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Disaster Survivors Can Get Rebuilding Tips from Local Home Improvement Stores

AUSTIN, Texas – Disaster survivors from Hidalgo and Cameron counties who are rebuilding and repairing their homes after the severe storms and floods of June 18-July 13, 2018, can visit Lowe’s or Home Depot stores to get free hazard mitigation consultations from FEMA mitigation representatives.

Mitigation advisors will be on-hand to answer questions about rebuilding and protecting homes from future disaster-related damage. Topics include flood insurance and elevating of utilities. Most of the information provided is geared toward do-it-yourself work and general contractors.

FEMA Mitigation Specialists will be available at these stores:

County	Locations	Dates	Hours
Hidalgo	Lowe’s Store 707 South Jackson Road Pharr, TX 78577	Monday, Aug. 6 Tues. Aug. 7 – Aug. 11	9a.m.-6:30p.m. 8a.m.-6:30p.m.
Hidalgo	Home Depot 409 North Jackson Road Pharr, TX 78577	Monday, Aug. 6 Tues. Aug. 7 – Aug. 11	9a.m.-6:30p.m. 8a.m.-6:30p.m.
Hidalgo	Lowe’s Store 1015 East Expy 83 Weslaco, TX 78596	Monday, Aug. 13 Tues. Aug. 14 – Aug. 18	9a.m.-6:30p.m. 8a.m.-6:30p.m.
Hidalgo	Home Depot 1500 West Expy 83 Weslaco, TX 78596	Monday, Aug. 13 Tues. Aug. 14 – Aug. 18	9a.m.-6:30p.m. 8a.m.-6:30p.m.

For Texas disaster mitigation information, visit www.fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation. For additional information about mitigation, visit www.fema.gov/what-mitigation. For information on protecting properties from disaster, visit www.fema.gov/protect-your-property.

Survivors can register for FEMA assistance through Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, online at <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>, or may call 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585. Those who use 711 Relay or Video Relay Services may call 800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time, seven days a week.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) offers federal low-interest loans to businesses of all sizes, most nonprofits, homeowners and renters. Apply online using SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. You can apply in person at any disaster recovery center and receive personal, one-on-one help from an SBA representative. For additional information or to find a location near you, visit www.sba.gov/disaster, call SBA at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. To apply by mail, send completed paper application to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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