

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**.

