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## **Officials at Houston TranStar Expect Severe Weather Conditions**

Officials at Houston TranStar expect severe weather through early morning Thursday, Oct. 19, which could create dangerous travel conditions, especially during morning commute times.

Beginning tonight, the National Weather Service predicts that Southeast Texas will receive between 2-3 inches of rainfall, with up to 5-10 inches of rain in some areas.

Rain will begin falling in the Bryan-College Station area about midnight, moving southeast to the Houston region at about 3 a.m. Thursday. Heaviest rains are expected from 3-9 a.m.

The rainfall will affect already saturated areas, likely flooding some neighborhood and roadways.

“Our message to the public is this: Because the ground is soaked, flooding is a strong possibility. Before leaving your house, check your local weather reports or go to [www.hcoem.org](http://www.hcoem.org) for the latest information,” said Mike Montgomery, Harris County Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshal.

“If you have to drive, remember: If you see water on the roadway--Turn around, don’t drown. You may not be able to gauge the depth of the water, and it’s not worth risking your life,” Montgomery said.

The following watersheds are in greatest risk of overflowing their banks:

- Clear Creek
- Spring Cypress
- Greens Bayou
- Hunting Bayou
- San Jacinto River above the spillway
- Halls Bayou

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