

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Overview

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Created originally for the fire insurance industry for risk assessment purposes, sanborn fire insurance maps (Sanborn maps) contain detailed information on such building features as size, shape, construction type (and sometimes date), use, and street address. In general, the Sanborn maps are available for the historic or central business districts of a city.

For hazardous material surveys, a review of existing and previous land use information is one component of environmental site assessments. Sanborn Maps are extremely useful in identifying former or abandoned underground storage tanks and aboveground chemical storage areas.

Historians use Sanborn maps to identify whether buildings or structures over 50 years of age may be present in the project area prior to performing an on-site survey. Therefore any review of Sanborn maps should be coordinated with both hazardous material and historical research to avoid duplication of work.

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Additionally, the same commercial vendors that provide regulatory database list searches can also either research or provide copies of Sanborn maps for a fee.

Local Sources

Some libraries, city or county planning offices, historical societies, and colleges maintain collections of Sanborn maps. For instance, the Barker Texas History Center at the University of Texas at Austin maintains both maps and microfilm for the State of Texas.

Environmental Affairs Division

Districts can contact the Hazardous Materials Management Branch of the Environmental Affairs Division for more information on Sanborn maps.

Fire Insurance Maps of Texas List

Available Maps

In the state of Texas, 426 cities in 213 counties have Sanborn maps totaling 17,490 sheets (25.5 by 21.5 inches). The map scale is 1:600 or 50 feet to 1 inch. Overall, the maps were prepared from 1877 to 1951. Some larger cities have updated maps as recent as 1970. A list of the fire insurance maps of Texas by city is provided in the following table.

Fire Insurance Maps of Texas

City	County	Earliest	Latest
Abernathy	Hale County	1925	1925
Abilene	Taylor County	1885	1954
Alba	Wood County	1925	1925
Albany	Shackelford County	1885	1944
Alice	Jim Wells County	1922	1947
Alpine	Brewster County	1927	1933
Alto	Cherokee County	1925	1934
Alvarado	Johnson County	1885	1944
Alvin	Brazoria County	1925	1942
Alvord	Wise County	1900	1934
Amarillo	Potter County	1902	1950
Andrews	Andrews County	1954	1954
Angleton	Brazoria County	1926	1943
Anson	Jones County	1908	1939
Aransas Pass	San Patricio County	1915	1938
Archer City	Archer County	1934	1934
Arlington	Tarrant County	1900	1949
Arp	Smith County	1939	1939
Asberton	Dimmit County	1951	1951
Aspermont	Stonewall County	1934	1934
Athens	Henderson County	1885	1940
Atlanta	Cass County	1885	1943
Austin	Travis County	1885	1962
Baird	Callahan County	1885	1941
Ballinger	Runnels County	1896	1938
Bandera	Bandera County	1950	1950
Barstow	Ward County	1927	1927
Bartlett	Bell and Williamson Counties	1900	1940
Bastrop	Bastrop County	1885	1944
Bay City	Matagorda County	1907	1947
Baytown	Harris County	1949	1949
Beaumont	Jefferson County	1885	1955
Beckville	Panola County	1928	1928

Beeville	Bee County	1898	1947
Bellville	Austin County	1885	1944
Belton	Bell County	1885	1949
Big Lake	Reagan County	1949	1949
Big Sandy	Upshur County	1928	1928
Big Spring	Howard County	1885	1948
Bishop	Nueces County	1922	1945
Blooming Grove	Navarro County	1900	1934
Boerne	Kendall County	1910	1937
Bonham	Fannin County	1885	1949
Borger	Hutchinson County	1928	1950
Bowie	Montague County	1885	1949
Bracketville	Kinney County	1894	1924
Brady	McCulloch County	1908	1946
Breckenridge	Stephens County	1921	1949
Bremond	Robertson County	1926	1937
Brenham	Washington County	1885	1947
Bridgeport	Wise County	1921	1944
Brownfield	Terry County	1927	1948
Brownsville	Cameron County	1885	1949
Brownwood	Brown County	1885	1960
Bryan	Brazos County	1885	1950
Burkburnett	Wichita County	1926	1948
Burnet	Burnet County	1885	1943
Caldwell	Burleson County	1885	1943
Calvert	Robertson County	1885	1942
Cameron	Milam County	1885	1947
Canadian	Hemphill County	1920	1937
Canton	Van Zandt County	1925	1941
Canyon	Randall County	1910	1938
Carrizo Springs	Dimmit County	1933	1944
Carrollton	Dallas County	1921	1935
Carthage	Panola County	1927	1939
Celina	Collin County	1920	1944
Center	Shelby County	1912	1949
Childress	Childress County	1902	1946
Chillicothe	Hardeman County	1921	1941
Cisco	Eastland County	1886	1942
Clarendon	Donley County	1921	1940
Clarksville	Red River County	1885	1942
Claude	Armstrong County	1921	1932
Cleburne	Johnson County	1885	1961
Cleveland	Liberty County	1926	1939
Clifton	Bosque County	1900	1943
Coleman	Coleman County	1888	1948
Colmesneil	Tyler County	1904	1904

