WHAT IS YOUR FLOOD RISK?

Investigate if the property is flooded and purchase flood insurance, if necessary.
• Talk to the neighbors: is the street flooded? Was this house flooded?
• Ask the owner / owner about the flood history. Get the answer in writing before buying or leasing.
• Review past floods and buyouts in the area: https://arcgis/0revD4.
• Enter a Harris County address to assess your specific flood risk: http://www.texascoastalatlas.com/buyerbwhere/oneforall.php

CHECK THE FLOOD RISK OF YOUR PROPERTY BEFORE LEASING OR BUYING

Review FEMA Flood Maps at https://msc.fema.gov/portal
• Compare the elevation of the floodplain with the elevation of the slab in your home.
• Avoid buying or leasing on the 100-year floodplain.
• Within the 500-year floodplain, the height of the house must be above the elevation of the 500-year floodplain. Avoid buying a house with an elevation below the 500-year floodplain.
• There is an increased risk of storm surge in eastern and southeastern Harris County less than 25 feet.
• Avoid buying a house less than 25 feet tall.
• Raise the house above 25 feet.
• Houston streets are backup drainage systems - compare the height of the house slab with the crown of the street.
• Avoid houses where the slab is level or slightly above the crown of the street.
• The slab must be 2 feet or more above the street crown.
• Keep in mind, there is always a chance your home may flood. However, these tips should help you minimize the risk.

Know if your zip code is an evacuation area.
http://prepare.readyharris.org/Evacuation-Map

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