



GUADALUPE COUNTY

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Flood Awareness Week: Reinforcing Preparedness and Awareness

GUADALUPE COUNTY, TX—Guadalupe County will observe Flood Awareness Week from May 19 through May 23, reminding residents of the importance of flood preparedness and safety.

Informational materials will be available this week at the Guadalupe County Development Center, 310 IH-10 West in Seguin. Residents are encouraged to stop by and pick up a free Document Checklist protective bag, water gauges, floodplain permit information, and other items to assist them in their preparation.

"Flooding is one of the most common and expensive natural disasters in our region," said Daniella Valdez, the Environmental Health Director for Guadalupe County. "The soil becomes dry and hard during this drought, making it more susceptible to flash floods since it cannot absorb water easily. It is important to stay informed and prepare your emergency plans in advance."

Residents are urged to take the following steps to stay safe:

- **Discuss a plan** with family in advance
- **Sign up for the Regional Emergency Alert System** to receive real-time updates for Guadalupe County
Sign-up link can be found on the [GuadalupeTX.gov](https://member.everbridge.net/892807736723690/new) home page or visit:
<https://member.everbridge.net/892807736723690/new>
- **Pack an emergency bag** with essentials such as medications, a list of emergency numbers, and important documents
- **Know evacuation routes** and backup options
- **Stay informed by monitoring local news**, weather updates, and weather alerts
- **Remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown.** Never drive through flooded roadways or low-water crossings

The County urges residents to review their emergency plans and protect their families and properties proactively. For more information, visit **GuadalupeTX.gov** or contact our Environmental Health Department at (830) 303-8858.

Links:

Turn Around Don't Drown PSA by Matt Hawk – Create Audio for sound bite.

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/flood-turn-around-dont-drown>

National Weather Service: During A Flood Information

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/flood-during>

Ready.gov/floods

<https://www.ready.gov/floods>

BePrepared.com

https://www.beprepared.com/blogs/articles/12-ways-to-survive-a-flood?_pos=3&_sid=1831b9868&_ss=r

<https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0338/9626/7916/files/Flood-Infographic-download.pdf>

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