Colorado	Mitchell County	1886	1948
Columbus	Colorado County	1885	1938
Comanche	Comanche County	1885	1949
Commerce	Hunt County	1896	1940
Conroe	Montgomery County	1923	1943
Coolidge	Limestone County	1925	1937
Cooper	Delta County	1909	1942
Corpus Christi	Nueces County	1885	1950
Corsicana	Navarro County	1885	1948
Cotulla	La Salle County	1933	1948
Crane	Crane County	1951	1951
Crockett	Houston County	1885	1938
Crosbyton	Crosby County	1921	1943
Cross Plains	Callahan County	1921	1939
Crowell	Foard County	1921	1941
Crystal City	Zavalla County	1931	1944
Cuero	De Witt County	1885	1950
Cumby	Hopkins County	1926	1939
Daingerfield	Morris County	1892	1926
Dalhart	Dallam and Hartley Counties	1908	1943
Dallas	Dallas County	1885	1952
Dawson	Navarro County	1921	1943
Dayton	Liberty County	1927	1943
De Leon	Comanche County	1900	1945
Decatur	Wise County	1891	1942
Del Rio	Val Verde County	1900	1948
Denison	Grayson County	1885	1949
Denton	Denton County	1885	1960
Detroit	Red River County	1899	1931
Devine	Medina County	1922	1940
Donna	Hidalgo County	1917	1949
Dublin	Erath County	1891	1943
Duffau	Erath County	1926	1926
Dumas	Moore County	1950	1950
Eagle Lake	Colorado County	1907	1943
Eagle Pass	Maverick County	1885	1948
Eastland	Eastland County	1911	1949
Eden	Concho County	1940	1940
Edgewood	Van Zandt County	1926	1926
Edinberg	Hidalgo County	1925	1949
Edna	Jackson County	1926	1949
El Campo	Wharton County	1907	1944
El Paso	El Paso County	1883	1954
Electra	Wichita County	1919	1948
Elgin	Bastrop County	1887	1944
Elkhart	Anderson County	1937	1937

Elsa	Hidalgo County	1949	1949
Ennis	Ellis County	1884	1960
Fairfield	Freestone County	1885	1934
Falfurrias	Brooks County	1930	1945
Farmersville	Collin County	1892	1956
Fayetteville	Fayette County	1917	1917
Ferris	Ellis County	1921	1941
Flatonia	Fayette County	1885	1940
Floresville	Wilson County	1902	1940
Floydada	Floyd County	1925	1942
Forney	Kaufman County	1896	1937
Fort Stockton	Pecos County	1927	1946
Fort Worth	Tarrant County	1885	1951
Franklin	Robertson County	1899	1940
Frankston	Anderson County	1925	1939
Fredericksburg	Gillespie County	1896	1938
Freeport	Brazoria County	1926	1943
Freer	Duval County	1948	1948
Frisco	Collin County	1949	1949
Frost	Navarro County	1898	1931
Gainesville	Cooke County	1885	1949
Galveston	Galveston County	1885	1950
Garland	Dallas County	1901	1947
Gatesville	Coryell County	1885	1949
Georgetown	Williamson County	1885	1940
Giddings	Lee County	1885	1931
Gilmer	Upshur County	1885	1959
Gladewater	Gregg County	1934	1938
Goldthwaite	Mills County	1894	1941
Goliad	Goliad County	1894	1944
Gonzales	Gonzales County	1885	1944
Goose Creek	Harris County	1926	1939
Gorman	Eastland County	1921	1945
Graham	Young County	1908	1942
Granbury	Hood County	1893	1945
Grand Prairie	Dallas County	1920	1943
Grand Saline	Van Zandt County	1904	1945
Grandview	Johnson County	1888	1934
Granger	Williamson County	1910	1940
Grapevine	Tarrant County	1921	1935
Greenville	Hunt County	1885	1949
Greggton	Gregg County	1955	1955
Groesbeck	Limestone County	1885	1940
Groveton	Trinity County	1907	1933
Gulf	Matagorda County	1926	1926
Hale Center	Hale County	1933	1933

