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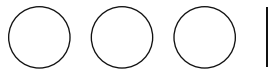
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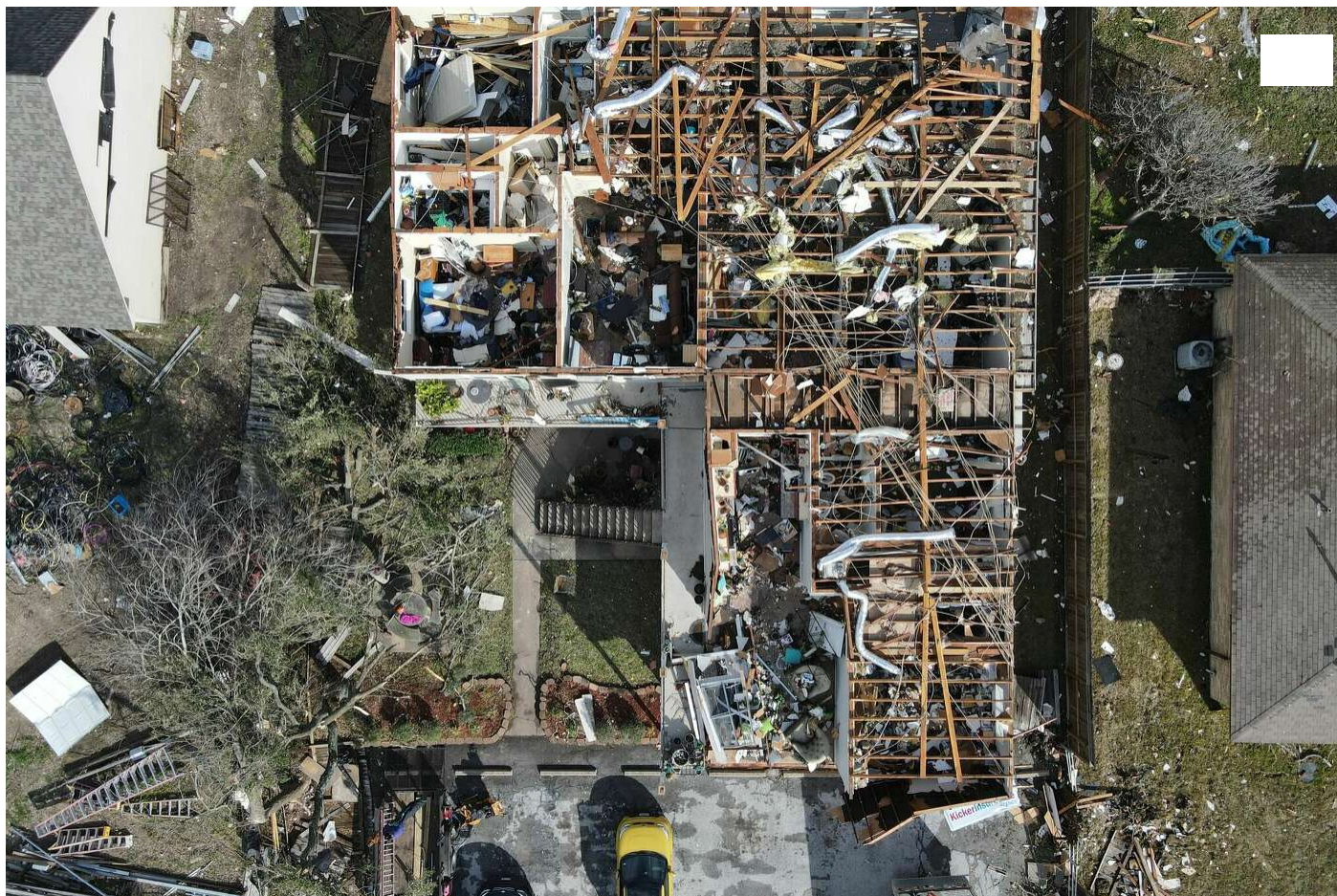
# What we know about tornado damage from Houston storms in Pasadena, Deer Park, other cities

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A Pasadena apartment complex on Dixie Drive that had its second floor sheered off.

Jason Fochtman /Staff Photographer

The Houston area was hit hard by storms Tuesday afternoon that brought a rare tornado emergency, dangerous winds and flooding across the region.

Tuesday marked the first time a “tornado emergency” had ever been declared in southeast Texas. A tornado emergency, a term coined in 2016, is a rare pronouncement by the weather service that there is a severe threat to human life or imminent catastrophic damage.

