

Should I Register?

The answer is “Yes” if you have no other place to go and need:

- ✓ Assistance with medication
- ✓ Observation by a health professional
- ✓ Electricity for life supporting medical equipment
- ✓ Basic nursing care
- ✓ Oxygen therapy
- ✓ Assistance to evacuate

Plan Ahead

Pre-registering will ensure that you have a back-up plan. If you are ordered to, or choose to evacuate, identify the best sheltering option. If you can stay with family or friends or at a hotel out of the emergency area, you should.

If you have no other sheltering option, you should pre-register and be prepared to go to the Special Needs Shelter. You will be required to bring a caregiver and medical supplies, including your current medications.

How Do I Register?

Don't wait until an evacuation has been ordered!

Find out now if you qualify and what you need to bring with you in the event of an emergency.

For more information or to pre-register, contact your local emergency management office:

Access the contact information for your Local Emergency Management Agency online at:
http://floridadisaster.org/CountyEM/county_list.htm

If desired, stamp or adhere a 2x4 shipping label with your local emergency contact information



Special Needs Shelters

What Persons With Special Needs Should Know



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Am I Eligible?

“You MAY be eligible” if:

✓ You have special medical requirements but do not require hospitalization

✓ You cannot be

accommodated in a regular

shelter

✓ You need assistance with

basic everyday tasks

✓ You have a chronic condition

that requires assistance

Check with Your Local

Emergency Management

Office

Your local emergency management office will take your application.

(The contact information is provided on the back of this brochure)

What Should I Expect?

A Special Needs Shelter does

not provide the comfort or

convenience of a home or hotel,

nor does it provide the level of

care found in a medical facility.

A shelter may be in a school or

other public facility. It may be

crowded, noisy and boring. You

can expect the following:

✓ Food and water. If you want

or need special food, you will

have to bring it with you.

Food must be non-perishable.

✓ Basic medical assistance and

monitoring. Advanced

medical equipment or staff is

not available.

✓ A space for you and your

caregiver.

✓ Back-up electricity for limited

lighting and essential medical

equipment.

What Is A Special Needs

Shelter?

A Special Needs Shelter is a place

to go, when you have no other

sheltering option. It is a *shelter*

of last resort and should only be

used as a back-up to your own

personal sheltering plan.

A Special Needs Shelter provides

more care and supervision than a

general shelter to help meet your

special needs during an

evacuation.

To the extent possible under

emergency conditions, the Special

Needs Shelter will provide a safe

sheltering environment and basic

assistance to maintain your level

of health.

