

News From The City of Harlingen



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Harlingen Begins Cleanup Efforts

Harlingen, Texas– The City of Harlingen has begun to remove brush and debris from neighborhoods and City roadways left behind by Hurricane Hanna. The Category 1 hurricane that pounded the Rio Grande Valley on July 26 & 27 dumped almost 12 inches of rain throughout the City causing temporary flash flooding, and downed trees and power lines in several areas of the City, temporarily closing numerous roads.

Thousands of residents were left without power during the height of the hurricane and many continue to wait for utility companies to restore power throughout the City. Some of the City's Lift Stations were also affected by the power outages and unable to pump wastewater to the City's treatment plant. AEP has been notified and is trying to restore power in the City as soon as possible.

Yesterday, City staff began assessing damage throughout the City and began clearing debris from roadways. Residents that have already started cleanup efforts should place debris/brush in the front curb for pick up.

Storm brush/debris pick up will begin on Wednesday, July 29. Residents are asked to place the brush/debris on the curb, not on the road. Also, brush and storm debris should be placed in two separate piles not to exceed five feet in length and two feet in diameter. Crews will begin working in Area 1, once the entire area is done, they will move on to the other areas of the City. This schedule will continue for the next couple of months until all of the hurricane brush/debris is picked up.

Residents can help us ensure we pick up all brush/debris on roadways and other public areas by emailing information and pictures to reporthgn@myharlingen.us.

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Meantime, the Health Department will also begin to larvicide standing water throughout the City to diminish the breeding of mosquitoes as soon as the rain stops. You can help by turning any standing water in your yards that could have accumulated in flower pots and pet dishes.

Also, the Federal Government has granted a Federal Declaration that will open the door for FEMA help.

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