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Disaster Survivors Can Get Rebuilding Tips from Local Home Improvement Stores

AUSTIN, Texas – Disaster survivors from Hidalgo, Cameron and Jim Wells counties who are rebuilding and repairing their homes can visit local home improvement 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
Cameron	Lowe's Store 4705 South Expy 77/83 Harlingen, TX 78550	Monday, Aug. 20 Tues. Aug. 21 – Sat. Aug. 25	9a.m.-6:30p.m. 8a.m.-6:30p.m.
Cameron	Home Depot 4710 South Expy 83 Harlingen, TX 78552	Monday, Aug. 20 Tues. Aug. 21 – Sat. Aug. 25	9a.m.-6:30p.m. 8a.m.-6:30p.m.
Cameron	Lowe's 525 East Ruben Torres Blvd Brownsville, TX 78520	Monday, Aug. 27 Tues. Aug. 28 – Sat. Sept. 1	9a.m.-6:30p.m. 8a.m.-6:30p.m.
Cameron	Home Depot 605 West Morrison Road Brownsville, TX 78520	Monday, Aug. 27 Tues. Aug. 28 – Sat. Sept. 1	9a.m.-6:30p.m. 8a.m.-6:30p.m.
Cameron	Home Depot 4551 Padre Island Hwy Brownsville, TX 78521	Monday, Sept. 3 Tues. Sept. 4 – Sat. Sept. 8	9a.m.-6:30p.m. 8a.m.-6:30p.m.
Jim Wells	Alamo Lumber Company 117 Martin Luther King Rd Alice, TX 78332	Monday, Aug. 13 Tues. Aug. 14 – Sat. Aug. 18	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Jim Wells	Sutherlands Lumber 1250 E. Houston St Alice, TX 78332	Monday, Aug. 20 Tues. Aug. 21 – Sat. Aug. 25	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Jim Wells	McCoy's Building Supply 3761 E. Hwy. 44 Alice, TX 78332	Monday, Aug. 27 Tues. Aug. 28 – Sat. Sept. 1	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.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. Survivors may 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. Those 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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