

A graphic for a total solar eclipse. It features a large, glowing white circle on a black background, representing the sun. In the center of the circle, the text "Total Solar ECLIPSE" is written in white. Below this, the date "April 8, 2024" is written. In the foreground, a grey silhouette of a building with a bell tower is superimposed over the circle. The building's name, "Fredericksburg TEXAS", is written in white across its front.

Total Solar
ECLIPSE

April 8, 2024

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Eclipse Information Guide

Gillespie County / Fredericksburg, Texas

- **Total Solar Eclipse:** Monday, April 8, 2024
- **Anticipated Community Impact Days:** Thursday, April 4, 2024 - Tuesday, April 9, 2024
 - **Eclipse Takes Place:** 12:15 p.m. - 2:56 p.m. CT
 - **Totality Begins:** 1:32 p.m.
 - **Total Darkness:** 4 minutes, 24 seconds

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For additional information or specific questions:

Residents inside the city limits of Fredericksburg:

Eclipse Information
www.eclipseinfbgtx.com
Email: eclipse@fbgtx.org

Residents outside the city limits of Fredericksburg:

Gillespie County Commissioners
Phone: (830)997-7503
www.eclipseinfbgtx.com

Visitors:

Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau
Phone: (830)997-6523
www.eclipseinfbgtx.com
www.visitfredericksburgtx.com

Businesses:

Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce
Phone: (830)997-5000
www.eclipseinfbgtx.com
www.fredericksburg-texas.com

Everyone:

www.eclipseinfbgtx.com

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This is a 'living' document and will be updated on an as needed basis. Please keep this in mind when looking for information about the Eclipse events in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County.

Eclipse Facts

Two solar eclipses will come through the great state of Texas within a six-month time frame. This is a rare and exceptional circumstance which will consequently make Texas a magnet for potentially several million visitors from across the United States and around the world.

On Saturday, October 14, 2023, an annular solar eclipse will take place beginning over the Pacific Ocean, reaching the United States at Oregon. It will pass through California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico prior to reaching Texas. For approximately five minutes, those near the middle of the path of this annular solar eclipse will be able to see the Sun as a “ring of fire”. At all times during an annular eclipse, safe eclipse viewing techniques should be practiced.



Total Solar Eclipse above Madras, OR - 8/21/2017

Following the annular solar eclipse, a total solar eclipse will take place on Monday, April 8, 2024. A total solar eclipse takes place when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth, causing a complete block of the face of the Sun. The duration of totality will be approximately four minutes and 27 seconds for certain areas. In the United States, this total solar eclipse will touch 15 states including Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Tennessee, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. This will be the last total solar eclipse visible from the contiguous United States until 2044. Fredericksburg, Texas, is within the path of totality for the 2024 solar eclipse. In 2017, the Great American Eclipse was the first total solar eclipse to touch the "Lower 48" since 1979 and the first to span the U.S. from coast to coast since 1918. And now, another total solar eclipse is coming to North America, just seven years after the last one. This time the Moon's dark central shadow, about 115 miles wide, will cross Mexico, sweep northeast from Texas to Maine, and then darken the Canadian Maritimes.

What is the difference between an annular eclipse and a total solar eclipse?

An annular solar eclipse takes place when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun when it is at or near its farthest point from the Earth. When at this location, the Moon appears smaller than the Sun and does not completely cover it, resulting in the Moon appearing as a dark disk on top of a larger, bright disk (the Sun). This creates the “ring of fire” around the Moon. During an annular eclipse, it is never safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection designed for solar viewing.

A total solar eclipse takes place when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk, and people located in the center of the Moon’s shadow, or path of totality, will experience a total eclipse. Except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the Moon completely blocks the Sun’s bright face, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing.

Who can see it?

Depending on weather and cloud cover, everyone in the contiguous United States will see at least a partial solar eclipse.

How can you see it?

Eclipse viewers should never look directly at the Sun without appropriate eye protection except during totality. There are several ways to safely view an eclipse of the sun including direct viewing, which requires a filtering device, as well as indirect viewing where you project an image of the sun onto a screen.

When watching the partial phases of the solar eclipse directly with your eyes, safe solar viewing glasses or “eclipse glasses” or a handheld solar viewer, must be used at all times. No matter how dark, regular sunglasses are NOT safe for viewing the Sun. Safe solar viewers are thousands of times darker and must comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard. Viewing any part of the bright Sun through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter secured over the front of the optics will instantly cause severe eye injury.

