris	Lowe's (Store #2371) 14128 Cypress-Rosehill Rd., Cypress, 77429	Mon. May 21 Tues. May 22-Sat. May 26	11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Matagorda	Parker Building Supply 204 Henderson Ave., Palacios, 77465	Mon. May 21-Sat. May 26	8 a.m.-5:30 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 FEMA Hurricane Harvey

disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, the FEMA Harvey Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey, 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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*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.