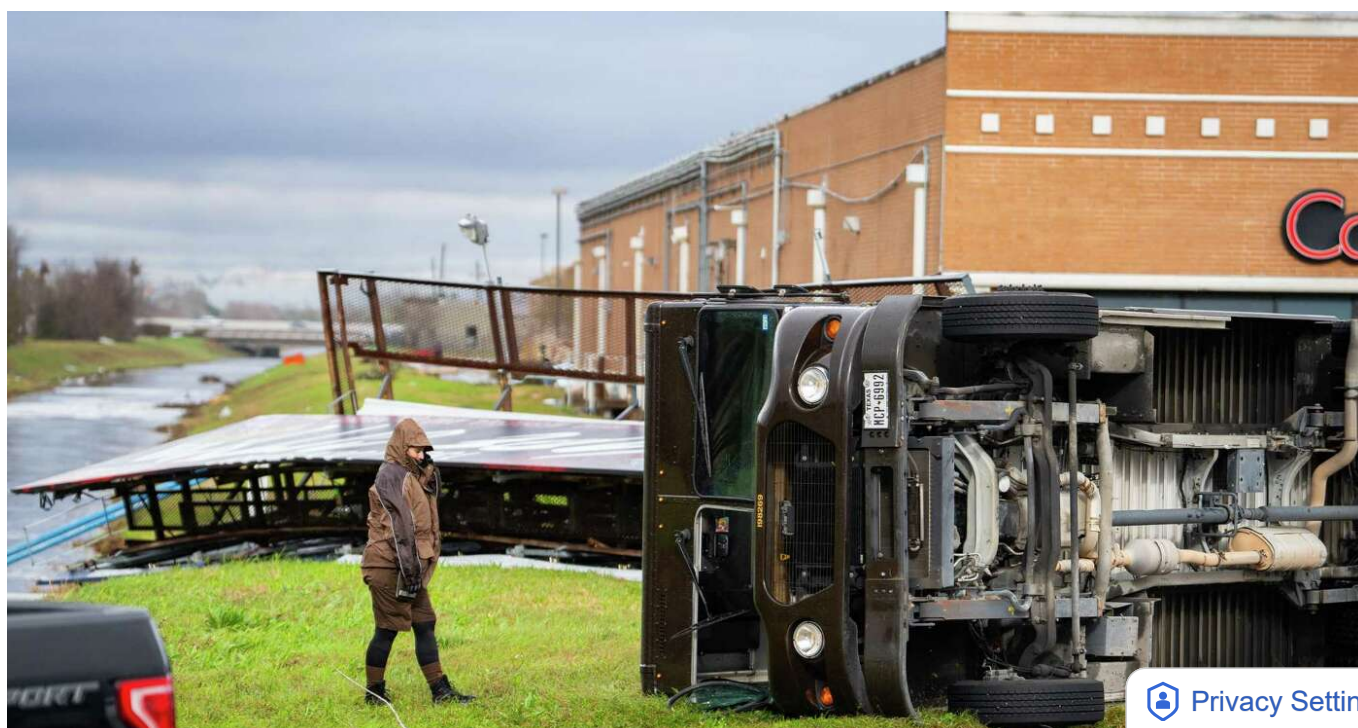
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## aftermath of Houston-area tornadoes

The record-breaking weather downed power lines; ripped off roofs and siding at commercial and residential buildings; overturned 18-wheelers and crashed vehicles; and caused "catastrophic" damage to at least 30 homes southeast of Houston.





A UPS truck is overturned where a tornado was reported to pass along Fairmont Parkway, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, in Pasadena. / A home is damaged on Kent Drive where a tornado was reported to pass near Mickey Gilley Boulevard and Fairmont Parkway, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, in Pasadena. (Mark Mulligan/Staff Photographer)

Here's everything to know about the damage so far.

## Houston tornado warnings, damage

Several tornado and shelter-in-place warnings were issued for areas across Houston throughout the day Tuesday, including Katy, Jersey Village, Pasadena, Pearland, north central Chambers County and southeastern Liberty County. The first report of a large tornado near the Beltway was called in at 2:29 p.m. A tornado was confirmed to have touched down in Pasadena, Deer Park, Baytown at

in southeast Harris County.

## Tornado damage along Spencer Highway about a mile east of Beltway 8 @NWSHouston pic.twitter.com/k1rwHT0yY8


— Jacob Hale (@JHaleWx) January 24, 2023

## I fr was in a tornado just now. pic.twitter.com/HpaHhylW2Z

— Axel Omar majano (@AxelOmarmajano) January 24, 2023

## Pasadena and Deer Park damage

Several injuries and widespread damage were reported in Pasadena. One person and two dogs were injured at the city's animal shelter, and the city has been "inundated" with 9-1-1 calls, Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner said during a news conference. The animal shelter is asking for the public's help to find homes and fosters for 150 animals while cleanup efforts are underway.

