



STATE OF TEXAS  
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The most common disaster in Texas is flooding which poses a serious threat to lives and property in our state. In communities large and small and across every region of our state, floods have caused extensive damage to homes and infrastructure while claiming lives far too soon. While flooding can occur at any time of year, the spring and summer months often bring an increased risk due to severe thunderstorms and hurricanes, making heightened awareness and preparedness especially important.

The devastating Hill Country floods in 2025, which will forever serve as a solemn reminder of the dangers floods pose, prompted key legislation to be signed into law to strengthen the state's flood preparedness. I signed House Bill 3 to appropriate nearly \$3 million from Texas' Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) for disaster relief, preparedness, and training initiatives, which includes \$50 million for local grants to purchase flood warning equipment and \$28 million to improve weather forecasting. These laws will never heal the pain our state has endured from the significant losses of life and property, but are designed to save lives and spare others from that heartbreak.

To further reduce risks associated with floods, Texans should take time to understand the basics of disaster preparedness, pack an emergency supply kit, assess potential hazards in their communities, and make an emergency plan. Equally important is maintaining a prudent and prepared mindset in the face of potential emergencies so that we can safeguard ourselves and those around us. When storms are on the horizon, I urge Texans to remain weather-aware, regularly check road conditions, and heed the guidance of state and local officials to ensure the safety of themselves and their loved ones.

When flooding occurs, caution is paramount. Texans should never attempt to cross floodwaters, regardless of how shallow they may appear. Public safety campaigns such as "Turn Around, Don't Drown" reinforce this critical message and highlight a sobering reality: as little as six inches of moving water can sweep a person off their feet, and only two feet of water can carry away larger vehicles.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about flood safety and to share this knowledge with friends and loved ones. Texans can find flood and severe weather safety information at [TexasReady.gov](https://www.texasready.gov), check road conditions at [DriveTexas.org](https://www.drive-texas.org), and access all-hazards preparedness tips at [tdem.texas.gov/prepare](https://www.tdem.texas.gov/prepare). Although flooding cannot always be prevented, thoughtful preparation and responsible action can reduce its impact and help build a safer and more resilient future for our state.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 18 - 22, 2026, to be

## Texas Flood Awareness Week

in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 19th day of March, 2026.

  
Governor of Texas

