

Special Needs Shelter

There will **NO** Special Needs Shelter at the Port St. Lucie Community Center.

NEW! St. Lucie County

The Department of Health will be operating one Special Needs Facility for St. Lucie County. It will be located at the new Fenn Center in Fort Pierce. This facility is specifically designed to accommodate special needs residents in a comfortable setting.

Havert Fenn Center
2000 Virginia Avenue
Fort Pierce

Registration

People with special needs must pre-register before hurricane season. To register call the St. Lucie County Department of Public Safety at 461-5201.

Transportation

If you need transportation assistance to reach a shelter, please call 461-5201.

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Special Needs Evacuees will be accepted until the facility has reached its capacity to house evacuees and their caregivers.

When a shelter cannot accept any more evacuees, an alternate location and transportation will be determined and provided by St. Lucie County Emergency Management.

Additional information

Listen to local radio & TV stations for opening times and instructions!

If you have any further questions, please contact St. Lucie County Division of Emergency Management at 461-5201.

NO PETS allowed (except for service animals).
Label your personal items including walkers or canes.



What you should bring with you to a Shelter?

Enough supplies to last three (3) days

Bedding items: pillows, blankets, linens, etc.

Food for individual tastes and/or special diets, water (one gallon per person per day); No perishable food!

Medications in their original bottles, medical supplies, vital medical equipment, i.e., O2 concentrators, nebulizers, special tubings

Personal items: glasses, personal hygiene articles, flashlight, extra batteries, clothing, sweater or jacket, quiet game i.e. cards, books, and appropriate footwear

Cot (or folding lounge or air mattress)

Medical Insurance cards and a list of doctors or other care providers

Advice for Older Adults



- Notify your health agency where you will be during a hurricane and when care can be re-established. If you are home-bound and under the care of a physician, but not a home health agency, contact your physician.
- If you require oxygen, check your supplier about their emergency plans.
- If you evacuate, remember to take medications and prescription numbers, written instructions regarding your care, name and numbers of physicians and pharmacies, insurance and Medicare cards, your bedding and your walker, wheelchair, canes or any special equipment. Label all of your special equipment with your name and contact information.
- If you require hospitalization, you must make prior arrangements through your physician, including securing any documentation that the hospital may require prior to admitting you at the time of the storm.

Note: A caregiver should never drop an elderly and/or frail person at a medical facility without assuring that they will be admitted, which may require written documentation and prior arrangement with a physician and the hospital.

