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Tropical Storm Watch issued for SPI

South Padre Island, TX, Sept. 19, 2020: A Tropical Storm Watch has been issued for the Lower Texas Coast. Currently, storm models show Tropical Storm Beta heading westward before shifting north-northeast. The National Weather Service is predicting one to two inches of rain with moderate winds beginning Sunday through Tuesday.

This storm may cause coastal flooding, dangerous surf and rip currents, and beach erosion for the Island. The community should continue to follow weather updates.

"While Beta's path is further north than initially projected, it is best for everyone to be prepared," said Jim Pigg, Fire chief. "Planning what to do in advance is an important part of being prepared."

One of the challenges in preparing for a disaster is knowing how to access information on how to best prepare. A good place to start is one of these websites:

- www.ready.gov/hurricanes
- <https://tdem.texas.gov/>

Develop an emergency plan and practice how and where you will evacuate if instructed by emergency management officials. When making an emergency plan, keep these things in mind:

- Property vulnerability
- Important documents
- Medication and first aid
- Food and water
- Transportation
- Communication plan
- Pets

Hurricane Season is from June to November.

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