

Important Tips

Your needs and those of your family should be the primary factors considered when determining the timing of your evacuation. Should the Evaculane be activated, citizens will be advised through local radio and television stations.

All citizens should prepare a plan well in advance of the evacuation.

The following steps are recommended:

- ✓ 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.texasonline.com).
- ✓ 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 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 significantly longer than normal.

After the storm, listen to local officials for the all-clear signal before returning home. Check for information at www.texasonline.com.

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 active travel lanes in order keep all travel lanes clear; however, disabled vehicles will be relocated to the next exit ramp where further assistance may be available.

More information on hurricane preparedness and evacuation safety is available from the following:

Shelters and Special Needs

Call 2-1-1

Emergency Alert Stations

Houston: KTRH 740 AM
San Antonio: WOAI 1200 AM

State of Texas

www.texasonline.com

Texas Department of Transportation

www.txdot.gov

Highway Road Conditions and Evacuation Routes

www.drivetexas.org

1-800-452-9292

Texas Department of Public Safety

www.txdps.state.tx.us

Governor's Division of Emergency Management

www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

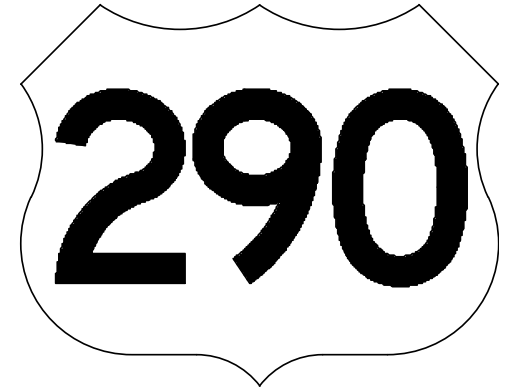
1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767)

For Emergencies: Call 9-1-1

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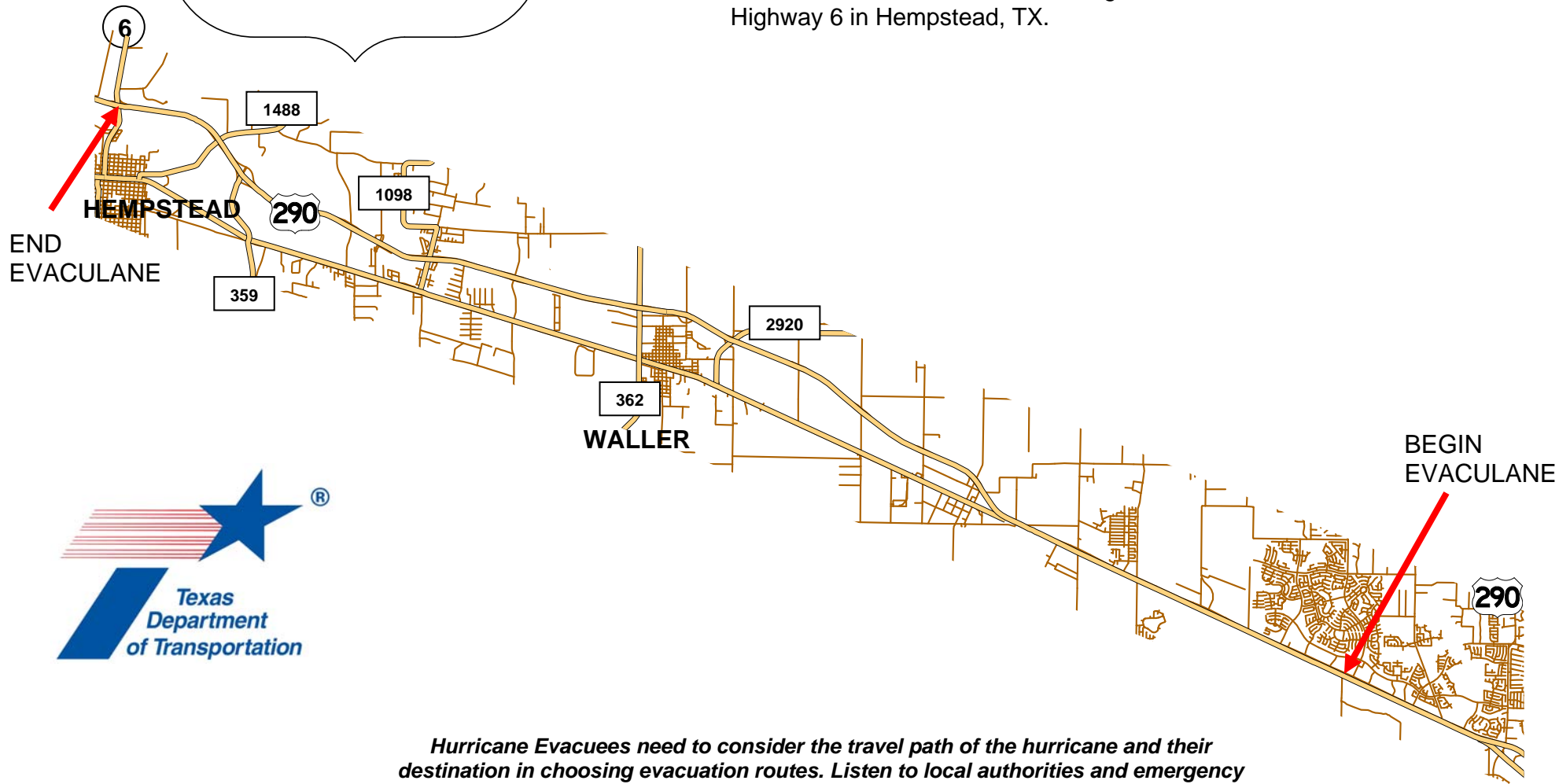
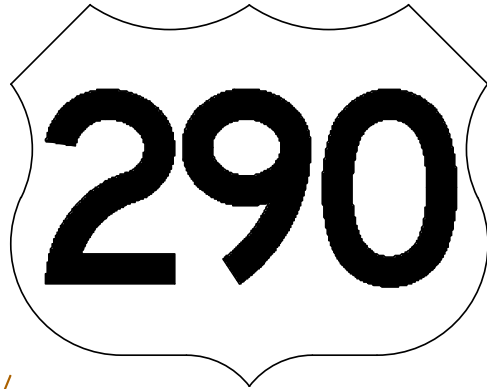
Hurricane Shoulder Evaculane

Motorist Advisory



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WHO...This plan will affect motorists evacuating from Houston.

WHY...To help move citizens safely and efficiently out of harm's way during evacuations.

WHAT...If this plan is activated, the outside shoulder of US 290 will be opened to traffic.

WHEN...The Evaculane may be allowed when the Houston area is threatened by a hurricane and voluntary evacuations are issued. Motorists will be notified through local media and the activation of the Evaculane Signs on the route. The Evaculane may be used with or without the separate Contraflow plan.

WHERE...The Evaculane will begin east of Mason Rd. and will end at State Highway 6 in Hempstead, TX.

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.