

Hurricane Planning and Sheltering



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- **The City of Austin is a key partner in a regional system called the “Capital Area Shelter Hub” (CASH) to shelter hurricane evacuees from the Coast.**
 - **During major hurricanes, evacuees flee inland.**
 - **Large cities like Austin and San Antonio are almost always impacted.**
 - **We have one of the largest, most complex, and best managed shelter systems in the Nation!**



Many evacuees come by car. We have a carefully rehearsed system to get these evacuees to shelters located in High Schools and Middle Schools in Travis, Williamson, and Hays Counties.

In extreme conditions, we can house as many as 25,000 evacuees in 75 shelters. Approximately 1/3 of these shelters are in the City of Austin.

Hurricane	Evacuees	Location(s)
Katrina	5,500	Convention Center
Rita	18,000	53 Shelters
Gustav	1,000	3 Shelters
Ike	6,000	23 Shelters



Additionally, the City of Austin has an agreement to accept evacuees from Galveston and Galveston County that do not have their own transportation.

- If available, they are housed at the Austin Convention Center.**
- Otherwise they are sheltered in school facilities.**



How can public help?

- Volunteer to help at a shelter during an event. Contact the American Red Cross (512) 928-4271 for details.
- Make sure that you and your family are prepared. Hurricanes can bring severe thunderstorms and small tornados as far inland as Austin. Roads may be crowded and stores may be busy:
 - Have a personal emergency kit.
 - Make sure that you have food, water, and medicines on hand, to last for several days, before the storm arrives.
 - Make sure that your car has plenty of fuel.