Sources: NASA <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eclipses/2024/apr-8-total/overview/>
The Great American Eclipse <https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/>



Frequently Asked Questions

What time is the Total Solar Eclipse 2024 in Fredericksburg?

On Monday, April 8, 2024, the eclipse will take place from 12:15 p.m. to 2:56 p.m., CT, while the total eclipse will be visible from approximately 1:32 p.m. to 1:37 p.m. in Fredericksburg.

What is an eclipse?

A total solar eclipse takes place when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth, completely blocking the face of the sun.

Wait, there are two eclipses?

Yes! An annular solar eclipse will take place on Saturday, October 14, 2023. A total solar eclipse will happen on Monday, April 8, 2024.

Where can I buy eclipse glasses?

A limited supply of eclipse glasses will be available at the Visitor Information Center starting in October 2023. Other organizations throughout Gillespie County will also have eclipse glasses available.

The City of Fredericksburg Parks & Recreation Department will have eclipse glasses available at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park the day of the eclipse. Harper ISD and Fredericksburg ISD will be sending eclipse glasses home with students.

Eclipse glasses or solar filters should comply with the transmission requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard for filters for direct viewing of the Sun.

Where can I view the eclipse?

Residents are encouraged to stay at their homes to view the eclipse. Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park will be a public viewing area, however, when it has reached capacity, additional viewers will not be allowed to enter the park. Lady Bird Park will be open on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 5:30 a.m. (time subject to change).

There will be additional public viewing areas announced in the future.

Will schools be closed for this event?

Fredericksburg ISD and Harper ISD will be closed on Monday, April 8, 2024. We will be gathering information from the other community schools regarding their status and update this answer as soon as we have the information.

I live inside the City Limits. Will I be allowed to park an RV or camper in my driveway, front yard, or in the street for someone to stay in while they are here to view the eclipse?

Please see the City of Fredericksburg's [Code of Ordinances](#) regarding this matter.

I live outside the City Limits. Can I rent out rooms in my home or my RV during the eclipse event? Can I rent out parking and camping spaces in my field for people to pay to park and view the eclipse?

As a responsible property owner, please check with the carrier of your homeowner's insurance policy to avoid potential liability issues with these actions.

Can I set up chairs on the street or on City property days before the event (like at the parades)?

No, due to public safety concerns, items cannot be left on City property overnight. Items can be put out the day of the eclipse beginning at dawn and left at your own risk.

Can I rent out my house for the weekend even though it is not permitted as a short-term rental (STR)?

Those with properties inside the city limits looking to rent their homes out as Short-Term Rentals (STRs) should review the City's ordinance and permit requirements for STRs at <https://www.fbgtx.org/845/Short-Term-Rentals>.

Those with properties outside the city limits should consult with the carrier of their homeowner's insurance policy to avoid potential liability issues with these actions.

Can I sell food or drinks?

The Gillespie County Health Division does require a temporary health permit and you can find more information here: <https://www.fbgtx.org/693/Temporary-Food-Establishment>

What supplies should I have on hand in case I cannot leave my house on the day of the eclipse? When should I shop for supplies?

Supplies should include cash, fueled up vehicles, food and water, first aid supplies, solar filters, medications, portable oxygen (if required). Shopping one to two weeks in advance is encouraged, if not sooner.

What should I do as a business owner in Gillespie County to prepare for the eclipse?

The Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce has prepared a Solar Eclipse Business Planning Guide. Additional information and a link to subscribe to this Solar Eclipse Business Planning Guide can be found on the Chamber of Commerce's website at <https://www.fredericksburg-texas.com/solar-eclipse>. Also, see our [Tips for Businesses](#) section of this guide.

Is there a mass notification system I can sign up for to be notified of an emergency in the area during the eclipse?

Gillespie County and the City of Fredericksburg are currently in the process of obtaining a mass notification system that will allow us to notify residents and visitors of emergency situations they would need to be made aware of. This system will be implemented and announced in the near future.

Is there an email address I can use to contact someone to answer a question not addressed in this Eclipse Information Guide?

For questions not addressed in this Eclipse Information Guide, please email eclipse@fbgtx.org.

What is the official website for eclipse information in Gillespie County?

The official webpage for the eclipse is <http://www.eclipseinfbgtx.com/> and is being managed by the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. To avoid duplication of efforts, information for both visitors and residents is included on this site.

