



## Polk County, Texas Office of Emergency Management

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### **PHASED REOPENING OF CERTAIN AREAS UNDER THE MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS BELOW THE LAKE LIVINGSTON DAM AND ALONG THE TRINITY RIVER IN POLK COUNTY, TEXAS**

#### **THE MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER IS RESCINDED FOR RIVER LAKE ESTATES SUBDIVISION (EXCLUDING DOGWOOD ST.)**

Residents of Polk County, Texas:

Flood impacts along the Trinity River in the River Lake Estates Subdivision have improved.

The Mandatory Evacuation Order issued on April 29, 2024 for residents residing in the unincorporated areas of Polk County, Texas below the Lake Livingston Dam and along the Trinity River is rescinded for River Lake Estates subdivision.

This does not include residents residing on Dogwood St. which is still impacted and remains under the Mandatory Evacuation Order.

Access into River Lake Estates is opened at **Phase Two**:

**Phase One:** Residents, business owners, and emergency workers such as police, fire, EMS, utility crews, commissioners' road & bridge crews, and emergency management personnel

**Phase Two:** Insurance agents, friends and family members, and contractors that are homeowner requested, disaster non-profit organizations assisting with cleanup and repairs, and media

**Phase Three:** General public

Law enforcement will have access control points established at the entrance of the subdivision. Residents must meet their insurance agent, friends and family members, and contractors at the access control point, and escort them to their property.

The purpose of this phased approach is to protect citizens and control crowding in the impacted areas by opening to homeowners, business owners, and critical services until conditions allow for a Phase 3 opening.

Civic and disaster non-profit organizations assisting with cleanup and repairs will need a pass from the Polk County Emergency Operations Center to enter the impacted area. For more information, please contact Emergency Management at 936-327-6826.

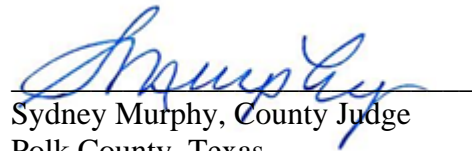
Please check with your utility providers for information and instructions.

Remember to document damage for your insurance purposes.

Please report storm damage to your homes and businesses using the Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT) damage survey. iSTAT surveys can be filled out in English and Spanish by visiting <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/> and clicking “**April 26-Ongoing Severe Weather Event.**” Be sure to upload photos of interior damage to your home or business including any flood level waterlines.

Additionally, survey information aids officials in determining whether the state meets federal requirements for various forms of disaster assistance.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this severe weather event.



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