

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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TROPICAL DEPRESSION IMELDA

---Polk County is under a Flash Flood Watch until Thursday morning---

---A Flood Warning is in effect for the Neches River---

Tropical Storm Imelda has been downgraded to Tropical Depression Imelda and is projected to remain in the eastern portion of Texas, including Polk County, through Thursday night.

According to the National Weather Service, flooding caused by heavy rainfall will be the main concern tonight through Thursday. Between 7 p.m. tonight and 7 p.m. Thursday, 5 to 10 inches of rain is expected in some areas of Polk County.

Flood Safety Tips:

Turn Around, Don't Drown! Do not drive through high water and DO NOT DRIVE AROUND BARRICADES! Just 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.

DO NOT WALK through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down.

STAY AWAY from streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly with little warning.

Please monitor the Polk County Emergency Management website at www.polkcountyoem.com and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement for updates.