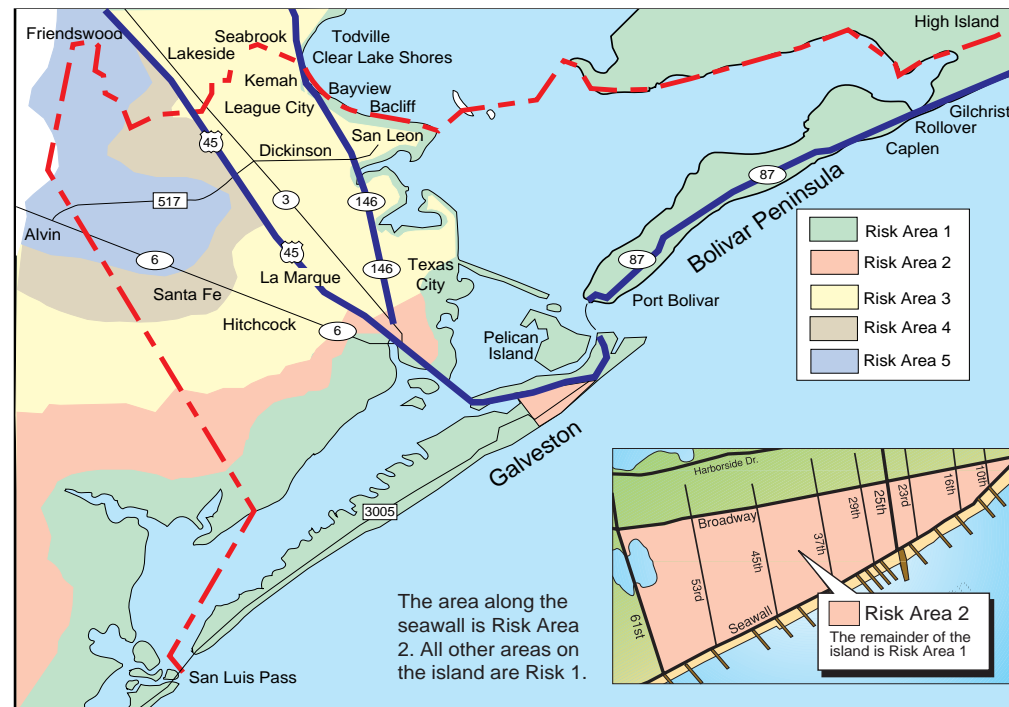


## Risk areas in Galveston County

Galveston County officials will also be monitoring the situation if a storm enters or forms in the Gulf of Mexico.

However, in making preparations for protecting your home, this map gives an outline of what effect different categories of hurricanes would have. For instance, flooding and other storm damage would be expected by a Category 1 hurricane in Risk Area 1.



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## On the Web: Information about area conditions

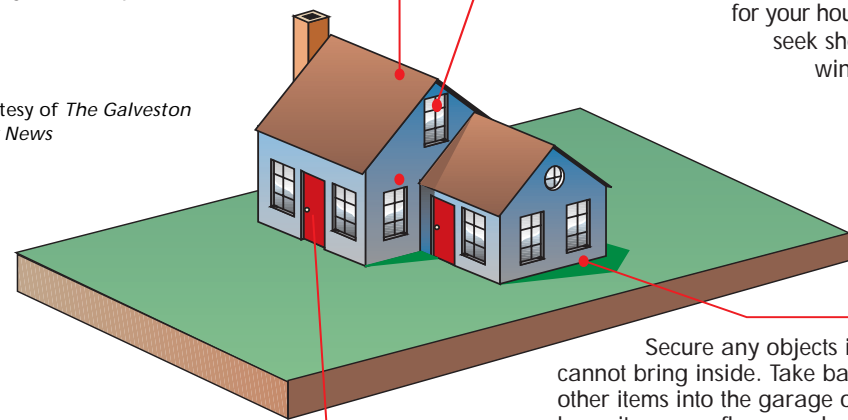
- **THE GALVESTON COUNTY DAILY NEWS:** <http://www.galvnews.com>
- **NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER:** <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/index.html>
- **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, HOUSTON/GALVESTON:** <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/FTPROOT/HGX/HTML/index2.htm>
- **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE:** <http://iwin.nws.noaa.gov/iwin/graphicsversion/bigmain.html>

## Protecting your home

### Preparing your roof

Houses with gabled roofs are most likely to suffer damage during strong winds. Gabled roofs can be strengthened by placing two 2-by-4s in an X pattern near the front of the center arch. Many homes in the area should also be strengthened with hurricane anchors. The straps fasten to the wall studs and roof slats. It may be necessary to call a professional to install the straps.

