



GUADALUPE COUNTY

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Severe storm damage in northern part of Guadalupe County ***Power outages and damage to homes***

GUADALUPE COUNTY, TX – On May 5, 2024, the northern part of Guadalupe County suffered widespread damages due to a severe storm which passed through evening hours. Damage reports of heavy rains, high winds, hail, tornado damage, damaged trees and power outages. The areas severely impacted were Redwood, Staples, and San Marcos. Emergency crews are in the area continuing to assess damage, cleaning up debris, and the electric company is working to restore power. Residents are encouraged to call and report damages to (830) 303-8856.

Patrick Pinder, Guadalupe County Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshal, provides residents with information regarding assessments, “Guadalupe County Emergency Management implemented the disaster plan and has continued to conduct damage assessments and evaluate the extent of the damages. We ask that in addition, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has opened its disaster assessment website so that information can be submitted in hopes of qualifying for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance. Residents are asked to submit their damage report under Spring Severe Weather and Flooding Events. Submitting information to TDEM website is voluntary; however, it is crucial to input your information so that the predefined threshold can be met for Guadalupe County to qualify for FEMA assistance for our citizens impacted by the recent storm.”

Pinder adds, "There is a large spread of damage to homes, partial collapse of some structures, and power outages due to the strong winds and damage caused by large trees. First responders and emergency crews worked throughout the night searching homes and using equipment to safely remove large debris from the roadway to prepare for morning traffic."

An emergency shelter is in place at the Geronimo Community Center, 280 Navarro Drive in Seguin, with the American Red Cross available for residents. This facility will be open until noon or extended as needed.

Bluebonnet Electrical Cooperative's manager of public affairs states, "Extreme winds took down trees impacting powerlines and electric power poles were broken. This is labor intensive, with two specialized teams working in the area. We are working to restore power back as quickly as possible, with many homes being restored by early afternoon today."

To assist our Guadalupe County residents, a direct line has been established, (830) 303-8856 or via email at EMC1@co.guadalupe.tx.us.

You can go to <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/> or scan the QR code to submit your damage information.



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