

Houston County Emergency Management Agency

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Houston County Announces "Houston Alerts" to Keep Community Informed During Emergency Situations.

Public Safety Officials Encourage Residents to Sign Up For Local Emergency Notifications To Be Better Prepared for an Emergency

Houston County, GA – Houston County Emergency Management is proud to announce that "Houston Alerts" is now available to all residents and visitors, replacing our previous CodeRED alert system. Houston Alerts is a free service that allows individuals to receive notifications sent from local authorities to stay informed on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic, and other emergencies.

Individuals who were previously signed up for CodeRED will **NOT** be automatically enrolled in Houston Alerts. We are urging every citizen in Houston County to sign up to receive alerts from the new system. The previous system will no longer be active beginning July 22, 2025. A large portion of the data in the previous system was outdated and notification selections were limited. Having all residents register for the new Houston Alerts ensures accuracy of the data as well as providing residents with an opportunity to select the method and types of alerts they wish to receive. Alert delivery methods for Houston Alerts include phone call, text, and email.

When registering users will be presented with several optional alerts categories you may select based on preference. These include utility outages, significant traffic disruptions, and multiple weather alert types. Regardless of additional selections, all registrants will be enrolled to receive emergent notifications automatically. These automatic alerts include severe weather (Tornado, Severe Thunderstorm, and Flash Flood) warnings, health and safety warnings, and other emergency notifications from your local public safety agencies.

To register, simply scan the QR code in the attached flyer or visit <u>www.houstoncountyga.gov</u> and click on the alerts sign-up tab at the top of the page.

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Stay Informed by signing up to receive alerts and notifications via:





PHONE

TEXT

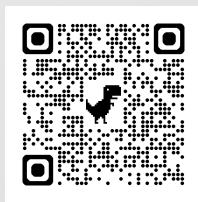




EMAIL

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Sign up now! Scan QR Code Below!



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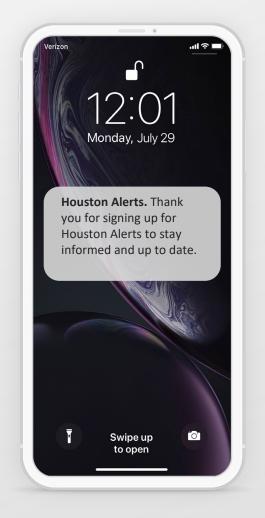
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ALWAYS BE NOTIFIED

Seconds Matter in an emergency Protect your loved ones by signing up for **Houston Alerts** to receive important community and weather alerts.





What is Houston Alerts powered by Smart911?

Houston Alerts powered by Smart911 is Houston County's official emergency alert and notification system. This system is used to send alerts to the public during emergencies. Houston Alerts, powered by Smart911 is a free service that allows you to sign up online to receive customized alerts via text message, email, and voice message.

In addition to emergency alerts, you can also choose to receive customizable community notifications. These include notifications about severe weather, safety, health, utility disruptions, major traffic incidents, and more. This service is provided by the Houston County EMA at no cost to the public; however, message and data rates may apply.

Why should I sign-up for Houston Alerts powered by Smart911?

When emergencies happen, be the first to know. Houston Alerts uses Alerts powered by Smart911 to send official, real-time alerts to the public with information about potentially life-saving actions they may need to take to keep themselves and their families safe. By signing up for Houston Alerts powered by Smart911, you are taking a large step toward improving your personal safety.

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How do I sign-up for Houston Alerts powered by Smart911?

Signing up for Houston Alerts powered by Smart911 is easy! Scan the QR Code below and register your contact information.

To update your existing information in Houston Alerts powered by Smart911, go to www.smart911.com and sign in using the credentials you created when registering.



What types of alerts will I receive?

Emergency alerts are sent 24/7 when there is an immediate threat to life and/or property. In addition to emergency alerts, you can also choose to receive customizable community notifications. These include notifications about:

- Utility Outages (Optional)
- Safety risks
- Health risks
- Transportation disruption (Optional)
- Special event information
- Test messages
- Severe Weather Warnings
- Severe Weather Watches (Optional)

Will my information be disclosed or shared?

No, your information is private and will not be used or distributed in any manner. The information that you provide is exempt from public disclosure and will be used for emergency purposes only.

How much does it cost?

This service is provided by the Houston County Emergency Management Agency at no cost to the public; however, message and data rates may apply depending on your provider and phone services.