Hallettsville	Lavaca County	1891	1942
Hamilton	Hamilton County	1925	1949
Hamlin	Jones County	1908	1939
Handley	Tarrant County	1930	1942
Harlingen	Cameron County	1919	1950
Haskell	Haskell County	1908	1941
Hearne	Robertson County	1885	1940
Hebbronville	Jim Hogg County	1934	1943
Hempstead	Waller County	1885	1938
Henderson	Rusk County	1885	1949
Henrietta	Clay County	1885	1944
Hereford	Deaf Smith County	1908	1939
Hico	Hamilton County	1893	1934
Hillsboro	Hill County	1885	1947
Hondo	Medina County	1909	1942
Honey Grove	Fannin County	1885	1943
Houston	Harris County	1885	1955
Hubbard	Hill County	1888	1935
Humble	Harris County	1926	1940
Huntsville	Walker County	1885	1950
Hutto	Williamson County	1921	1937
Iowa Park	Wichita County	1921	1942
Irving	Dallas County	1942	1942
Italy	Ellis County	1899	1944
Itasca	Hill County	1891	1943
Jacksboro	Jack County	1921	1942
Jacksonville	Cherokee County	1885	1949
Jasper	Jasper County	1927	1942
Jefferson	Marion County	1885	1939
Junction	Kimble County	1921	1942
Karnes City	Karnes County	1951	1951
Kaufman	Kaufman County	1885	1948
Kemp	Kaufman County	1921	1928
Kenedy	Karnes County	1922	1941
Kerens	Navarro County	1921	1940
Kermit	Winkler County	1946	1946
Kerrville	Kerr County	1898	1950
Kilgore	Gregg County	1932	1950
Killeen	Bell County	1926	1937
Kingsville	Kleberg County	1915	1962
Kosse	Limestone County	1899	1926
Kyle	Hays County	1896	1936
La Feria	Cameron County	1917	1936
La Grange	Fayette County	1885	1938
La Porte	Harris County	1939	1939
Ladonia	Fannin County	1896	1934

Lake Jackson	Brazoria County	1951	1951
Lamesa	Dawson County	1921	1948
Lampasas	Lampasas County	1885	1949
Lancaster	Dallas County	1921	1939
Laredo	Webb County	1885	1950
Leonard	Fannin County	1919	1945
Levelland	Hockley County	1933	1942
Lewisville	Denton County	1921	1934
Liberty	Liberty County	1927	1945
Lindale	Smith County	1926	1941
Littlefield	Lamb County	1932	1950
Livingston	Polk County	1927	1943
Llano	Llano County	1894	1942
Lockhart	Caldwell County	1888	1946
Lockney	Floyd County	1927	1943
Lone Oak	Hunt County	1926	1926
Longview	Gregg County	1885	1946
Lott	Falls County	1926	1937
Lubbock	Lubbock County	1916	1957
Lufkin	Angelina County	1904	1946
Luling	Caldwell County	1885	1941
Mabank	Kaufman County	1921	1934
McAllen	Hidalgo County	1919	1949
McCamey	Upton County	1946	1946
McGregor	McLennan County	1894	1942
McKinney	Collin County	1885	1960
McLean	Gray County	1933	1933
Madisonville	Madison County	1914	1941
Manor	Travis County	1900	1925
Mansfield	Tarrant County	1921	1933
Marble Falls	Burnet County	1894	1935
Marfa	Presidio County	1927	1933
Marlin	Falls County	1885	1947
Marshall	Harrison County	1885	1947
Mart	McLennan County	1909	1943
Mason	Mason County	1936	1936
Mathis	San Patricio County	1950	1950
Maxwell	Caldwell County	1924	1924
Memphis	Hall County	1908	1940
Menard	Menard County	1921	1930
Mercedes	Hildago County	1917	1949
Meridian	Bosque County	1903	1934
Merkel	Taylor County	1908	1925
Mesquite	Dallas County	1926	1937
Mexia	Limestone County	1885	1949
Miami	Roberts County	1929	1929

