

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THERE IS A THREAT OF EVACUATION REGISTER NOW

Citizens with special medical needs can get help during an evacuation. Your county has partnered with local municipalities to offer sheltering and transportation, if you meet the eligibility requirements. Those with certain medical conditions may be able to stay in special needs shelters.

Are you eligible for any of the Special Needs and Transportation Programs?

Contact your local county emergency management office to complete a registration form.

Fill out the form and send it either to your County Emergency Management or your local fire rescue department. You may also get a registration form from your home healthcare provider, the Health Department or call your local fire department.

Once registered, you will be contacted for more information. For transportation, your local fire department will contact you prior to any evacuations.

You do not need to be registered to go to a special needs shelter if you have your own transportation, but county officials strongly encourage you to do so.

Register if you need transportation to a shelter.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I know if I am eligible?

For transportation, if you have no other way to get to a shelter you can register for transportation assistance. For special needs shelters, if you have no other options for sheltering and you require limited medical assistance such as oxygen, assistance with routine care and medications, or you are dependent on electricity, you may qualify for the special needs shelters. Shelters do not have hospital beds, and cannot assist those with acute medical problems. When you fill out a registration form, your county Health Department will determine if you are eligible for a special needs shelter and advise you directly or through your local fire department.

What is available at the Special Needs Shelters?

The Department of Health and your county school board staff these shelters with nurses and other medical personnel. Oxygen is available at the special needs shelters. You will be provided normal meals only; you will need to bring any special dietary foods you may require. Hospital beds are not available at the shelters; you must bring comfort items such as bedding, pillows, sheets, and blankets. Air conditioning will be available as long as power is available.

What about my pet?

Please note: special needs shelters can only accommodate **service animals**.

Please contact your local county Emergency Management office for special needs registration, information on shelters, and tips for disaster preparedness. You can also visit www.floridadisaster.org for more information and a link to your county's Emergency Management website.

County	Phone#	County	Phone#
Alachua	352-384-3116	Levy	352-486-5213
Baker	904-259-6111	Manatee	941-749-3022
Bradford	904-966-6336	Marion	352-622-3205
Brevard	321-637-6670	Martin	772-288-5694
Broward	954-831-3905	Miami-Dade	305-468-5403
Charlotte	941-505-4620	Monroe	305-289-6065
Citrus	352-746-6555	Nassau	904-548-4980
Clay	904-284-7703	Okeechobee	863-763-3212
Collier	239-774-8000	Orange	407-836-9140
Columbia	386-758-1125	Osceola	407-343-7000
DeSoto	863-993-4831	Palm Beach	561-712-6330
Dixie	352-498-1240 x224	Pasco	727-847-8137
Duval	904-630-2472	Pinellas	727-464-5550
Flagler	386-206-4540	Polk	863-534-5605
Gilchrist	352-463-3134	Putnam	386-239-0379
Glades	863-946-6020	Sarasota	941-861-5495
Hamilton	386-792-6647	Seminole	407-665-5131
Hardee	863-773-6373	St. Johns	904-824-5550
Hendry	863-612-4704	St. Lucie	772-461-5201
Hernando	352-754-4083	Sumter	352-569-6000
Highlands	863-385-1112	Suwannee	386-364-3405
Hillsborough	813-276-2385	Union	386-496-4300
Indian River	772-567-2154	Volusia	386-254-1500 x1505
Lafayette	386-294-1950		
Lake	352-343-9420		
Lee	239-335-1605		