



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

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| Event Name | 24-0011 08APR Severe Weather |
| Date | April 27, 2024 |
| Time | 10:00 AM |
| Operational Period | 8:00 AM April 26 to 8:00 AM April 27, 2024 |
| Report Number | 18 |
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Regions Affected

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| TDEM Regions Affected | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8 |
| DDs Active | 5 |

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On April 25, TDEM [announced](#) that the agency has requested officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) join local and state partners in conducting joint preliminary damage assessments in East Texas communities impacted by recent severe storms and flooding to determine if Texas meets the threshold for additional federal disaster assistance.

On April 15, Governor Abbott issued a [disaster declaration](#) for the severe storms and flooding in East Texas, including Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Panola, Shelby, and Tyler Counties.

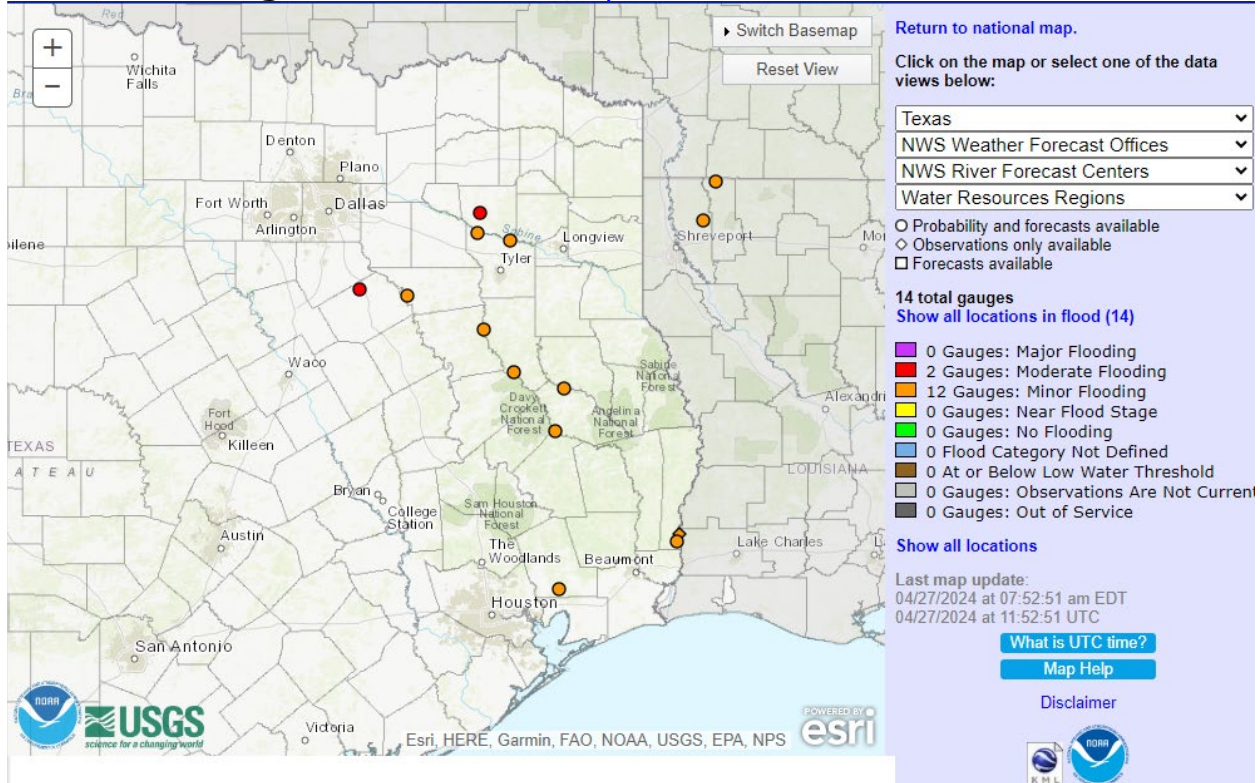
On April 9, Governor Abbott [directed](#) TDEM to deploy additional state emergency response resources ahead of severe storms and flash flooding, including large hail and possible tornadoes, expected to move across Texas.

The Governor [directed](#) TDEM to mobilize state emergency response resources and increase the readiness level of the State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response) in preparation for severe weather.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

NWS Flood Gauges: as of 07:00 AM, April 27.



Moderate river flooding is being reported at Chambers Creek near Rice.

Moderate river flooding is being reported at Lake Fork Creek near Quitman.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Sabine River near Deweyville, Hawkins, and Mineola.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Trinity River near Moss Bluff and Trinidad.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Neches River near Alto, Diboll, and Neches.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Angelina River near Lufkin.

Region 3 (Includes DDs 5, 6, 14, and 15)

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

Panola County: On April 11, Panola County submitted a Letter to the Governor.

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

Shelby County: On April 10, Shelby County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 15, Shelby County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline.

Tyler County: On April 10, Tyler County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 14, Tyler County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline. On April 15, Tyler County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline.

Newton County: On April 10, Newton County, and the City of Newton, submitted Disaster Declarations. On April 15, Newton County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Summary Outline.

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, and Orange Counties): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

Jefferson County: On April 15, Jefferson County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 15, Port Arthur, in Jefferson County, submitted a Disaster Declaration.

Jasper County: On April 10, Jasper County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 14, Jasper County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline.

Hardin County: On April 10, Harding County submitted a Disaster Declaration.

Region 4 (Includes DD 16)

DD 16 – Houston (Includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

Galveston County: The Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) is coordinating with Texas Gulf Coast Regional Voluntary Organizations in Disaster (TGCRVOAD) for debris cleanup.

Harris County: Damages were confirmed by the National Weather Service (NWS) from an F-1 Tornado.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) has assigned three personnel to the SOC and are monitoring the current weather conditions.

American Red Cross (ARC): The ARC has one shelter opened in Kirbyville and has sheltered a total **eight** people, and has provided **3,328** meals, distributed emergency supplies (DES) to **145** households, and 152 clean up kits as of **April 27**.

ARC caseworkers have been able to identify that access to available housing is the major hurdle for these **4** families (**16** people).

ARC held a meeting April 26, with local community partners, elected officials, NGOs, and faith-based organizations to discuss the lists of unmet needs of the Kirbyville shelter guests, and to collaborate with their partners to resolve the barriers and to find immediate solutions to assist the remaining shelter guests to transition out of the shelter into more permanent accommodations.

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC): The SBTC has provided **456** showers, **1,049** meals, **80** messages were managed by the Communications Team, and provided **3,500** total volunteer hours as of **April 27**.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equip | Status | Location |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| DSHS | SOC LNO | 1 | 0 | Activated | SOC |
| DSHS | SCO | 1 | 0 | Activated | San Antonio |
| Mass Care | ESF6 LNO | 1 | 0 | Assigned | SOC |
| Mass Care | ISTF Staff | 1 | 0 | Assigned | SOC |
| Mass Care | VOAD | 1 | 0 | Assigned | SOC |

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-3>

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