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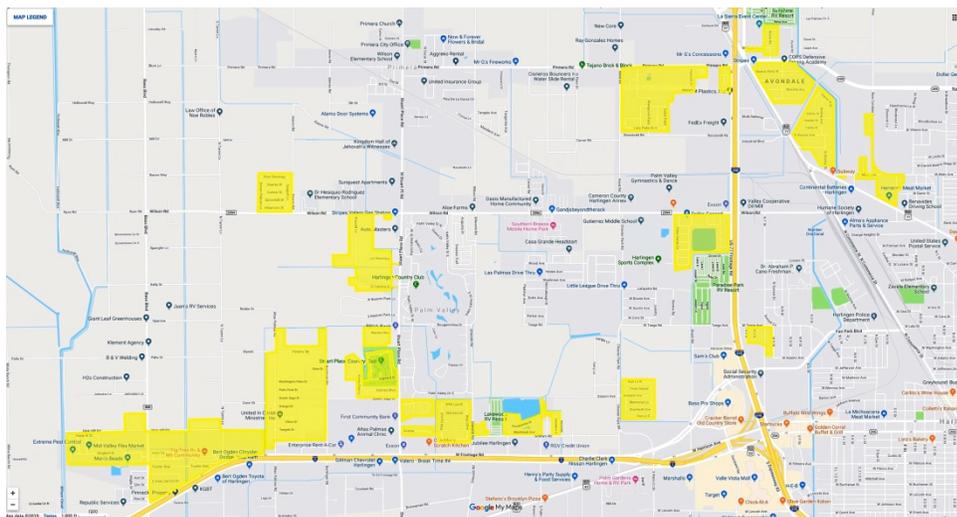
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Cleanup, Mosquito Spraying, and Damage Assessment Continues in Harlingen

Harlingen, Texas—City of Harlingen employees continue picking up debris throughout the City that was left behind by the unexpected June 24 Rain Event that appears to have affected more than 4,000 homes in Harlingen.

Crews continue to work 12-14 hours shifts to pick up debris. On June 30, they worked all of the



yellow highlighted areas on the attached map and collected more than 467,000 pounds of debris and damaged items that homeowners have pulled out of their homes.

Residents who have not yet pulled out debris still have time as crews will continue to visit all

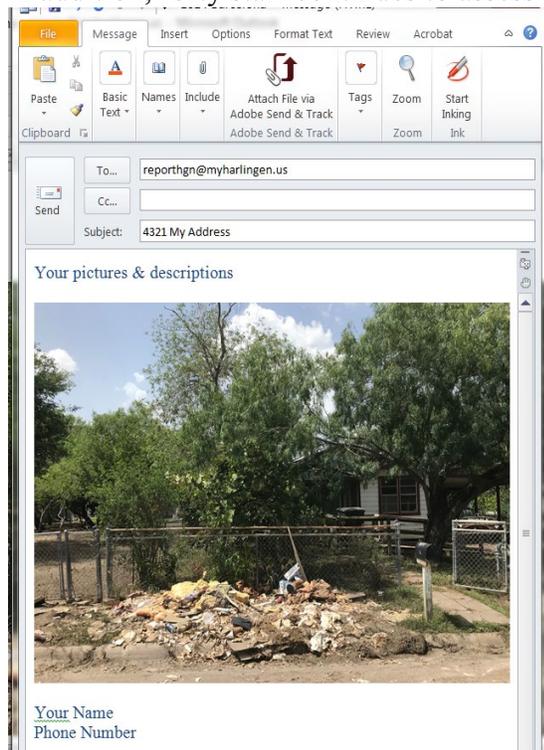
areas of the City especially those affected by flooding. Debris and other water damaged materials

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should be placed on the curb like normal brush. As always, hazardous materials such as paint cannot be taken to the landfill. Businesses in Harlingen with debris and water damaged materials are invited to take it directly to the landfill located at 4900 East Harrison Ave.

Meantime, The Health Department continues to larvicide standing water and has begun spraying for mosquitoes throughout the City. Crews sprayed the entire City last week and will continue this week and next. Residents are encouraged to help by turning over all containers in their yards that hold water such as flower pots, bird baths, and even tires. As a reminder, mosquitoes like to hide in tall grass so everyone is encouraged to cut their grass and if spending time outdoors, they're encouraged to use mosquito repellent and wear long sleeves and pants.

In addition, City staff continues to assess the damages caused by the unexpected June 24 Rain



Event and has set up an email reporthgn@myharlingen.us where residents can share information about the damage to their homes along with photos to help the City determine how much damage occurred here.

The email should include the property address like in the screen shot to the left. They can also use the free City of Harlingen Mobile App using an Android or Apple device. The user friendly app allows people to ask a general question or make a report.

To begin simply choose the + sign at the top of the screen and then follow the prompts. You can add a picture, your contact information and then submit your request.

It's fast and easy just download the app by visiting <https://play.google.com/store/search?q=harlingen> for Android devices or

<https://www.apple.com/us/search/harlingen?src=globalnav> for Apple devices.

This information will help ensure that we meet the threshold required for federal help. We are currently awaiting word from the Federal Government as to whether FEMA help will be available. Texas Governor Greg Abbott has signed a disaster declaration for our area and it has been sent to the President for his approval. We will notify you as soon as more information becomes available.

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