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### Preparing your doors

If your house has double doors, hardware stores have bolts to reinforce the inactive door. If there is glass in the door, protect the window just as you would the windows on the rest of your house. The garage door should be strengthened with 2-by-4 horizontal bracing.

### Protecting windows

Taping your windows provides no protection from objects that can be sent flying in a hurricane, but the tape does help stop the glass from flying through the house. Closing your curtains also provides some protection from flying glass. Boarding up your windows with plywood is a good idea because if the windows are broken, wind can help weaken and remove the roof from your house. Still better are metal storm shutters built specifically for your house. As the storm approaches, seek shelter in a room with no windows, preferably the bathroom. It is the most reinforced room in your house because of all the pipes that are anchored in the ground.

### Preparing your yard

Secure any objects in your back yard that you cannot bring inside. Take barbecue pits, lawn chairs and other items into the garage or house. When winds pick up, loose items can fly around and break windows or injure someone in the area. Another step toward preparedness is to use earth augers, also known as hurricane tie-downs, to secure mobile homes, trees, garages and even dog houses. A generator is a good thing to have in case of a power outage. Be sure it is kept in good running condition. Plastic is also good to keep around in case a window blows out.

# Hurricane Preparation Guide

## PERSONNEL

**Essential personnel (E1)** remain at UTMB during a declared emergency. All essential employees must report to and/or remain at work until released by their supervisors. If you are classified as E1, discuss your specific responsibilities during an emergency with your supervisor.

**Reserve Essential (E2)** employees must report to designated facilities to help prepare for emergencies. Ask your supervisor where to report. E2 employees may be released during the emergency or they may be redesignated as essential.

**Re-Entry Essential (E3)** personnel must return to work to relieve E1 and E2 personnel as soon as possible after the emergency status is lifted. These employees provide relief to those employees who have worked during the duration of the storm or other event.\*

**Nonessential (N)** personnel are not required to remain at work during a declared emergency, but they cannot leave until released by their supervisor. They must return to work once routine operations are resumed.\*

\* NOTE: E3 and nonessential personnel should call the ALERT line, check the university web site or monitor media reports to determine when to return.