Where can I find out more information about the eclipse event?

The Gillespie County Eclipse Task Force will be holding several Town Hall meetings to discuss the upcoming eclipse event. The first will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Fredericksburg High School auditorium. This event will also be live streamed on FBG.live.

Additional Town Hall meetings are being scheduled throughout the community. Future dates will be announced soon.

Additionally, eclipse information can be found on our website at www.eclipseinfbgtx.com or by using our QR code.



Tips for Residents

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- Traffic will be heavy and lines for local services such as restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, and retail stores may be longer than usual; do what you can ahead of time before the anticipated impact days and allow for extra time to get where you need to go.
- Things to consider doing in advance of the heaviest congestion periods:
 - **Errands & Appointments:** Schedule your errands and appointments early, before Thursday, April 4, 2024, if possible. Check ahead if you have plans for Monday, April 8, 2024; some services and businesses will be closed or have limited hours during this time. By scheduling your errands early, you will beat the crowds and give local stores and businesses time to restock before eclipse visitors arrive; this includes grocery shopping, doctor/dentist/veterinary appointments, prescriptions, etc.
 - **Supplies:** Overall, supplies may be limited due to the high demand; which may mean the items you want are not available during the impact days. If there is something important you need, get it early.
 - **Gas:** If you normally fill up your tank on the weekend, be sure to do that task early, before Thursday, April 4, 2024.
 - **Cash:** If you regularly use cash or want some on hand, consider visiting your local bank or ATM before Thursday, April 4, 2024.
- **911:** Know when it is appropriate to call 911 (true emergencies) and have the non-emergency phone number for your local Dispatch Center programmed into your phone ahead of time. The non-emergency phone number for Gillespie County Dispatch Center is (830)990-8793, and press option 1.
- **Cellular Service:** With the increased number of visitors, local public safety officials anticipate cellular service may become overwhelmed (primarily Monday, April 8, 2024) or have limited access during the impact days. Consider these ideas to assist with communications during this time:
 - Develop a communication plan with family and friends if you lose or have limited service.
 - If you only have a mobile phone at home, find out which of your neighbors have a land-line number in case you need to call 911 for an emergency.
- **Public Water Systems:** Consider postponing watering your lawn or using “extra” water during the anticipated impact days to take pressure off the public water system during that time.
- **Reminder from Public Health:** A [temporary health permit](#) is required if you plan to prepare and sell perishable food items from your home or business to others; contact the Gillespie County Health Division at (830)997-7521 for more information or to obtain a permit.
- **Individual/Family Emergency Plans:** Consider the eclipse event to be an opportunity to check your emergency kits and emergency plans. If you do not have a kit or have not discussed your emergency plans, now is an opportune time to do so.

Tips for Visitors

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Gillespie County's population of approximately 27,000 people is expected to swell to 100,000+ during the impact period. It is best to arrive early, come prepared, and **have reasonable expectations, given the situation.**

The Texas Hill Country is a beautiful, unique place, but please keep local hazards in mind and always know your surroundings.

While Visiting During the Eclipse Impact Days:

- Do not think, "We'll just pick up what we need when we get there." Supplies, cash, fuel, and restaurant meals may be limited or have long lines due to high demand.
- Think about your personal safety and security:
 - Have a good communication plan with your family members. Cell service may be limited due to the increased volume. Have an out of area friend or family member you can check in with if you get separated. Pick a landmark where you can reunite if you get separated in a crowd.
 - Do not leave valuables in your vehicles. Think through your security plan and how to keep important items secure, i.e. cell phones, telescopes, binoculars, wallets, etc.
- Make sure your vehicle/RV has been serviced and you are all fueled up and ready to go (gas, propane, etc.).
- Help us keep our communities and public areas clean and safe; follow the rule "Pack it in, Pack it out!"

What to Bring with You:

- Eclipse viewing glasses
- Water (plenty of it)
- First Aid Kit
- Necessary medications for you and your pets
- Cash (ATMs may be limited during this time)
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Hat/Visor
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Folding chairs
- Jacket or sweatshirt (Texas weather is unpredictable)
- Snacks/food for the hours, days you plan to be with us
- Prepaid phone card - if you need to call long distance and cellular service is not available
- Maps of the area if you need directions (print your directions and bring them with you); your cellular service may be limited during heaviest impact times

Tips for Businesses

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Gillespie County expects a large increase in visitors over a normal holiday weekend. This is a great opportunity for local businesses; however, preparedness will be crucial for this event. Grocery stores, gas stations, hotels, restaurants, transportation services, retail stores, and other establishments will experience heavier than normal business.

The Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce has prepared a Solar Eclipse Business Planning Guide. Additional information and a link to subscribe to this Solar Eclipse Business Planning Guide can be found on the Chamber of Commerce's website at <https://www.fredericksburg-texas.com/solar-eclipse>.

What You Can Do to Prepare Your Business:

- **Back-up Plans:** Prepare for an increase in customers; have needed supplies on hand and early; consider extending hours of operation to meet customer needs and have back-up plans if staff is delayed due to traffic.
- **Employee Preparedness:** Encourage employees to have a full tank of gas; have their own resources ready at home; day care needs met, etc., by Thursday, April 4, 2023. Gas stations may be very busy or may be waiting on resupply. Make sure your staff can get to work, so give them reminders to plan ahead and share the [Tips for Residents](#) in this guide.
- **Cash / Financial Transactions:**
 - Be prepared for more cash transactions; consider having extra tills set up to accommodate more cash transactions. You may have larger than normal deposits over the weekend. Check ahead of time if your bank will be open on Monday, April 8, 2024.
 - **HOW DOES YOUR CREDIT / DEBIT CARD MACHINE ACCESS THE INTERNET???** If you use cell service / cell wireless service for your transactions, be prepared with a back-up plan. We anticipate a high demand for cellular service during the impact period, especially Monday, April 8, 2024. You may find you are not able to make transactions; have a back-up plan to meet your customers' needs.
- **Communications:** Anticipate possible cellular service disruptions due to the increased demand. Visitors may have urgent requests to use your landline business phone if cell service is limited; decide how you want to handle these requests and make sure employees know what to do. *If it is a 911 emergency and you have a landline, be ready to help!*
- **Regularly Scheduled Deliveries:** Evaluate when you receive your regular deliveries; deliveries scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024, may be significantly delayed due to the overwhelming number of vehicles trying to come in to and leave Gillespie County. Consider rescheduling for Tuesday or order extra the week prior.
- **Restrooms:** Be aware many visitors will be camping in authorized and potentially unauthorized locations; expect customers who may be primarily interested in using business restrooms. Public restrooms will be in short supply and port-a-potties in limited locations may be at capacity until serviced.
- **Weather and Your Business:** If conditions are foggy or cloudy, visitors with hotel reservations will most likely not change their plans, but the "day trippers" may move to a location with better viewing conditions; there is no way to predict this, but monitoring the weather forecast the week to 10 days prior to April 8, 2024, will be useful for your business.

Safety - Eye Protection During Eclipse Viewing

Looking directly at the Sun is unsafe except during the brief total phase of a solar eclipse (“totality”), when the Moon entirely blocks the Sun’s bright face, which will happen only within the narrow path of totality.

What You Can Do:

The only safe way to look directly at the unclipped or partially eclipsed Sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as “eclipse glasses” or hand-held solar viewers. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the Sun. Eclipse glasses and hand-held solar viewers should meet the ISO 12312-2 international standard for such products.

An alternative method for safe viewing of the partially eclipsed Sun is pinhole projection. For example, cross the outstretched, slightly open fingers of one hand over the outstretched, slightly open fingers of the other. With your back to the Sun, look at your hands’ shadow on the ground. The little spaces between your fingers will project a grid of small images on the ground, showing the Sun as a crescent during the partial phases of the eclipse. Additional eye safety tips can be found on [NASA’s website](#).

DO NOT:

- Look at the unclipped or partially eclipsed Sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other optical device.
- Look at the Sun through a camera, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while using your eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewer - the concentrated solar rays will damage the filter and enter your eye(s), causing serious injury.

If you are within the path of totality, remove your solar filter only when the Moon completely covers the Sun’s bright face and it suddenly gets dark. Experience totality, then, as soon as the bright Sun begins to reappear, replace your solar viewer to glance at the remaining partial phases.



SAFE SOLAR VIEWING

Solar Eclipse Safety

A total solar eclipse is about as bright as the full moon, and just as safe to look at. But the Sun at any other time is dangerously bright. View it only through special-purpose solar filters that comply with the transmission requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard for filters for direct viewing of the Sun.

