



February 6, 2023

City of Elgin offers programs to aid in the recovery from Winter Storm Mara, connections to resources and updates on city operations.

Elgin, Texas - Everyone who sustained damage is encouraged to **complete the survey from the Texas Department of Emergency Management**. This is used to help the State of Texas determine the extent of damages and possible responses at the statewide level. County Judge Klaus, and Mayor McShan issued Disaster Declarations for Bastrop County and City of Elgin respectively noting that community suffered widespread damage caused by fire, falling trees, tree limbs, downed power lines and utility poles, creating financial hardship and loss due to blocked roadways, loss of utility services and rotted food stores due to Winter Storm Mara. In order to expedite the electrical reconnection process for residences impacted by Winter Storm Mara, the **City of Elgin will delay the electrical final inspection** until after reenergizing by the electric provider. You must secure a permit for work and email the City to request the delayed inspection. **The City of Elgin will not be charging fees on building or trades permits regarding damage concerning electrical, gas, or roof related issues from Winter Storm Mara.** In order to qualify for these fee waivers, applications must be submitted into My Government Online (MGO) permitting system on or before Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 11:59 P.M. Central Standard Time (CST). and note Winter Storm Mara. **The City is providing free disposal of limbs through curbside pickup.** Individuals are responsible for the debris on their property. You may place brush / limbs from the storm at the street following the guidelines provided. Limbs and brush should not block the sidewalks or driveways and cannot be placed in alleys. City crew cleanup of right of way and parks is estimated at three to four weeks and then general collection from curbside will begin as equipment and city forces are available. For detailed information and the most up to date information please visit the city's website www.elgintexas.gov News / Emergency Updates.

Monday February 6 the City of Elgin Public Works department shared "while streets crews are still assessing streets, we are nearing completion of all streets being passible, but not entirely clean from debris down the in the roadway. Next the streets crew will evaluate alleys to be passible by garbage trucks." Parks crews met with the Texas A&M Forrest service Monday and the Forrest service has made a commitment to help with dangerous trees in the park. This service was requested for 4 days through the Bastrop County Office of Emergency Management(OEM). We are very thankful for their help in getting the parks open. Please use

extreme caution while waking outdoors. **At this time the city is recommending avoiding the parks and using extreme caution on sidewalks and roadways until further notice.** There was a limited boil water notice issued on Thursday for the Elgin Oaks area neighborhood. This notice was lifted on Friday afternoon. Water and wastewater service are operating as normal.

The City of Elgin Recreation Center offered free coffee, Wi-Fi and charging stations Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8am to 4pm and Sunday from noon to 6pm. **The Elgin Public Library** was open on Saturday February 4 from 9am to 2pm with free Wi-Fi and the computer lab available to the public. **Anyone who needs Wi-Fi or computer access to complete insurance claims, the TDEM survey, other work or personal business can utilize the library Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 7pm Wednesday and Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 2pm located at 404 North Main Street.**

Other Storm Resources: **Advocacy Outreach** located at 202 Depot Street has hot breakfast available Monday 11am and from Tuesday through Thursday 9 am. Shower facilities available as needed. Kitchen with stove and microwave for self-preparation of meals or snacks. Limited emergency food. Hygiene bags. Adult diapers. Free clothing. Bottled water. Soon to come: Volunteer Income tax Assistance through IRS certified aides.

www.advocacyoutreach.com **The Elgin Community Cupboard** is open Tuesday from 10am to noon at 303 North Avenue C in the First Presbyterian Church, call 512-797-0796 for more information or to arrange to make donations. **Elgin Chamber of Commerce** is providing information about local contractors and hosting a food box program with Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry on Tuesday February 7 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at 114 Central Avenue visit www.elgintxchamber.org or contact

veronicaseever@elgintxchamber.com **The Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry** located at 806 Fayette Street Bastrop Texas is open for walk ins Monday Wednesday and Friday 8am to 11:30am and 1pm to 3:30pm see www.bastropfoodpantry.org **Elgin ISD** is providing a variety of support and information check their website www.elginisd.net Businesses throughout the community are offering discounted or free services check online and see their social media postings and contact the Chamber of Commerce. The **Bastrop County Long Term Recovery Team** exists to assist Bastrop County families recover from natural and manmade disasters. Check their site for resources www.bcltrt.org **The Bastrop County Office of Emergency management** seeks to promote a safer, less vulnerable county with the capacity to cope with disasters and emergencies. Visit their website for variety of information and resources related to natural and manmade disasters, emergencies and more. <https://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/em.home>

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities to serve your community in Bastrop County. **The Community Emergency Response team through the Bastrop County OEM program** helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When Emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community. Sign up online at this link <https://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/em.volunteers>

The City of Elgin will continue to provide information at least weekly on their website www.elgintexas.gov via social media @myelgintx and through partners such as the Elgin Courier. Printed copies of notices in English and Spanish are available at the Elgin Public Library, Elgin Recreation Center and Advocacy Outreach.

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