Midland	Midland County	1900	1950
Midlotbian	Ellis County	1898	1944
Miles	Runnels County	1908	1936
Milford	Ellis County	1894	1930
Mineola	Wood County	1885	1942
Mineral Wells	Palo Pinto County	1900	1949
Misson	Hidalgo County	1919	1949
Monahans	Ward County	1940	1940
Moody	McLennan County	1902	1949
Moulton	Lavaca County	1926	1940
Mount Calm	Hill County	1921	1937
Mount Pleasant	Titus County	1885	1944
Mount Vernon	Franklin County	1923	1944
Munday	Knox County	1925	1942
Nacogdoches	Nacogdoches County	1885	1946
Navasota	Grimes County	1885	1947
Nederland	Jefferson County	1949	1949
New Boston	Bowie County	1952	1952
New Braunfels	Comal County	1885	1949
Newcastle	Young County	1921	1933
Nixon	Gonzales County	1926	1935
Nocona	Montague County	1914	1949
Normangee	Leon County	1937	1937
Oakwood	Leon County	1939	1939
Odessa	Ector County	1927	1950
O'Donnell	Lynn and Dawson Counties	1935	1935
Olney	Young County	1921	1948
Orange	Orange County	1885	1961
Overton	Rusk County	1893	1939
Ozona	Crockett County	1941	1941
Paducah	Cottle County	1921	1940
Palacios	Matagorda County	1926	1944
Palestine	Anderson County	1885	1949
Palmer	Ellis County	1921	1936
Pampa	Gray County	1929	1929
Panhandle	Carson County	1929	1937
Paris	Lamar County	1885	1950
Pasadena	Harris County	1932	1943
Pearsall	Frio County	1900	1942
Pecos	Reeves County	1910	1939
Perryton	Ochiltree County	1932	1932
Pharr	Hidalgo County	1925	1949
Pilot Point	Denton County	1885	1940
Pittsburg	Camp County	1885	1942
Plainview	Hale County	1910	1943
Plano	Collin County	1885	1961

Pleasanton	Atascosa County	1926	1938
Port Arthur	Jefferson County	1900	1956
Port Lavaca	Calhoun County	1927	1940
Port Neches	Jefferson County	1949	1949
Post	Garza County	1921	1938
Quanah	Hardeman County	1892	1938
Queen City	Cass County	1885	1923
Quitaque	Briscoe County	1936	1936
Ralls	Crosby County	1926	1934
Ranger	Eastland County	1920	1943
Raymondville	Willacy County	1930	1948
Refugio	Refugio County	1935	1942
Rice	Navarro County	1921	1935
Richmond	Fort Bend County	1885	1942
Rio Grande City	Starr County	1894	1940
Rising Star	Eastland County	1921	1933
Robstown	Nueces County	1922	1947
Roby	Fisher County	1922	1935
Rock Island	Colorado County	1912	1912
Rockdale	Milam County	1885	1943
Rockport	Aransas County	1894	1943
Rocksprings	Edwards County	1948	1948
Rockwell	Rockwell County	1900	1945
Rogers	Bell County	1921	1944
Roma	Starr County	1894	1925
Roscoe	Nolan County	1921	1927
Rosebud	Falls County	1903	1936
Rosenberg	Fort Bend County	1926	1942
Rotan	Fisher County	1911	1940
Round Rock	Williamson County	1885	1937
Royse City	Rockwell County	1901	1938
Rule	Haskell County	1911	1943
Runge	Karnes County	1902	1944
Rusk	Cherokee County	1926	1949
Sabinal	Uvalde County	1924	1942
Sant Jo	Montague County	1902	1931
Sam Fordyce	Hidalgo County	1925	1925
San Angelo	Tom Green County	1885	1949
San Antonio	Bexar County	1885	1952
San Augustine	San Augustine County	1927	1937
San Benito	Cameron County	1917	1949
San Diego	Duval and Jim Wells Counties	1885	1932
San Juan	Hidalgo County	1925	1938
San Marcos	Hays County	1885	1944
San Saba	San Saba County	1885	1949
Sanderson	Terrell County	1927	1941