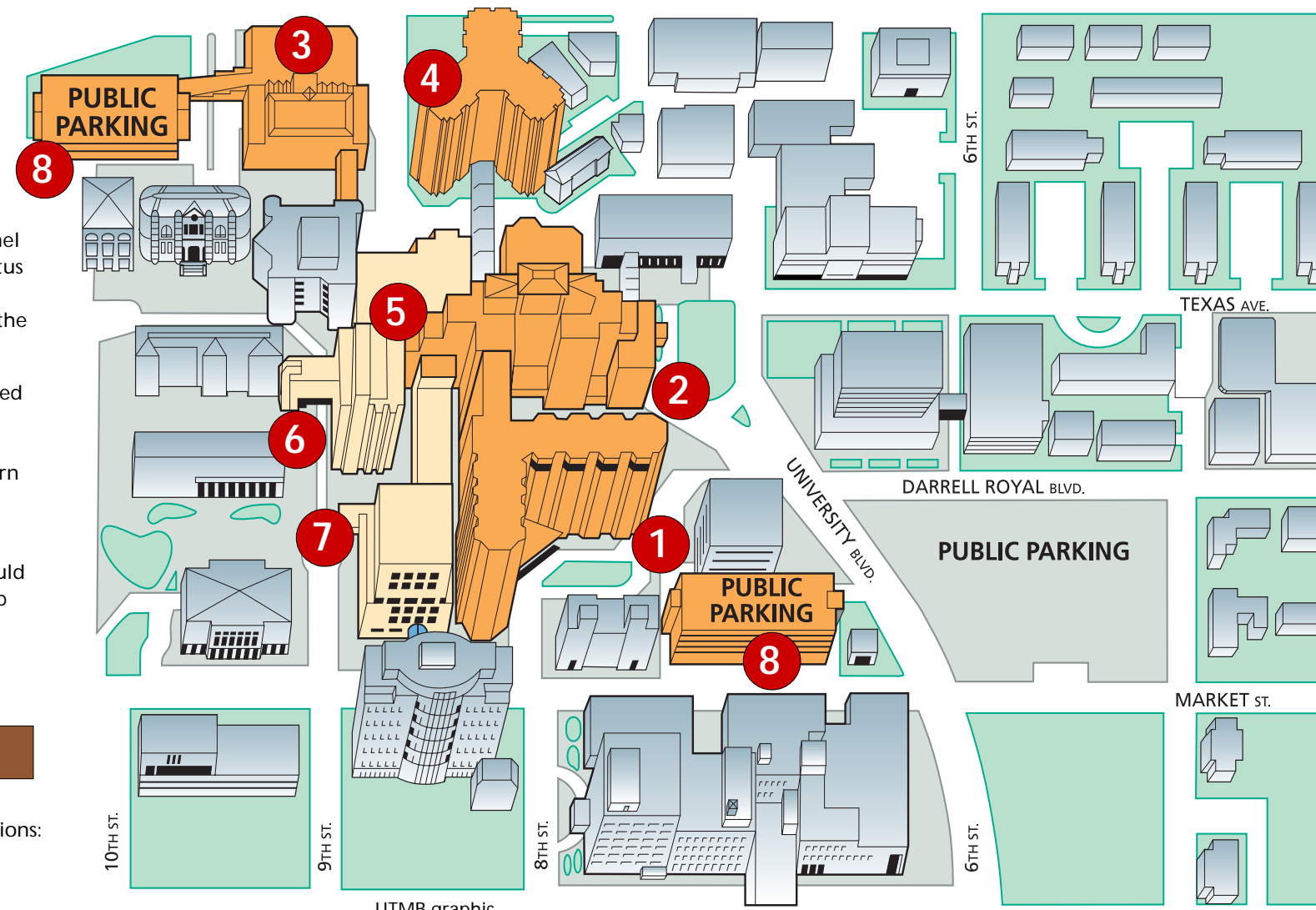
## UTMB INFORMATION

To find out about the status of UTMB operations:

- By phone**  
ALERT line at (409)77ALERT [772-5378] or (888) 772-5449
- On the web**  
PRIMARY: [www2.utmb.edu/alert/](http://www2.utmb.edu/alert/)  
BACKUP: [www.homestead.com/utmbalert](http://www.homestead.com/utmbalert)  
PREPARATION: [www2.utmb.edu/severe\\_weather](http://www2.utmb.edu/severe_weather)
- Radio**  
KGBC 1540 AM and KTRH 740 AM carry UTMB reports, as will area television stations.
- Other**  
Updates will also be sent via broadcast e-mail and campus monitors. To monitor weather conditions on the island, call (409)74STORM [747-8676]

## KEY UTMB OPERATIONS DURING A HURRICANE

*UTMB hospitals never close. This fact is especially important during a natural disaster, such as a hurricane. Below are the key buildings that will remain open if a disaster is declared.*



### Legend

- Orange box: These would be the primary buildings if an emergency is declared.
- Yellow box: Many areas of these buildings would be closed if an emergency is declared.
- Grey box: These buildings would be closed if an emergency is declared.

### OPEN

- The primary buildings to remain open during a hurricane will be:
- 1 John Sealy
  - 2 John Sealy Annex
  - 3 Emergency Room
  - 4 TDCJ Hospital

### PARTIALLY OPEN

- Certain parts of these buildings, such as labs, will remain open. (Depending upon the number of patients, Children's might close)
- 5 McCollough
  - 6 Clinical Sciences
  - 7 Children's Hospital

- 8 Employees who are reporting to work during the storm should use these two parking garages. They should not park on either the ground or top floors.

## EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

### When coming into the hospital areas for housing:

- Bring your I.D. badge. You will not be able to get in without it.
- Be sure of the location of members of your family who are staying outside the hospital.
- Parking is available for one approved family car in the garage and may not be available if you are not here early.
- There are facilities on request for dependents. (Only single parents or if both parents are E1)

### What to bring and not to bring (for seven days):

#### FOOD

- Money for family meals, etc.
- Canned goods—variety might include juice, vegetables and some soups—in case food service is not available.
- Nonperishables—cereals, peanut butter, granola bars.
- Drinking water in case of disrupted water supply.
- Bread or crackers.
- Coolers with ice.
- Soda or other nonalcoholic beverages.
- Infant formulas, diapers, etc.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- I.D. badge.
- Bed linens, blankets, towels, pillows, air mattresses, etc. as required.
- Clothing—shorts, sturdy sneakers, other loose, comfortable clothes.
- Personal medications (seven-day supply).
- Soap, hygiene items.
- Plates, cups, utensils.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Battery-operated portable radio.
- Recreational items—cards, games, etc..
- Non-electric can opener.
- Nonelectric alarm clock.

### Do not bring

- Pets.
- Large supply of clothing, food, etc.
- Expensive personal property that cannot be carried with you.
- Kitchen appliances, charcoal stoves, lanterns, candles or other fire hazards.
- Personal TV sets.