

Important Tips

Your needs and those of your family should be the primary factors considered when determining the timing of your evacuation. Should the Evaculane be activated, citizens will be advised through local radio and television stations.

All citizens should prepare a plan well in advance of the evacuation.

The following steps are recommended:

- ✓ Assemble your disaster supplies kit with items such as flashlights, cell phones, extra batteries, battery chargers, portable radio, first aid kit, emergency water and food, medical supplies and equipment, non-electric can opener, highway map, important documents, such as insurance and medical information, etc.
- ✓ Secure your home against disaster to help reduce damages. Cover windows with shielding materials. Secure or put up any loose objects from around your home.
- ✓ If you cannot take your pets with you, make provisions for them.
- ✓ Know your area's evacuation plan/routes before you leave home (<http://www.texas.gov>).
- ✓ Fill your vehicle with gas as early as possible. Take only the vehicle necessary to transport you and your family to safety. Extra vehicles create congestion.
- ✓ Bring extra cash in case banks are closed and ATMs are not working.
- ✓ Notify family and friends (especially those out the area) of your plan and your destination.
- ✓ Develop an emergency plan in case family members are separated. Instruct all evacuating family members of the name and contact information of your designated out-of-area friend or family.
- ✓ Ensure children know how and when to call 9-1-1.
- ✓ Evacuate, traveling safely to your destination.
- ✓ Expect travel times to destinations to be significantly longer than normal.

After the storm, listen to local officials for the all-clear signal before returning home. Check for information at www.texas.gov.

Do not try to drive through standing water. Just a few inches can float a vehicle.

Fender-Bender?

State law requires motorists to move fender-bender accidents out of active travel lanes in order keep all travel lanes clear; however, disabled vehicles will be relocated to the next exit ramp where further assistance may be available.

More information on hurricane preparedness and evacuation safety is available from the following:

Shelters and Special Needs

Call 2-1-1

Emergency Alert Stations

Pharr: KURV 710 AM Corpus
Christi: KLUX 89.5 FM San
Antonio: WOAI 1200 AM

State of Texas

www.texas.gov

Texas Department of Transportation

www.txdot.gov

Highway Road Conditions and Evacuation Routes

www.drivetexas.org

1-800-452-9292

Texas Department of Public Safety

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/>

Governor's Division of Emergency Management

<https://tdem.texas.gov/>

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767)