Sanger	Denton County	1935	1935
Santa Anna	Coleman County	1921	1942
Schulenburg	Fayette County	1889	1943
Seagraves	Gaines County	1940	1940
Sealy	Austin County	1925	1938
Seguin	Guadalupe County	1885	1945
Seminole	Gaines County	1941	1941
Seymour	Baylor County	1892	1948
Shamrock	Wheeler County	1926	1939
Sherman	Grayson County	1885	1949
Shiner	Lavaca County	1900	1940
Silsbee	Hardin County	1937	1942
Sinton	San Patricio County	1922	1948
Slaton	Lubbock County	1922	1948
Smithville	Bastrop County	1900	1942
Snyder	Scurry County	1911	1942
Somerville	Burleson County	1910	1944
Sonora	Sutton County	1937	1937
Spur	Dickens County	1927	1927
Stamford	Jones County	1908	1943
Stanton	Martin County	1935	1935
Stephenville	Erath County	1885	1949
Sterling City	Sterling County	1927	1927
Straun	Palo Pinto County	1920	1944
Sugerland	Fort Bend County	1913	1940
Sulphur Springs	Hopkins County	1885	1947
Sweetwater	Nolan County	1885	1947
Taft	San Patricio County	1933	1942
Tahoka	Lynn County	1925	1941
Taylor	Williamson County	1885	1947
Teague	Freestone County	1908	1941
Temple	Bell County	1885	1949
Terrell	Kaufman County	1885	1949
Texarkana	Bowie County	1885	1953
Texas City	Galveston County	1912	1950
Texhoma	Sherman and Texas Counties	1922	1930
Thorndale	Milam County	1925	1937
Thornton	Limestone County	1926	1926
Thurber	Erath County	1905	1911
Timpson	Shelby County	1927	1941
Tioga	Grayson County	1914	1922
Toyah	Reeves County	1927	1927
Trinity	Trinity County	1909	1943
Troup	Smith County	1899	1943
Tulia	Swisher County	1921	1936
Tyler	Smith County	1885	1950

Uvalde	Uvalde County	1885	1950
Valley Mills	Bosque County	1909	1932
Van Alstyne	Grayson County	1896	1944
Van Horn	Culberson County	1950	1950
Velasco	Brazoria County	1926	1926
Venus	Johnson County	1925	1939
Vernon	Wilbarger County	1891	1948
Vickery	Dallas County	1922	1922
Victoria	Victoria County	1885	1949
Waco	McLennan County	1885	1952
Waelder	Gonzales County	1922	1943
Walnut Springs	Bosque County	1926	1926
Waxahachie	Ellis County	1885	1959
Weatherford	Parker County	1885	1943
Weimar	Colorado County	1896	1933
Wellington	Collingsworth County	1926	1941
Weslaco	Hidalgo County	1925	1949
West	McLennan County	1900	1941
West Columbia	Brazoria County	1926	1936
Wharton	Wharton County	1894	1942
Whitesboro	Grayson County	1885	1943
Whitewright	Grayson County	1891	1939
Whitney	Hill County	1900	1931
Wichita Falls	Wichita County	1885	1954
Willis	Montgomery County	1912	1926
Wills Point	Van Zandt County	1885	1939
Winnsboro	Wood County	1899	1943
Winters	Runnels County	1917	1939
Wolfe City	Hunt County	1896	1934
Woodville	Tyler County	1904	1938
Wortham	Freestone County	1926	1935
Wylie	Collin County	1901	1934
Yoakum	De Witt and Lavaca Counties	1894	1944
Yorktown	De Witt County	1925	1941
Ysleta	El Paso County	1927	1936