

SHELTERS

Hillsborough County Florida -Emergency Shelters

If you must evacuate to a shelter, be advised:

- Shelters are opened on an “as-needed” basis.
- Shelter openings may vary with each emergency.

The County operates 3 types of shelters during an emergency:

- General Population Emergency Shelters
- Pet Friendly Emergency Shelters
- Special Needs Shelters

Process: You can locate a listing of Evacuation shelters from the website

- Never go to a shelter unless local officials have announced it is open
- If you believe you or someone you know may need a special needs shelter it is highly recommended you pre-register https://hcflgov.formstack.com/forms/special_needs_registry_acknowledgement

Additional Information:

- HART provides free emergency evacuation bus services for people who need transportation to shelters. We encourage you to find out the routes and make plans before an emergency arises. <http://www.gohart.org/Pages/maps-emergency-evac.aspx>
- You can also search for open shelters by texting SHELTER and your ZIP code to 43362. Example: Shelter 01234 (standard rates apply).

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management/emergency-shelters>

Pinellas County

County Information Center Ph: 727-464-4333

Hours: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m Mon-Fri

Location: 10750 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, FL 33778

Description: Pinellas County government is opening special needs and two general population shelters at 6 p.m.

Monday 9/26/22. The shelters are: Ross Norton Recreation Center, 1426 S M.L.K. Jr Ave, Clearwater, and Lealman Exchange, 5175 45th St N, St. Petersburg.

- Additional shelters will open Tuesday morning.

Process:

- Residents can view a list of shelters and routes on the Pinellas County website: www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/shelters.htm
- Residents that require a ride to a safe location can sign up by calling the county information center at 727-464-4333
- Pets will be permitted on evacuation buses as long as they are in a pet carrier. Passengers who plan to evacuate to a shelter that accepts pets must pre-register with Pinellas County Animal Services by calling 727-582-2600.
- Citizens who need transportation to a “special needs” shelter must pre-register with Pinellas County Emergency Management by calling 727-464-3800 or submit the Special Needs Registration Form <https://www.pinellascounty.org/forms/evac-assist.htm>

<https://storm.pinellascounty.org/>

Pasco County Emergency Management

Ph: (727) 847-2411

United way Ph: (727) 845-3030

Hours: 8-5pm Mon-Fri

Location: 8731 Citizens Drive New Port Richey, FL 34654

Description:

- No evacuations ordered as of current
- No Emergency shelters have been opened as of current
- Schools and offices will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alert Pasco provides county residents and business owners with the ability to receive emergency notifications and/or threatening severe weather messages on their:

- Home /Business Phone
- Cell Phone/Text Message*
- Email

Process: To ensure that the system will notify you when your address or business is threatened by an emergency or severe weather, simply register your address and contact information into the Alert Pasco portal

<http://egov.pascocountyfl.net/AlertPasco/>

Additional Information: You can find the most up to date information/ if shelters have opened and where here

<https://www.pascocountyfl.net/> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PascoCounty>

- Four sandbag sites are now open in Pasco County to help protect your property from floodwaters
Sandbag sites are self-serve and open 24/7 to Pasco County residents. Sandbags are provided, but you must bring your own shovels to fill the bags. Crews will restock sand daily

Hernando County Emergency Management

Ph: (352) 754-4083

Automated Information line: (352) 754-4111

Location: 18900 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL 34601

Description: Emergency shelters help communities provide a safe and secure place for individuals and families to stay before, during and after a disaster.

- There are no emergency shelter locations open at this time.

Process:

- Information about which shelters are open in your area will be available through newspapers, television, radio, the Hernando County Emergency Management website and the Hernando County Government Facebook page. Shelter locations can change quickly, so stay informed.
- You can find a listing of emergency shelters here <https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management/shelter-information>

Additional Information: Hernando County's Emergency Alert Program

Receive alerts about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Alert Hernando our Emergency Alert Program. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather and other important information.

