

Regulatory Guidance in Response to Hurricane Alex and Tropical Depression 2 from the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: Air

If you must respond to damage from Hurricane Alex, its remnants, or Tropical Depression 2, use this document to understand relevant environmental rules. This document is intended to help you decide a reasonable course of action to follow. If you have any questions, please contact your TCEQ regional office. For your convenience, the table below lists each county that was mentioned in Gov. Rick Perry's disaster proclamation for these storm events and the TCEQ regional office that serves that county.

In these counties:	Mail written notices to this TCEQ regional office:	Call or fax:
Maverick, Val Verde, Webb, Zapata	TCEQ Region 16 707 East Calton Rd. Ste. 304 Laredo TX 78041-3887	Phone: 956-791-6611 Fax: 956-791-6716
Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Starr, Willacy	TCEQ Region 15 1804 West Jefferson Ave. Harlingen TX 78550-5247	Phone: 956-425-6010 Fax: 956-412-5059
Jim Wells, Kleberg	TCEQ Region 14 NRC Bldg. Ste. 1200 6300 Ocean Dr. Unit 5839 Corpus Christi TX 78412-5839	Phone: 361-825-3100 Fax: 361-825-3101
Bexar	TCEQ Region 13 14250 Judson Rd. San Antonio TX 78233-4480	Phone: 210-490-3096 Fax: 210-545-4329
Brazoria	TCEQ Region 12 5425 Polk Ave. Ste. H Houston TX 77023-1452	Phone: 713-767-3500 Faxes: 713-767-3761 (Air) 713-767-3691 (Water) 713-767-3646 (Waste)
Cottle, Foard	TCEQ Region 3 1977 Industrial Blvd. Abilene TX 79602-7833	Phone: 325-698-9674 Fax: 325-692-5869
Floyd, Garza, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry	TCEQ Region 2 5012 50th Street Suite 100 Lubbock TX 79414-3421	Phone: 806-796-7092 Fax: 806-796-7107

If you were affected by either of these storm events and your county does not appear in this table, find contact information for the regional office that serves you online at www.tceq.state.tx.us/goto/region.

Owners and operators performing activities described in this document shall take all necessary steps to prevent or minimize any increased risk to human health and safety. In addition they shall at all times apply best engineering and good air pollution control practices as required by any and all applicable standards to minimize emissions associated with any activities described by this document. Facilities should follow their standard operating procedures, as well as their startup, shutdown, and malfunctions plans to the extent practicable.

What outdoor burning is allowed to address storm debris?

When there is no reasonable alternative, outdoor burning of trees, brush, grass, leaves, branch trimmings or other plant growth caused by this storm is allowed, provided the burning will not cause or contribute to a nuisance, traffic hazard, or to a violation of any federal or state primary or secondary ambient air standard. In areas of nonattainment, prior to commencement of outdoor burns, there must be a consideration of practical alternatives.

If I am going to burn storm debris, do I need to provide notice to anyone?

Yes. Notice of burning activities should be provided at least 24 hours prior to conducting burning. Call the TCEQ regional office serving the county where the burning is to occur ([see list in table on page 1](#)) and include this information:

- the general nature of the materials to be burned
- the location of the burn site
- the name, address, and telephone number of the representative of the local government we should contact about this work
- the anticipated duration of the burning event

When you say “outdoor burning of debris,” you mean burning in either trench burners or aboveground air curtain incinerators, right?

Yes. In fact, the preferred method of burning debris is to use trench burners or aboveground air curtain incinerators. Open burning is to be used only when neither of these options is available.