



## Alert Bulletin 2 – August 24, 2017, 4:00 pm

Tropical Storm Harvey is undergoing rapid intensification and projected to reach Category 3 strength by the time makes landfill Friday evening. Once Harvey makes landfall, it is expected to stall somewhere inland from the middle Texas coast, possibly for several days. Updated maps project the storm path to include Bexar County. If Harvey stalls over an area including Bexar County there could be a very significant and lasting rainfall event.

It is stressed these projections should be taken seriously and personal preparations made for a storm event including heavy rainfall for sustained periods of time and high winds predicted to reach 40-50 miles per hour. Other concerns include the following:

- Residential property damage resulting from high winds;
- Localized flooding of low water crossings and terrain;
- Fallen trees and/or large tree limbs potentially damaging residential structures;
- Be alert for downed power lines that could be tangled in fallen trees or tree limbs and treat every downed wire as if it is a charged electrical wire.

As a matter of your personal preparation planning, do not forget to arrange for family pets. Should it be necessary to leave a home due to damage or flooding many shelters will not accept pets with the exception of *service animals*. If a hotel is the family choice be certain it is a pet friendly location. Private kennels will fill up fast so if that is your choice do not delay in making your reservation.

It is recommended that local news and weather stations are monitored throughout the evening and tomorrow for updates on this very dangerous storm. Several of the coastal cities have already initiated evacuations including *Rockport and Port Aransas.* We will continue to send updated information by email and on the City website should there be any significant changes.