

# The Perfect Storm

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Have you ever heard the phrase “The Whole Town Is under Water”? I think we should look at our chances of this being the real deal. In June of 2001 Tropical Storm Allison dumped her water on this city and turned high ground into people seeking refuge on tops of roofs and hoods of cars and being rescued by boats and Coast Guard Helios. You may also have heard someone say “ I will never flood this land has not seen water this high Ever!” As most know our Houston is known as the Bayou City and is real close to being a Big Island. With two major Rivers the Brazos and the Trinity on its boundaries and a Bayou that cuts through the middle of the city, we have water boiling at the chance to escape its banks. Here is the Perfect Storm that Houston has not seen. If you take Allison and a High Tide of which the rivers and bayou I mentioned are tidal. Combine those two ingredients at the same time and you have “The Whole Town Is under Water” Allison hit on a low tide.

Since 2001 there has been major development and new construction in places that has never seen concrete in this city and we have seen flooding in places never seen before. Just ask the residents behind Memorial City Mall that flooded from a torrential down pour. The water has nowhere to go except up, and we need to be prepared. We suggest having a plan. If evacuation is not an option have Plan B, and by the way evacuation is not always a good idea unless you know well in advance. Typically Tropical Storms bring more rain than Hurricanes because they are slow moving and do not have as high of winds. Check your policy and make sure you carry Flood Insurance, it’s inexpensive and protects for that non typical rainy day. I continue to say “ it’s not if it’s when.”

