



# the Breeze

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of possibilities.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tuesday, June 1, 2021

- Portland City Council Meeting
- Portland City Hall
- Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, June 5, 2021

- Portland Farmers Market
- 810 Houston St.
- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 15, 2021

- Portland City Council Meeting
- Portland City Hall
- Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, June 17, 2021

- World's Largest Swim Lesson
- Portland Aquatic Center
- 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- To register, visit [activecommunities.com/worldslargestswimlesson](http://activecommunities.com/worldslargestswimlesson)

### Friday, June 18, 2021

- Father/Daughter Luau Dance
- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Joe Burke Pavilion
- To register and pay, visit [activecommunities.com/portlandtxrec/f-d-luau-dance](http://activecommunities.com/portlandtxrec/f-d-luau-dance)

### Saturday, June 19, 2021

- Juneteenth

### Sunday, June 20, 2021

- Father's Day

## HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATIONS

The 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season is underway. Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends November 30 each year. Hurricanes, tropical storms and depressions typically occur within this six-month time frame. Now is the time to prepare for potential storms.

### South Texas Hurricane Guide

The local National Weather Service office released The Official South Texas Hurricane Guide for 2021. This guide includes helpful hurricane preparedness tips for your home and family, storm forecasting, evacuation guidance, how to register for the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR), emergency contact information, information resources and more. You can view this guide here: [The Official South Texas Hurricane Guide 2021](#).

### Make a Plan

Tropical storms, depressions and hurricanes are unpredictable until the final hours. It is essential to have a plan ahead of time. The [South Texas Hurricane Guide](#) and [ready.gov/plan](#) are great resources to help facilitate discussions and create your plan for evacuation or sheltering in place during a storm when evacuation is not mandatory.

Planning involves the whole family. It is important to consider each family members' age and needs. Discussing and planning for any special needs can also help you be more prepared for all emergency situations. Don't forget to add the family pets and their needs to your emergency plans!

### Emergency Supply Kit

An emergency supply kit is a resource used during evacuation and sheltering in place. Your emergency preparedness kit should be stocked with all items you, your family members, and pets will need for at least three (3) days. This kit should be stored in easy to carry bins or duffle bags. Your kit should also be in an area that is easily accessible, cool and dry.

Examples of items to have in your emergency kit:

- Water - at least 1 gallon per person per day for at least 3 days
- Food - at least a 3-day supply of nonperishable foods
- Medications and other needed medical devices or supplies
- Important documents
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit and whistle(s)
- Hand sanitizer and wipes
- Charged external battery packs
- Pet food, water, and supplies

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June 1  
through  
November 30

**PREPARE  
TODAY!**



**2021  
Atlantic  
Hurricane  
Season is here.**

## HURRICANE PREP, cont.

For a complete list of items to have in your emergency supply kit, visit [ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit) and page 20 in the [South Texas Hurricane Guide](#).

### Home Preparations

To properly prepare your home for severe storms, it is necessary to know the elevation of your property and the integrity of your roof, doors and windows. To find ways to protect and re-enforce your home, visit the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes website: [flash.org/protect](https://flash.org/protect).

In addition to physical preparations, it is important to collect, review and update your important documents for your home, family members and pets. Examples of these documents include:

- Insurance policies
- Birth and Marriage certificates
- Medical and Veterinary records and prescriptions
- Bank and Utilities information

### Other Tasks to Complete

Create a list of all electronics, appliances, and other items you have in the house. Note any identifying information on the electronics, appliances, and other similar items. Additionally, photograph your home inside and out. This will help in the case a storm strikes and there is damage to your home or possessions. Finally, consider digitizing all important information, documents, and the emergency plan. This serves as a back up in case something happens to the original physical copies.

### Keeping You Informed

For more information and online resources available to help you and your family prepare for the 2021 hurricane season, please visit the Spotlight section on the homepage of the City's website [portlandtx.gov](https://portlandtx.gov).

## MOSQUITO CONTROL - IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Frequent rain events cause mosquito outbreaks. These wet weather conditions produce a highly aggressive species of mosquito, which are appropriately referred to as storm-water mosquitos. These mosquitos are very active since their sole purpose is to find meals, usually human blood, and lay eggs. Unfortunately, dry conditions do not always result in complete eradication of these mosquitos. Storm-water mosquito eggs can lay dormant for approximately 3 to 4 months. Once the eggs are moisturized, they begin their lifecycle. As a result, we must all take preventative measures to help reduce the number of storm-water mosquitos in our area.

### Portland's Prevention Methods

Reducing the number of adult mosquitos is only part of the ongoing effort to reduce the population and likelihood of additional outbreaks. In fact, the most successful method of reducing the mosquito population overall is to kill the mosquito larvae. Mosquitos typically lay their eggs in areas that are muddy and hold water. As a result, the Portland Public Works Mosquito Control team has increased their larvicide treatments in the drainage ditches, storm sewer system, and other similar areas around town. Public Works also conducts city-wide spraying. To see the spraying schedule and map, visit [portlandtx.gov/247/mosquito-control](https://portlandtx.gov/247/mosquito-control).

### Prevention at Home

There are several steps we can take, other than using larvicide or chemical treatments, to prevent mosquitos from laying eggs around our homes. The easiest prevention method is removing items around your house that hold water. Common household items that hold water include empty flowerpots, bird baths, unkept pools, clogged gutters, and buckets. Emptying the water and cleaning these items regularly, or storing them in a dry environment, removes several potential egg laying areas. Additionally, keeping the yard trimmed and filling any holes that hold water further disrupts and can significantly reduce the likelihood of mosquitos breeding around your home.

### Protecting Yourself

Mosquitos are highly attracted to carbon dioxide, which humans put out when we breathe. As soon as mosquitos smell you, they will swarm to get their meal. Therefore, it is important to wear protective clothing and mosquito repellent while spending time outdoors. Protective clothing includes lighter-colored, long-sleeved shirts and full-length pants.



It takes a village to prevent & control mosquito outbreaks!

## SPECIAL IRS TAX EXTENSION FOR TEXANS

The United States Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) extended the 2020 Federal Income Tax Deadline to June 15, 2021, for all Texas residents and businesses due to the winter storms that occurred in February of this year. Texas taxpayers may deduct personal property losses that are not covered by insurance or other reimbursements, as well. For details and instructions on how to deduct these items, please visit [www.irs.gov/TexasRelief](https://www.irs.gov/TexasRelief).

### Incorrect Late Penalty Reversal

The IRS states: "If an affected taxpayer receives a late filing or late payment penalty notice from the IRS that has an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date that falls within the postponement period, the tax payer should call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate the penalty." For more information, please visit [www.irs.gov/Servies](https://www.irs.gov/Servies).