



MEDIA ADVISORY

Dallas County Judge Jenkins Urges Residents to be Prepared

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Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins is urging all Dallas County residents to stay alert over the next few days as weather patterns indicate a continued chance of rain and the National Weather Service has put Dallas County under a Flash Flood Watch [from Thursday afternoon through Saturday](#). Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff will be monitoring the situation closely to ensure the residents of Dallas County remain informed and are kept safe.

"Everyone needs a plan for severe weather. Make sure you and your family have a plan. When you see water on the road, 'Turn Around Don't Drown®.' There are helpful apps for your phone to keep you informed about severe weather. I recommend the Red Cross apps on flooding, tornadoes, and other emergencies. These are available for both iPhone and Google based operating systems," said County Judge Clay Jenkins.

Below are several additional flood preparedness tips from www.Ready.gov:

Know your flood risk by entering your address here:

www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding_flood_risks/defining_flood_risks.jsp.

- Know your evacuation routes; plan your transportation and a place to stay
- Practice how you will communicate with family members
- Store supplies so you can grab them quickly if you need to evacuate; know in advance what else you will need to take
- Elevate critical utilities like electrical panels, appliances and heating systems
- Waterproof the basement
- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts
- Move furniture, valuables, and important documents to a safe place

You can find more information on how to prepare for and respond to a flood and severe weather at the following website: www.Ready.gov (Spanish language site www.Listo.gov)

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