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STORM RECOVERY INFORMATION FOR CITIZENS

Report damage to state agency; list of agencies that may offer aid

(BIG SPRING, TEXAS) - City of Big Spring officials want citizens to be aware of resources and the latest updates related to the severe weather event on June 8.

Citizens should contact their home and automobile insurance carriers for information on the claim process and how to report damage. Citizens should also document all damage with photos or video in case their insurance company requests it.

To aid in the cleanup, the City of Big Spring will offer free large item pickup next week. Residential debris that is a direct result of the June 8 storm that will be accepted curbside include: vegetation, roofing, fencing, siding and building materials.

Texas Division of Emergency Management Information

Representatives from the Texas Division of Emergency Management attended last night's City Council meeting to answer questions from citizens and they explained that government aid may become available in the future, but it isn't yet. Citizens may report their damage from the severe weather system that stretched from June 2 through June 8.

Reporting damages from the storm can be done online at <http://damage.tdem.texas.gov/> or by scanning the QR Code below:



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Every citizen report can include up to 10 photos. These reports help to illustrate the scope of our city's losses to the state government. The objective of this survey is to help state and

local emergency management officials across Texas identify and gain a more complete understanding of damages that have occurred during these recent natural disaster activities and can help when state officials determine which areas may receive aid and the amount of that aid.

Reporting damages to Emergency Management is a voluntary activity and is not a substitute for reporting damage to your insurance agency, nor does it guarantee disaster relief assistance.

In order to be eligible for Federal or State Funds, the U.S. President or Texas State Governor must declare a disaster. Howard County would have to be declared a federal disaster area before any FEMA assistance would be available to our citizens, and we have not reached that damage threshold currently.

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Other resources

Other organizations and resources that citizens may want to reach out to include the Red Cross: 800-733-2767; Salvation Army: 409-896-2361 and Texas Health and Human Services: 800- 582-5233. The Texas Division of Emergency Management can be reached at 512-424-2208 and www.tdem.texas.gov .

A good resource to be best prepared for the next serious weather event or natural disaster is the guidelines and plans at www.TexasReady.gov.

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