@houstonchronicle A tornado hit the Houston area today. This is some of the aftermath.   
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## My parents gym. Pasadena, Tx pic.twitter.com/iNl66NNKYy

— Ekud (@duke\_colton5) January 24, 2023

## Lots of damage Pasadena area #houwx @nwshouston pic.twitter.com/ZpQEYUQt8L

— Rangel Wx (@Rangel\_WX) January 24, 2023

**Tornado hits #Pasadena Animal Shelter. Heavy damage. #KHOU11 @pasadenatxgov No injuries. pic.twitter.com/QkxBi5tlgk**

— Shern-Min Chow 🐼 (@ShernMinKHOU) January 24, 2023

**An entire metal frame building was leveled off Fairmont Pkwy and Pansy St in Pasadena. Police and witnesses tell me that no one was inside or hurt at the time. #pasadena #texas #TXwx #Tornado #khou11 @KHOU pic.twitter.com/Wmok4bglKn**

— Pat Cavlin (@pcavlin) January 24, 2023

**Serious damage in Pasadena from the tornado. This is in the Saltgrass parking lot at Spencer Highway and the east Belt. pic.twitter.com/2BEiCfMr56**

— David Tillman (@TillmanWeather) January 24, 2023

**Pasadena Tx pic.twitter.com/UxG7xgQzgs**

— Ryan lee (@RyanLeeForHou) January 24, 2023

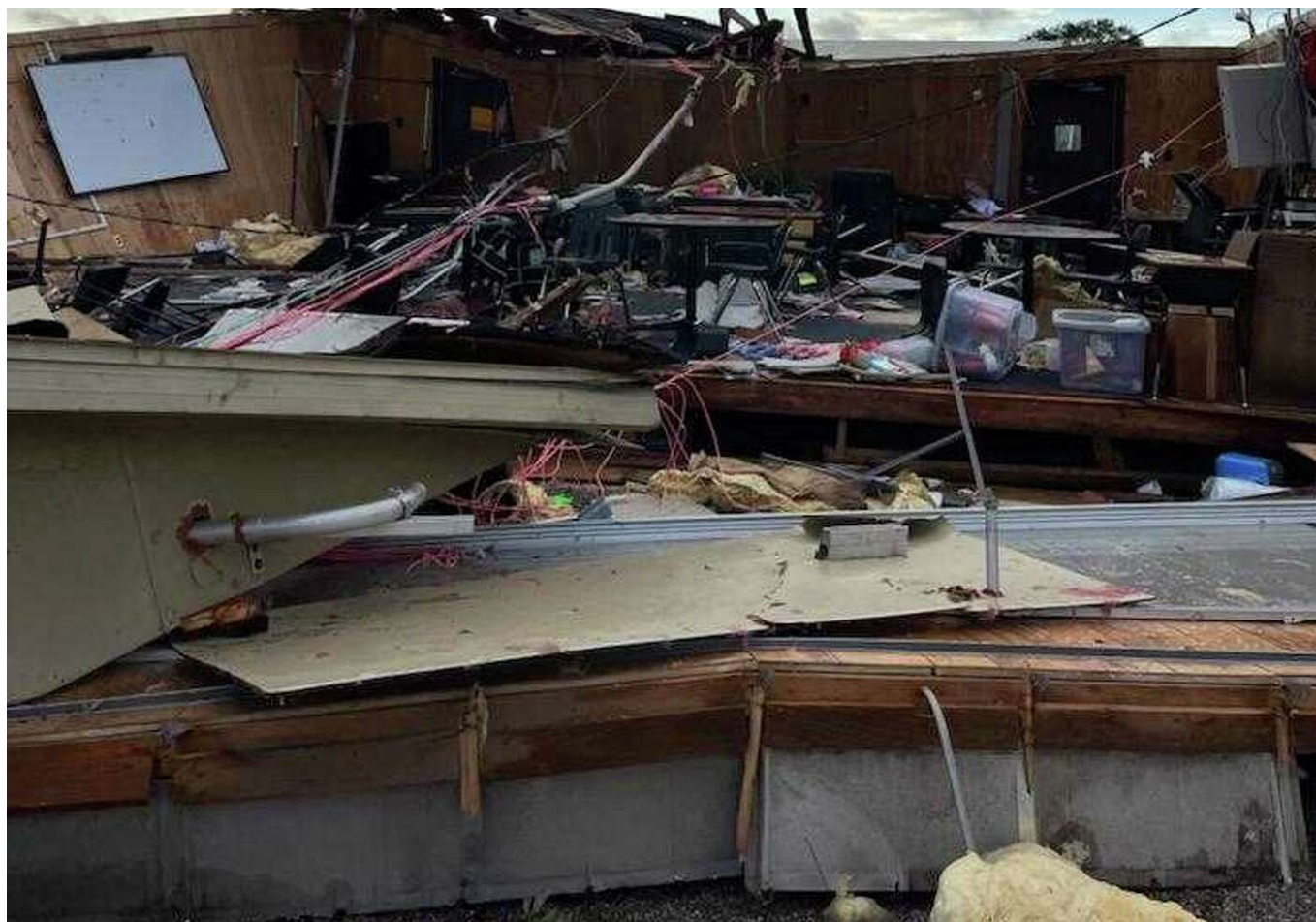
**Beamer st near Pasadena #KPRCshare #khou11 pic.twitter.com/bpjUBUrgwX**


