1900 September - Major hurricane hits Galveston. The "Great Galveston Storm" is the worst natural disaster to date in U.S. history. Loss of life reported to be 6,000 to 8,000 citizens. Harris County experiences widespread flooding, with property damage at $30 to $40 million.

1907 Major storm floods much of Houston and Harris County.

1910 First drainage district created in Harris County in Brays Bayou watershed.

1914 Houston Ship Channel opens.

1916 The United States Geological Survey publishes topographic maps for Harris County.

1919-1920 May - As the area is still reeling from the last storm, another major hurricane hits Harris County. Structural damage, heavy street flooding and widespread crop damage reported. San Jacinto River 30 feet above normal.

1921 August - Another Galveston hurricane causes major damages throughout Harris County. Buffalo Bayou 52 feet above normal. Overwhelming devastation leads to creation of the Harris County Flood Control District in 1927.

1923 May - Mississippi-Missouri storm inundates Houston and Harris County. Buffalo Bayou 52 feet above normal.

1926 August - Area flooding produces heaviest rainfall ever recorded in Harris County. More than 15 inches in 24 hours. Flooding reported on all bayous.

1929 April - Enormous gulf storm descends on Houston and Harris County and leaves 14 hours. Many areas of county report rainfall close to 10 inches. Extensive damage sustained to structures in almost all of Harris County. All bayous are reported to be out of banks. Many citizens evacuate.

1930 May - Large rainfall cell remains stationary over Harris County for 3 days. Rainfall amounts reported as high as 12.5 inches. Entire area averages 8 inches.

1932 August - Hurricane hits Freeport, taking 40 lives. Harris County has widespread flooding on all bayous.

1940 November - Heavy rains last for 5 days in northern Harris County. 10,000 head of cattle lost.

1950 May - Major thunderstorm near Galveston creates extensive flooding for Harris County. $14.5 million in damages.

1955 July - Hurricane hits northern portion of Harris County. Structure flooding reported in the area.

1959 October - Thunderstorm floods more than 100 structures in Houston area.

1960 June - Thunderstorm inundates many areas throughout Harris County. Cypress Creek, Spring Creek and San Jacinto River experience flooding. Over 200 families evacuate.

1961 September - Hurricane Carla pounds the Gulf Coast, taking 34 lives. It is the largest hurricane ever recorded, with property damages exceeding $300 million. Heavy flooding reported in southern Harris County.

1965 October - Major storm hits Harris County and brings 10-15 inches of rain. Sims and Greens bayous are reported out of banks. 10 lives are lost and damages exceed $50 million.

1969 August - Hurricane Alex strikes Galveston and Harris County. Damage approaches $1 billion, mostly due to wind.

1972 March - Thunderstorm precedes cold front and floods much of northern Harris County. More than 700 families evacuate.

1973 June - Major storm hits Harris County and brings 10-15 inches of rain. Sims and Greens bayous are reported out of banks. 10 lives are lost and damages exceed $50 million.

1975 June - Thunderstorm follows cold front and floods much of northern Harris County. More than 1,600 structures flood. Damages exceed $14 million.

1979 July - Tropical Storm Claudette brings record rainfall amounts to the area. A U.S.-record of 43 inches of rain in 24 hours falls in Alvin. Total damages exceed $700 million.

1980 June - Nine inches of rain falls south of downtown. More than 1,000 structures flood along Brays Bayou. Damages top $38 million.

1982 May - Large thunderstorm floods areas along several bayous. Damage exceeds $14 million.

1983 September - Hurricane Alicia strikes Galveston and Harris County. Damage approaches $1 billion, mostly due to wind.


1989 September - Tropical Storm Fran causes extensive flooding along White Oak Bayou and other bayous. More than 1,300 structures flooded. Damages exceed $3.3 billion.

1990 August - Major storm floods close to 1000 structures. More than 250 structures flood. Rainfall amounts 8-10 inches in 24 hours. Overbank flooding along Bear, Langham, Mayde Creek, Grand and structural flooding along Cypress, Little Cypress and Willow creeks, San Jacinto River. More than 640 structures flooded in Harris County and more than 900 in the Spring Creek watershed in Montgomery County.

1992 June - Tropical Storm Allison strikes first on June 5; returns three days later for a second round of storms. Texas Medical Center essentially shut down. North Downtown Houston decimated. Two million people impacted. 22 lives lost. More than 70,000 structures flooded. Damages top $5 billion.

1993 August - Hurricane Audrey strikes Galveston and Harris County. Damage exceeds $1 billion, mostly due to wind.


1995 June - Tropical Storm Allison strikes Galveston and Harris County. Damage exceeds $1 billion, mostly due to wind.

1996 October - Major storm hits Harris County. Twice as many structures flood than in the 1992 storm. Most bayous are out of banks.

1997 February - Thunderstorm causes widespread flooding in downtown. More than 170,000 structures flood. Damages exceed $3.3 billion.

1998 July - Tropical Storm Allison causes widespread flooding along Brays Bayou and other bayous. More than 1,300 structures flooded. Damages exceed $3.3 billion.

1999 October - Tropical Storm Floyd. More than 6,500 structures flood. Total damages exceed $3.3 billion.

2000 June - Tropical Storm Allison strikes first on June 8; returns three days later for a second round of storms. Texas Medical Center essentially shut down. North Downtown Houston decimated. Two million people impacted. 22 lives lost. More than 70,000 structures flooded in northern Harris County.

2001 August - Slow-moving rains drench portions of Harris County with 3.5-4.5 inches. In the Greens Bayou watershed, 3,500 structures flooded.

2002 June 19 - Rainfall on already saturated ground floods 3,370 homes, 561 apartments and one nursing home, mostly along Berry and Sims bayous. Rainfall 8-10 inches in three hours.

2004 July - High-water rescue along Cypress, Little Cypress and Willow creeks after several days of heavy rainfall beginning July 9. More than 70 structures flooded in northern Harris County.

2005 April - Slow-moving rains drench portions of Harris County with 3.5-4.5 inches. In the Greens Bayou watershed, 3,500 structures flooded.


2007 July - Tropical Storm Allison strikes first on June 5; returns three days later for a second round of storms. Texas Medical Center essentially shut down. North Downtown Houston decimated. Two million people impacted. 22 lives lost. More than 70,000 structures flooded in northern Harris County.

2008 September - Hurricane Ike, 3rd deadliest in U.S. history, strikes Galveston. Eleven deaths in Harris County. Storm surge swamps 2,560 structures; rainfall causes 1,200 more structures to flood. More than 28 billion in damage.

2009 April - Tropical Storm Alex brings extensive flooding, five children drown when a car goes into a Greens Bayou tributary. Some highways close; record high water on Bear, Langham, Mayde creeks. 2,305 structures flooded on Langham Creek and Buffalo Bayou. HCFCD records one-hour rainfall of 8.7 inches at Clear Creek.

2010 February - Tropical Storm Fran causes extensive flooding along White Oak Bayou and other bayous. More than 1,300 structures flooded. Damages exceed $3.3 billion.

2011 May and June - Two separate storms result in two back-to-back presidential disaster declarations.

2012 September - Hurricane Ike, 3rd deadliest in U.S. history, strikes Galveston. Eleven deaths in Harris County. Storm surge swamps 2,560 structures; rainfall causes 1,200 more structures to flood. More than 28 billion in damage.


2014 August - Tropical Storm Irene - Significant rainfall, minor flooding.