Partial Eclipse use filter | Total Eclipse filter not needed | Partial Eclipse use filter

The sun is dangerously bright and must be viewed through solar filters.

Safety - Transportation, Travel, and Parking

While the number of eclipse visitors is hard to estimate, both residents and visitors should expect increased activity on roadways, in neighborhoods, in public facilities, restaurants, parks, and retail stores. Hotels, short-term rentals, and campgrounds will be at peak capacity.

The large influx of people expected to visit Texas during this eclipse event will have a huge impact on highways, gasoline supply, and other basic needs. What you do to plan ahead will help your eclipse-viewing experience.

What You Can Do:

- **Expect delays.** Traffic backups are inevitable. Preparation ensures less frustration for visitors and residents alike.
- **Expect traffic changes.** Normal travel paths may be disrupted.
- **Be prepared.** If traveling, plan for your basic needs such as food, water, fuel for your vehicle, and bathroom breaks in case you are stuck in traffic.
- **Do what you can to HELP.** Can you work from home or flex your work schedule when local roadways are full? Avoid roads being used to get people in or out of a local event. Ride your bicycle when possible to avoid congestion.
- **Look out for each other.** This is a rare opportunity, but it brings potential hazards. We must all do our part to be prepared. You may see travelers who are unfamiliar with the area. Be friendly, helpful, and patient.
- **Motor Vehicle Accidents:** If you have a fender bender, do not call 911 unless there are injuries, dangers, or leaking fluids. Move your vehicles safely to the side of the road and exchange insurance information.
- **Be mindful of Texas's "move over" law.** Drivers in Texas are required to move over a lane or slow to 20 mph below the posted speed limit when approaching emergency vehicles, law enforcement, tow trucks, utility service vehicles, TxDOT vehicles, or other highway construction or maintenance vehicles using visual signals or flashing lights activated on the roadside. On roadways with posted speed limits of 25 mph or less, drivers must reduce their speed to 5 mph (Texas Transportation Code 545.157).
- **Keep emergency vehicles in mind when parking.** Maintaining room for emergency vehicles is critical during large scale events such as the eclipse. Inside the city limits, parking in your driveway or on your own property, will help ensure first responders will not be impeded by parked vehicles on their way to an emergency call. In the county, this can be accomplished by parking completely off the paved portion of the roadway.



Medical Services and First Aid

Knowing how to treat minor injuries can make a difference in an emergency or helping yourself, family, or friends. You may consider taking a first aid class, but simply having the following supplies can help you stop bleeding, prevent infection, and assist in decontamination. Having a basic first aid kit that includes some of the following items will better prepare you to help yourself and others if they are hurt.

- At least two pairs of patient care gloves (latex or sterile gloves)
- Sterile dressings to stop bleeding
- Cleansing agent / soap
- Antibiotic towelettes
- Antibiotic ointment
- Burn ointment
- Adhesive bandages in various sizes
- Thermometer
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Eye wash solution to flush eyes or as general decontaminant
- Tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant
- Prescription medications you take every day such as insulin, heart medication, and asthma inhalers
- Prescribed medical supplies such as glucose and blood pressure monitoring equipment and supplies
- Non-prescription drugs - aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, and / or laxatives

Medical Services in Gillespie County:

Hospitals: Methodist Hill Country
 1020 S. State Hwy 16
 Fredericksburg, TX 78624
 (830)997-4345
 <https://sahealth.com/locations/methodist-hospital-hill-country/>

Urgent Care / Walk-in Care Clinics:
Hill Country Immediate Care
1031 S. State Hwy 16 (across from the hospital)
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
(830)992-2820
<https://methodistphysicianpractices.com/locations/hill-country-immediate-care/>
Open 7 days / week
Monday - Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Rural Fire Stations

As a way to spread resources throughout Gillespie County and to achieve optimal response time, mobile first aid stations will be assigned to local rural fire stations throughout Gillespie County including the Harper, Doss, Willow City, Stonewall, and Tierra Linda volunteer fire stations.

