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### **Hurricane Harvey Update #4 8/25 9:15 a.m.**

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As Hurricane Harvey approaches the Corpus Christ area, increasing winds and rain will begin to affect Alvin. Current forecast show low probabilities of Alvin experiencing hurricane force winds however we are likely to see winds of 40-50 mph later today and possibly into early next week. Rain fall will also increase over the next several days with local flooding likely Saturday and Sunday and possibly into early next week. Coastal surge flooding will slow drainage from the heavy rains increasing the chances of widespread flooding in our area. Residents should have plans to move to higher ground should their homes become flooded. With the winds, rain and saturated ground you should be prepared for the possibility of losing power. Never drive through high water, Turn Around, Don't Drown.

What you need to do:

The Harris County Flood Control District offers the following safety tips:

- Make sure storm drains and culverts are clear from debris. Clogged drains and culverts can prevent water from traveling to the bayous and tributaries, causing street flooding, and possible house flooding, depending on the amount of rain we receive.
- Debris should NOT be discarded in areas bayous, streams and ditches. Debris should be put in trash bins and then brought inside into garages or backyards, away from drainage ditches and storm sewers.
- Winds can cause trees and branches to fall; trim or remove damaged trees and limbs to keep you and your property safe.
- In areas that normally experience flooding, move vehicles to driveways or in parking garages as the storm approaches.
- Secure patio furniture and any loose items that may be picked up by heavy winds.
- Take video of all your belongings and important documents in case they become damaged and needed for insurance claims.
- Never drive into high water. Turn Around, Don't Drown! Less than two feet of water can float and wash away a vehicle. Be especially cautious at underpasses and at night when water across roadways can be difficult to see.
- This flooding event is a reminder that all residents in this area should carry flood insurance. Contact your insurance agent for more information about purchasing

flood insurance, or visit the National Flood Insurance Program at [www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program](http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program) or call 1-888-379-9531. Please keep in mind that new insurance policies take 30 days to go into effect.

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