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TDLR ISSUES EMERGENCY CONSENT TOW LICENSES IN FLOODING DISASTER AREA

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has enacted emergency tow provisions, effective immediately, that will enable additional tow trucks to assist in recovering damaged boats, watercraft and vehicles to expedite cleanup efforts in the 14-county-area hard-hit by flooding during Tropical Storm Imelda.

The emergency licenses may **ONLY** be used in the following Texas counties: Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Orange and San Jacinto.

To be eligible for an emergency consent tow truck license, applicants must:

- complete the online application;
- hold a valid driver's license issued by a state in the United States;
- pass a background check; and
- pay the consent tow operator license fee of \$100.

Apply online for an emergency consent tow operator license

here: https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/App_Online/default.asp?LicenseType=TOW.

Applicants can email CStowing@tdlr.texas.gov or call TDLR at 1-800-803-9202 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for assistance.

About TDLR

TDLR provides oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency manages 39 business and occupational licensing programs with more than 800,000 licenses across the state.

Visit TDLR's [website](#) for more information and resources. You can search the [TDLR licensee database](#), and also find [past violations](#) in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer

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TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Chinese.*

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