

COMING SOON

# Homeowner Reimbursement Program Tip Sheet



Are you working on repairs for your Harvey-damaged home? You may be eligible for reimbursement in the future.



Save Receipts



Build to Code



Keep Costs Reasonable



Sign Contracts

**One of the first recovery programs the City of Houston will offer this fall is homeowner reimbursement for repairs to homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Homeowners spending personal money to repair a Hurricane Harvey-damaged home can prepare now by keeping in mind the following:**

- Reimbursement is only for expenses associated with repairing storm damage from Hurricane Harvey for homes within the City of Houston (verify your tax jurisdiction at [www.hcad.org](http://www.hcad.org)).
- All costs must be reasonable, which means appropriate and typical for modest housing in Houston. Luxury items like marble countertops, jacuzzis, pools, or high-end appliances are not eligible for reimbursement.
- “Soft costs” like architectural, engineering, planning, and permit approval services are reimbursable, as long as there is a receipt or invoice.
- If homeowners conduct their own repairs (“sweat equity”), those labor costs are not eligible for reimbursement.
- The City will review all repairs for cost reasonableness and eligibility, and will perform inspections to verify work. Homeowners may be asked to provide invoices and photographs to document evidence of the repairs.
- An official City site inspection and Certificate of Compliance are required before expenses can be reimbursed to the homeowner.
- Participants in the Reimbursement Program who reside in the floodplain are required to maintain flood insurance. Failure to maintain flood insurance in a floodplain may result in being denied future federal assistance.
- The Reimbursement Program is one of five Homeowner Assistance Programs that will be available starting this fall.

The Housing and Community Development Department is now developing specific program guidelines and application language. Residents will be able to start applying for the Homeowner Reimbursement Program in fall 2018.

**Not everyone who applies will be eligible to participate in the program.**

Visit [www.houstontx.gov/housing](http://www.houstontx.gov/housing) often for program updates and final guidelines.

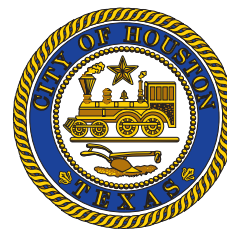


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