For Emergencies: Call 9-1-1

RIO GRANDE VALLEY PHARR DISTRICT

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Hurricane Evacuation Routes

Motorist Advisory

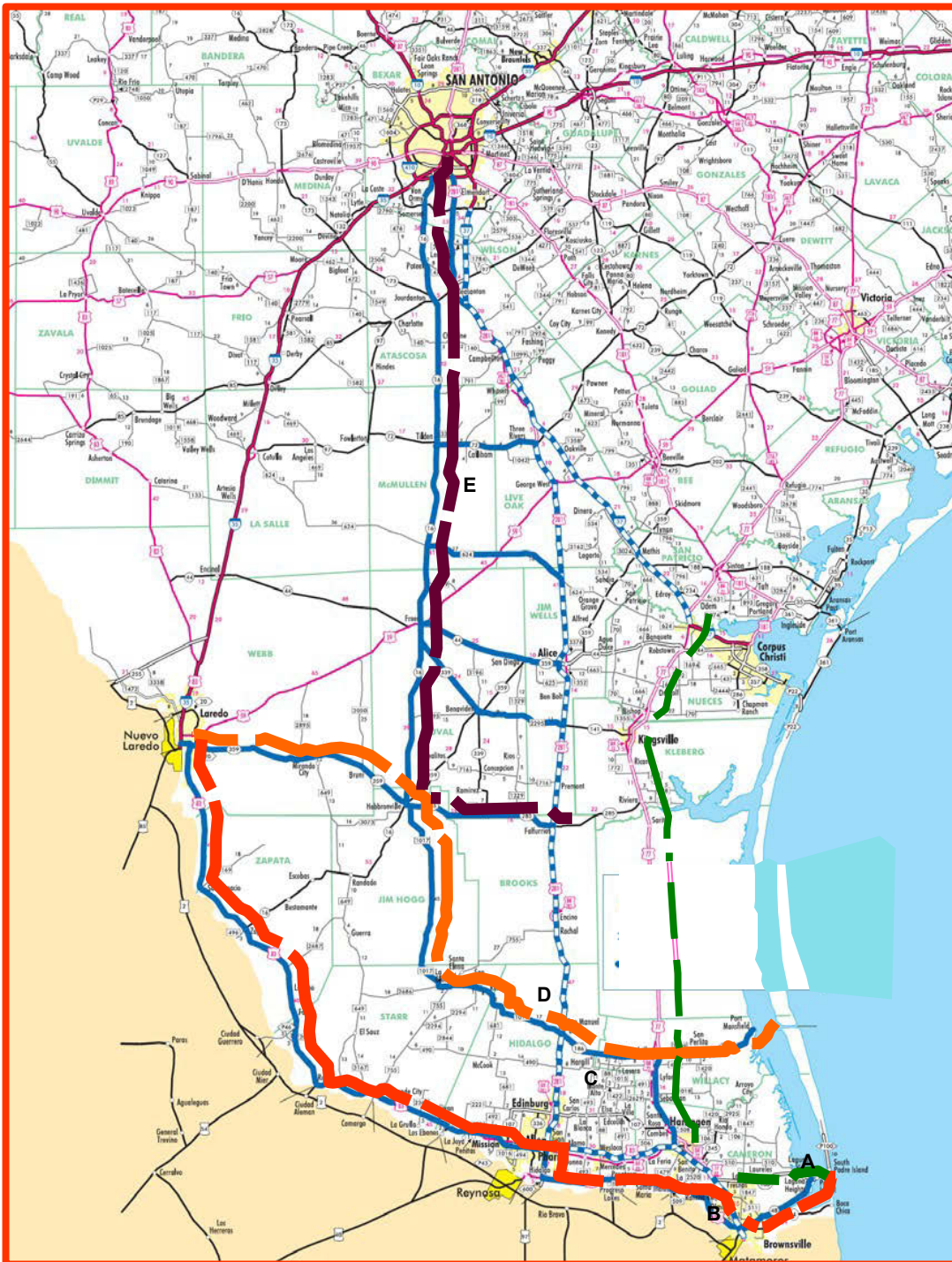


Alternate Hurricane Evacuation Routes for Rio Grande Valley

- A. SH 100 from SPI/Port Isabel–travel to IH 69E/US 77/83 northbound, then to US 77 to Raymondville, continue North on US 77 to I-37 in Corpus Christi and northwest to San Antonio via I-37–**Green Solid & Dashed Route** (*Available only if Corpus Christi is not evacuating*).
 - B. SH 48 from SPI/Port Isabel west to US 281 (Military Highway) in Brownsville and continue west on US 281 to South Pharr, then turn on US 281 North to I-2/US 83 West and head west to Laredo–**Red Route**.
 - C. CONTRA-FLOW ROUTE US 77/83–travel northbound from Brownsville to Harlingen, then west on I-2/US 83 to the Pharr Interchange, then North on US 281 to I-37 to San Antonio–**Dashed Blue Route** (*Motorists could be re-routed from I-37 to US Highway 281 just west of I-37 to San Antonio as traffic demands it–Solid Blue Route*).
- I-37 from Corpus Christi to San Antonio is also a contra-flowed route.*
- D. SH 186 from Port Mansfield/Raymondville–travel west to US 281 and continue west on FM 1017 to SH 285 in Hebbroville, then west on SH 359 to Laredo or north on SH 16 to San Antonio–**Orange Route**.
 - E. SH 285 in Falfurrias–travel west to SH 16 in Hebbroville and continue north on SH 16 to San Antonio–**Maroon Route**.

Hurricane Evacuees need to consider the travel path of the hurricane and their destination when choosing their evacuation routes. Listen to local authorities and emergency broadcasts about weather and highway conditions.

TxDOT will have courtesy patrols on major roadways.



US 281 will not be able to handle all traffic evacuating from the Rio Grande Valley and the surrounding areas. Evacuees should consider alternate routes.