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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SPI provides hurricane preparedness resources**

**South Padre Island, TX, May 31, 2024:** The City of South Padre Island would like to remind you to be prepared during this hurricane season. Planning what to do in advance is an important part of being prepared. As a coastal community, we all play a part in protecting our residents, businesses, and Island.

“We recommend that everyone have an emergency plan in place in the event of a hurricane,” stated Jim Pigg, Fire Chief. “What you do today could be what keeps you safe tomorrow.”

One of the challenges in preparing for a disaster is knowing how to access information on how to best prepare. A good place to start is one of these websites:

- [ready.gov/hurricanes](https://ready.gov/hurricanes)
- [gov.texas.gov/hurricane](https://gov.texas.gov/hurricane)

Download [FEMA's mobile app](#) so you can access important safety tips on what to do before, during, and after a hurricane. Understand the National Hurricane Center warnings and alerts and [sign up](#) for Rave Mobile Safety, the City's emergency notification system that sends out notifications directly to you via your home phone, cell phone and/or email. Below is a list of important numbers.

- SPI City Hall (956) 761-8101
- SPI Fire Department (956) 761-3040
- SPI Police Department Non-Emergent (956) 761-5454
- SPI Health and Code Enforcement (956) 761-8123
- SPI Building Division (956) 761-8104
- Cameron County Sheriff (956) 554-6700
- Cameron County Office of Emergency Management (956) 547-7000
- Texas Department of Public Safety Harlingen Office (956) 440-6725
- Texas Department of Transportation (956) 702-6101
- National Weather Service Brownsville Office (956) 504-1432

Many use social media in the event of a disaster to let relatives and friends know they are safe. Social media provides the perfect platform to model preparedness actions for others. It is a



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great way to stay current with the City, state, and national social media resources and warnings. Here are a few to follow:

- [facebook.com/CityofSPI](https://facebook.com/CityofSPI)
- [twitter.com/CityofSPI](https://twitter.com/CityofSPI)
- [instagram.com/cityofspi](https://instagram.com/cityofspi)
- [redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast](https://redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast)
- [cameroncounty.us/emergency-management](https://cameroncounty.us/emergency-management)
- [TxDOT Hurricane Preparation - Evacuation and Contraflow Routes](#)
- [TxDOT Drive Texas - Road Construction Map](#)

If you live, own a business, or own property on South Padre Island, you will need a re-entry sticker for your vehicle to be able to return to the Island in the event of an emergency. A re-entry sticker does not guarantee re-entry until emergency officials determine conditions are safe for return. If a storm is within 48 hours of landfall, re-entry stickers will no longer be issued. To view forms and items required to obtain a re-entry sticker, [click here](#).

Develop an emergency plan and practice how and where you will evacuate if instructed by emergency management officials. When making an emergency plan, keep these things in mind:

- Property vulnerability and irreplaceable items
- Important documents (House, personal, vehicle, etc.)
- Medication and first aid (emergency bag)
- Food and water
- Transportation (Evacuation routes/zones, mode of transportation, refueling)
- Evacuation location (what will you do while evacuating)
- Communication plan
- Pets (Records, food and water, medication)
- Reconvening location

Awareness and preparation can reduce the impact of hurricane disasters. Families, individuals, and businesses know their vulnerability and the actions to take to prepare to reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.

Hurricane season is from June 1st to November 30th.

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