<https://member.everbridge.net/453003085614870/login>

Citrus County Emergency Operations Center

Ph: 352-249-2703

Citrus County Sheriff's Office Citizen Information Line (CIL): (352) 249-2775

Hours: 830am-930pm Monday-Wednesday

Location: 3549 Saunders Way Lecanto, FL 34461

Description: Emergency Management is the process through which a community reduces vulnerability to hazards and copes with natural or man-made disasters.

- 2022 Citrus County All-Hazards and Hurricane Disaster Planning Guide: This guide is updated annually and details what you can do to prepare and protect your family, home, or business from specific hazards and disasters. It also includes evacuation details such as maps, checklists, and shelter locations (including the Special Needs Shelter and the Pet-Friendly Shelter).

Process: You can view the current guide here

<https://cms5.revize.com/revize/citrus/divisions/bureau%20support%20operations/EM/Citrus%20County%20Disaster%20Planning%20Guide%202022.pdf> or visit the Emergency Operations Center for a printed copy.

- Stay tuned to local media for a listing of evacuation shelters that will be open. Openings may differ by size and intensity of a disaster. You can also check the county Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/SheriffCitrus/> or call the Citizen Information Line (CIL)

https://www.sheriffcitrus.org/divisions/bureau_of_support_operations/emergency_operations.php

Levy County Emergency Management

Ph: 352-486-5213

Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday

Location: 7911 NE 90 St, Bronson, FL 32621

Description: The listing of shelters found on the below website are designated as official hurricane shelter locations by the Department of Emergency Management. You should try to evacuate to the home of a friend or family member outside of the Evacuation Area. A shelter should be your refuge of last resort if you have absolutely nowhere else to go.

Process: You can locate a listing of emergency shelters here <https://www.levydisaster.com/shelters.php>

**Please be advised they are all closed currently

You can also check out the most up to date information here <https://www.facebook.com/lcdem>

<https://www.levydisaster.com/>

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross of Central Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands

Ph: 800-733-2767

Hours: 24/7

Location: 3310 W. Main St. Tampa, FL 33607 OR 818 4th St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Description: Our region is proud to serve 19 Florida counties through five chapters: Florida's Space Coast (Daytona Beach), Greater Orlando, Mid-Florida (Winter Haven), Southwest Florida (Sarasota) and Tampa Bay, and the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John and Water Island. Red Cross volunteers and staff work to deliver vital services – from providing relief and support to those in crisis, to helping you be prepared to respond in emergencies.

Hurricane IAN Resources- Tampa, FL 2022

- We respond to an emergency every 8 minutes. No one else does this: not the government, not other charities. From small house fires to multi-state natural disasters, the American Red Cross goes wherever we're needed, so people can have clean water, safe shelter and hot meals when they need them most.

Process: Please call the 24/7 hotline for assistance or you can search for chapters based on your zip code here <https://www.redcross.org/find-your-local-chapter.html>

- The FL state red cross does have a North and South FL chapter also <https://www.redcross.org/get-help.html>

Red Cross Shelter

Ph: 800-733-2767

Hours: 24/7

Description: In addition to being Red Cross Ready, it's imperative to keep in mind that there is an essential distinction between pre-storm evacuation shelters and post-storm shelters

- Pre-storm evacuation shelters provide a safe place to stay for those who have been ordered to evacuate their homes prior to a storm. They typically are only meant to house people for 12-72 hours until the storm moves through. Because these shelters must open quickly, it may not be possible to provide a cot and blanket for each person and it may not be practical to move in supplies for such a short-term.
- Post-storm shelters are available for people who have been evacuated and are unable to reach their homes or whose homes are unlivable. Post-storm shelters will open within 72 hours after landfall and provide sleeping support items such as cots, blankets and pillows, meals, shower facilities, medical services and other support services.

