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The following information is related to repairs, reconstruction and permitting following Hurricane Harvey.

In the unincorporated areas of Jefferson County development permits will be required for all reconstruction/repairs performed due to Hurricane Harvey. This permit will help us check flood zones and ensure we are in compliance with FEMA regulations.

Jefferson County Commissioner's Court has approved an order waiving permit fees for renovations due to hurricane damage as a result of the declared state of disaster.

Homeowners not in a floodplain may remove damaged sheetrock, carpet, and insulation before getting permits. However, please document damage, including how high the water was in the home and accessory structures.

If your house is in a floodplain; removal of carpeting, furniture, and belongings is encouraged but repairs may require a special inspection before a permit from Environmental Control can be issued. If you are not sure if your home is in a floodplain, please contact Environmental Control at 409-719-5910.

Electrical service reconnections to your building will continue to need to be approved by Environmental Control.