**Important Tips:**
Your needs and those of your family should be the primary factors considered when evacuating from a hurricane. All citizens should prepare a plan well in advance of the evacuation.

- Assemble your disaster supplies kit with items such as flashlights, cell phones, extra batteries, battery chargers, portable radio, first aid kit, emergency water and food, medical supplies and equipment, non-electric can opener, highway map, important documents, such as insurance and medical information, etc.
- Secure your home against disaster to help reduce damages. Cover windows with shielding materials. Secure or put up any loose objects from around your home.
- If you cannot take your pets with you, make provisions for them.
- Know your area’s evacuation plan/routes before you leave home ([www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov)).
- Fill your vehicle with gas as early as possible. Take only the vehicle necessary to transport you and your family to safety. Extra vehicles create congestion.
- Bring extra cash in case banks are closed and ATMs are not working.
- Notify family and friends (especially those out of the area) of your plan and your destination.
- Develop an emergency plan in case family members are separated. Instruct all evacuating family members of the name and contact information of your designated out-of-area friend or family.
- Ensure children know how and when to call 9-1-1.
- Evacuate, traveling safely to your destination.
- Expect travel times to destinations to be longer than normal.

After the storm, listen to local officials for the all-clear signal before returning home. Check for information on [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov).

Do not try to drive through standing water. Just a few inches can float a vehicle.

**Fender-Bender?**
State law requires motorists to move fender-bender accidents out of the travel lanes to the shoulder of the road. To keep all travel lanes and shoulders clear, however, disabled vehicles on the shoulder will be relocated to the next exit ramp where further assistance may be available.

More information on hurricane preparedness and evacuating safely is available from the following:

**Shelters and Special Needs**
Call 2-1-1

**Emergency Alert Stations**
Corpus Christi: 89.5 FM KLUX
San Antonio: WOAI 1200 AM

**State of Texas**
[www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov)

**Texas Department of Transportation**
[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)

**Highway Road Conditions and Evacuation Routes**
[www.drivetexas.org](http://www.drivetexas.org)
1-800-452-9292

**TxDOT Corpus Christi District**
361-808-2660

**TxDOT San Antonio District**
210-615-1110

**Texas Department of Public Safety**
[www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us)

**Governor’s Division of Emergency Management**
[www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem)

American Red Cross
1-866-RED-CROSS

For Emergencies: Call 9-1-1

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Hurricane Evacuees need to consider the travel path of the hurricane and their destination in choosing evacuation routes. Listen to local authorities and emergency broadcasts about weather and highway conditions. TxDOT will have courtesy patrols along this route to assist motorists.

Alternate Hurricane Evacuation Routes for Corpus Christi

The Interstate 37 Emergency Shoulder Lane Plan (Evac Lane)

This plan is comprised of two parts - an urban section and a rural section. Traffic will be shifted over to the right at the transition section north of the Nueces River Bridge on I-37.

Urban Emergency Shoulder Lane Section

Uses the inside shoulder on I-37 between SH 358 (Padre Island Drive) and the north US 77 interchange (north of the Nueces River Bridge). The highway will be striped and signed to be used only for emergency evacuations.

Rural Emergency Shoulder Lane Section

Uses the outside shoulder on I-37 between the north US 77 interchange and Loop 410, Exit #133. The highway will be striped and signed for emergency use only. Traffic using the Emergency shoulder lane will have to exit at Loop 410, Exit #133 to San Antonio or other destinations of choice. The plum colored route is the route for the evacuees using the Emergency Shoulder lane to San Antonio.

I-37 will not be able to handle all traffic evacuating from Corpus Christi and the surrounding areas. Evacuees should consider alternate routes if possible.