Rural Fire Station Locations:

Harper Volunteer Fire Department and EMS
84 N. Ranch Road 783
Harper, TX 78631
(830)864-4253
www.harpervfd-ems.com

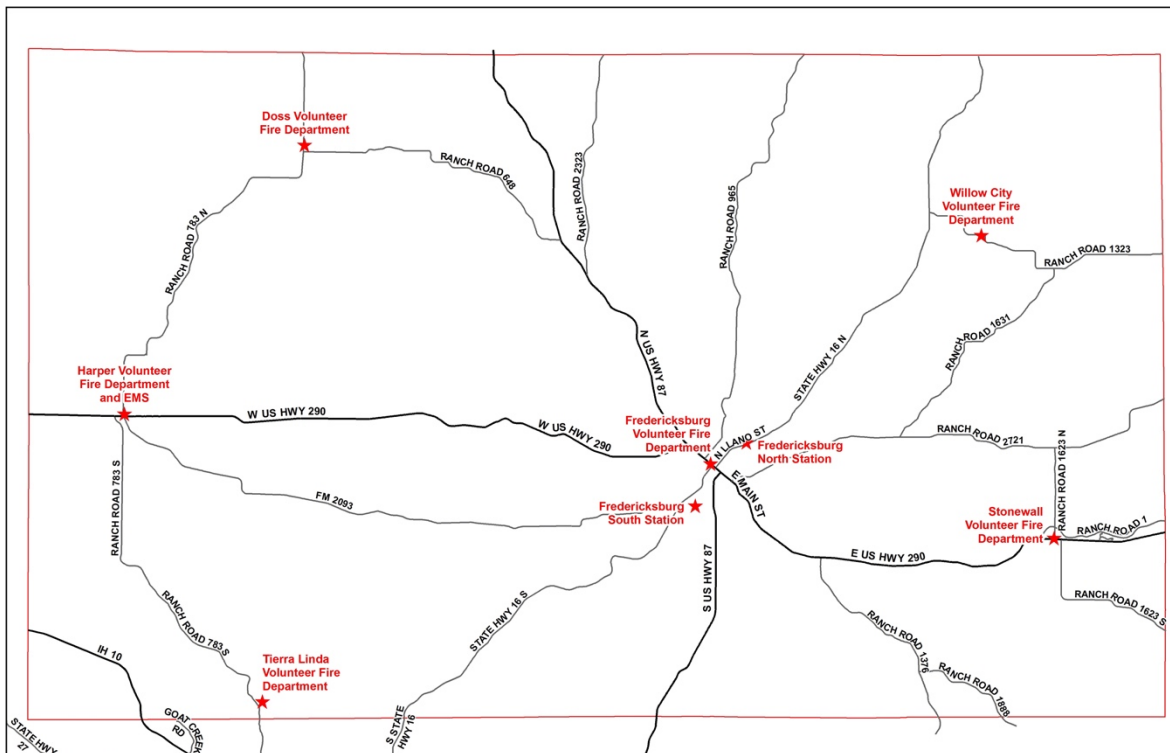
Tierra Linda Volunteer Fire Department
406 Oak Alley
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830)792-3533
www.tlvfd.com

Doss Volunteer Fire Department
14500 N. Ranch Road 783
Doss, TX 78618
(830)669-2220
www.dossvfd.org

Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department
124 W. Main Street
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
(830)990-2050
www.fbgtx.org/608/Fredericksburg-Volunteer-Fire-Department

Willow City Volunteer Fire Department
2553 Ranch Road 1323
Willow City, TX 78675
(830)685-3376
www.willowcityfd.com

Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department
14854 E. US Hwy 290
Stonewall, TX 78671
(830)644-5571
www.stonewallvfd.com



Rules and Etiquette

With so many people gathering in our county to witness this monumental event, here are some tips to make sure the eclipse event is fun and safe for everyone.

Trespassing:

- Do not trespass on private property.
- Do not trespass on public properties that are closed.

Parking and Transportation:

- Parking will be very limited; determine if there is public transportation where you plan to visit or be ready for long walks to where you are headed.
- When parking, do so legally. Do not park in fire lanes; do not block driveways or roadways; doing so could hamper first responders from reaching those who need help.

Other:

- Do not litter. This includes leaving trash or debris on either public or private property as well as throwing any garbage from a vehicle.
- Avoid external lighting, flashlights, camera flashes, sparklers or other fireworks, or any light that would detract from the phenomena.

Community Information & Links

Helpful Websites:

- NWS Current Conditions - Austin / San Antonio: <https://www.weather.gov/ewx/>
- NWS Current Conditions - Mobile version: mobile.weather.gov
- Road Conditions: www.drivetexas.org
- FEMA: www.ready.gov
- Mass Notifications: Text to Subscribe (WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!)
- Local up to date weather information and road conditions: Call (830)990-8793, option 6