Eligibility:

- Everyone is welcome at a Red Cross shelter and all disaster assistance is free.
- We don't require people to show any kind of identification to enter a Red Cross shelter, just their name and where they were living before the disaster.
- If you need to leave your home due to a disaster or emergency, you are welcome to come to a Red Cross shelter.

Process:

- In most cases, every shelter we open will appear on the map found here <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

**Red Cross shelter workers will do all they can to accommodate domesticated pets comfortably however it is dependent on the situation

**To help keep everybody safe, everyone in Red Cross emergency shelters is required to wear face coverings.

UNITED WAY

United Way Suncoast

Ph: (813) 274-0900 OR 211

Hours: 8-5pm Mon-Fri

Location: 5201 W Kennedy Blvd #600, Tampa, FL 33609

Description: United Way Suncoast provides pathways to education and financial stability that create better opportunities for everyone in our community. United Way Suncoast serves Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Desoto and Sarasota counties

Process: Your local 211 agency has the most up-to-date information about local assistance that may be available to you. Simply call 211 from a cell phone or landline to speak with a live, highly trained service professional.

<https://unitedwaysuncoast.org/>

PETS

Prepare Your Pets for Disasters

Your pets are an important member of your family, so they need to be included in your family's emergency plan. To prepare for the unexpected follow these tips with your pets in mind

- Make a Plan-Have an evacuation plan for your pet. Some public shelters and hotels do not allow pets inside. Just in case Know a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen.
- Build a Kit for Your Pet- This should include:
 - Food. Keep several days' supply of food in an airtight, waterproof container.
 - Water. Store a water bowl and several days' supply of water.
 - First aid kit and an extra supply of any medication your pet takes on a regular basis
 - Collar with ID tag and a harness or leash- Keep registration information in a waterproof container or available electronic
 - Sanitation needs. Include pet litter and litter box (if appropriate), newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs.

If you must go to a pet friendly shelter, here are some important considerations:

- The County's pet friendly shelters are equipped to handle dogs and cats only. Limited space is available.
- Your pet will be housed separately from you and you will have limited access to visit your pet.
- You are responsible for the care and well-being of your animal. You will be scheduled a minimum of twice a day to feed, clean and walk your pet.

STAYING INFORMED

Stay Informed with Alert Tampa

- Text TAMPAREADY to 888-777
- Text TAMPALISTA to 888-777 for alerts in Spanish
- Register at [Tampa.gov/AlertTampa](https://www.tampa.gov/AlertTampa) for voicemails and emails

KNOW YOUR ZONE- remember your evacuation zone may have recently changed. Make sure to find your correct and updated evacuation zone here

<https://www.tampa.gov/emergency-management/info/find-your-evacuation-zone>

- HCFL Alert is Hillsborough County's official mass notification system, designed to keep you informed about emergencies and certain non-emergency events in the County. Sign up for real-time information on when evacuation zones are called and when you have to go
<https://member.everbridge.net/index/1332612387832180?#/signup>
- Prepare supplies-Stock your disaster supply kit with nonperishable food, pet supplies, batteries, flashlights, and water. The supply kit should have enough supplies to last each individual and pet in your group for at least seven days. The kit can also include important documents, such as banking information, medical records, and copies of birth and marriage certificates.

FL State Assistance Information Line

SAIL hotline: 1-800-342-3557

Description: The State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) is a toll-free hotline activated at the time of an emergency to provide an additional resource for those in Florida to receive accurate and up-to-date information regarding an emergency or disaster situation impacting the State of Florida.

- During an emergency, the SAIL hotline is operational daily at set hours depending on the severity of the event.

Process: Please call for assistance

- Those persons in Florida may access information from SAIL hotline operators on how to prepare before/during/after a hurricane, road closures and alternate routes, available/open shelters in host or impacted counties, shelters designed for special needs patients, hotels and motels that accept pets, boaters instructions for moving watercraft to safer ground, and re-entry information once it is safe to return to the affected area.

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/planprepare/information-line/>