— Bianca (@Bianca\_0723) January 24, 2023

Gas leaks, collapsed buildings and downed power lines were reported across the Pasadena area, with one official calling the damage "just catastrophic." In some neighborhoods, homes were completely taken off the slab.

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A portable building at Teague Elementary on Burke Rd. in Pasadena was damaged in the storm. (Yvette Orozco)

In Deer Park, a structure collapse was reported at the San Jacinto Manor nursing home. The department indicated that an ambulance bus was being sent to the nursing home. One person was injured at the nursing home, and 63 were rescued.





Exterior of the San Jacinto Manor Nursing Home after a tornado took the roof off of the structure, no injuries were reported other than a couple of minor scrapes on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023 in Deer Park.

Karen Warren/Staff photographer

**A lot of damage in the Deer Park, Houston, TX area. Especially off of Spencer Highway. Constant sirens from emergency responds. Please stay clear! #Houston #deerpark@NWSHouston #TXwx [pic.twitter.com/2age4iGyUa](https://pic.twitter.com/2age4iGyUa)**

— Ben McHone (@Tornado\_Warned) January 24, 2023

A resident walks past an apartment unit where the bricks fell off at Deer Park Apartments on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023 in Deer Park. / Residents walks past their damaged apartment complex on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023 in Deer Park. (Elizabeth Conley/Staff Photographer)

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— Storm Chaser Houston (@PastorJaimeG) January 24, 2023

## Mayor Turner reports damage across Houston

Other damage reported across Houston included an apartment complex at 11150 Beamer where the roof was blown off, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said in a tweet. Three people were transported from that complex with non-life-threatening injuries and another 25 to 50 residents were transported to an emergency shelter.

Adalene Castillo, from left, Jorge Amezcua and Cassandra Duarte figuring out what Amezcua and Duarte should do and where to stay for the night after they have to evacuate from their one-bedroom apartment that was affected by a tornado Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, at Beamer Place Apartments in Houston. The couple has been living in the unit for two years and both were not home when it happened. Their two dogs were staying in their kennels so they were not hurt from the collapse of the roof. The couple were not sure where they will be staying for the night as of 7 p.m.

Yi-Chin Lee/Staff photographer

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A wastewater facility at 9610 Kingspoint Road was also reported to have significant damage but is still functioning.

## Impact on chemical refineries

Companies are still surveying the damage after experiencing some operational upsets, but no major incidents have been reported at local refineries and chemical facilities of the refining corridor southeast of the city. The storms forced at least one chemical facility, Braskem's complex in LaPorte, to do a controlled shut-down. The storm knocked out onsite stream capabilities at Shell Chemicals in Deer Park, resulting in some flaring. Flaring was also reported at LyondellBasell's facility in LaPorte and Dow Chemical's facility in Deer Park. Exxon Mobil's Baytown facilities are stable, officials said.

Mickey Gilley Boulevard near Fairmont Parkway, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, in Pasadena.

Mark Mulligan/Staff photographer

## Most spared from power outages

Most of the Houston area remained unscathed from power outages. As of Wednesday morning, more than 22,000 homes around the region were still affected by more than 500 power outages, most of those centered near Pasadena and Baytown, according to CenterPoint Energy's outage tracker.

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## What happens next?

Deer Park residents were urged to stay off roads Tuesday night as the city and CenterPoint Energy worked to restore power to thousands of homes and businesses due to damaged power poles and downed power lines, Mayor Jerry Mouton said during a news conference.

The weather service will send experts out into the field on Wednesday to assess damage and estimate how strong the storm was. The weather service would also investigate reports of other tornadoes near Brazos Bend State Park and in Chambers County. Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD canceled classes Wednesday,

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The American Red Cross is operating the emergency shelter at the Baker Ripley Pasadena campus, 720 Fairmont Parkway, officials said. Officials with the Texas Department of Emergency Management are urging residents affected by Tuesday's storm to fill out claims using this link: <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov>



STORM TO FILE OUT CLAIMS USING THIS LINK: <https://damage.tucom.texas.gov/>.

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