

PRESS RELEASE



National Waste & Recycling Association Statement About Ongoing Disaster Conditions in Texas

Arlington, VA (August 30, 2017) – The National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) announced today its position on China’s proposed ban on recyclables. The position states:

As you know, the remnants of Hurricane Harvey continue to be a threat to millions of residents of southeast Texas and parts of Louisiana, with the forecast calling for continued torrential rains for the next several days. Rain totals being measured in feet have caused dangerous flooding throughout Houston and many other communities. The National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) family is personally impacted in these regions. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these members and their families as we hope they remain safe and healthy.

We are proud of our members who have come together to help their employees, the communities they serve and institutions in highest need. As we see time and time again, the waste industry is dedicated to service and we stop at nothing to help all those we can. While some parts of the affected area will experience service delays and interruptions, trust that our member companies are doing all they can to help those in need in and help clean-up communities.

For those who aren’t able to be on the ground to lend a hand, there are additional opportunities to make a difference. We encourage you to support the American Red Cross as they work around the clock to provide safe shelter and comfort for the vast number of people impacted by this disaster. Donations enable the Red Cross to provide a variety of key services, using its resources where they are needed most urgently. Contributions can be made in three convenient ways:

- Text the word HARVEY to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.
- Donate online by visiting redcross.org.
- Donate by phone by calling 1-800-REDCROSS.

According to the Red Cross website, millions of people face flash flood warnings, including the entire Houston metro area which remains under a flash flood emergency. The Red Cross Emergency App is available for your smartphone, with a “Family Safe” feature that allows people to check on loved ones and instantly see if they are okay, even if that loved one hasn’t downloaded the Emergency App on their device. Alerts via the app provide people with real-time information so they can better protect themselves and their families.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO THE RED CROSS](#)

Thank you to all NWRA members who are able to assist rescue and recovery efforts in a variety of ways.

Resources for businesses in the area are being coordinated by **FEMA**. Tools for individuals seeking assistance can be found at **DISASTER ASSISTANCE’S** website.

Sincerely,

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ABOUT NWRA

The National Waste & Recycling Association is the leading organization providing leadership, advocacy, research, education and safety expertise for the waste and recycling industries. NWRA advocates at the Federal, State and Local levels on all issues of importance to our member companies as they provide safe, economically sustainable and environmentally sound services to communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information about how innovation in the waste and recycling industry is helping solve today's environmental challenges, visit wasterecycling.org.

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