



**American
Red Cross**

Are You Prepared For Hurricane Season?

Hurricane season begins June 1 and continues through November 30. The peak months for severe weather are August and September. Now is the time to prepare!

Make A Plan:

- **Meet With Family Members.**

Make sure everyone understands the specific hazards that threaten our community and learn about evacuation plans and emergency shelters. Do not forget to include caregivers in your planning efforts. Inventory your home possessions and check to make sure you have adequate insurance coverage.

- **Make a Family Communication Plan.**

Choose an out-of-town contact and notify them of your evacuation plans. Let them know where you are going to ride out the storm. Identify meeting locations should you be separated during the storm. Contact loved ones as soon as possible following the event.

- **Plan For Those With Disabilities and Other Special Needs.**

For those who have home-health caregivers, it is essential to have an alternate plan if the caregiver cannot make it to you. Identify all power-dependent life support equipment and develop a contingency plan that includes an alternate power source or make advance preparations for relocation.

Manatee County Special Needs Shelter

Advance registration is required.

(941) 748-4501 ext. 3500

- **Plan For Your Pets.**

Take your pets with you if you evacuate. Though a pet-friendly (dogs and cats) shelter option is available in Manatee County, space is limited and you must provide the following: medical and vaccination records, carrier with latch, collar or harness and leash, food, treats and manual can opener, bowls for food and water, cat litter and box, newspapers and plastic bags for waste, toys and comfort items, bedding and supplies. For more information on Pet-Friendly Shelters, contact Manatee County Animal Services at (941) 742-5933.

Build A Kit

(These items are recommended whether you choose to shelter at home, in a Red Cross emergency shelter or travel out of the area)

- 1-gallon of water per person per day
Keep at least a 7-day supply
- 3-day supply of non-perishable food
- Manual can opener
- Portable, battery-operated radio
- Extra batteries
- Flashlight
- First Aid kit
- Personal hygiene items
(toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, moist towelettes, feminine hygiene items, etc.)
- Clothing—at least one change per person
- Sanitation supplies
(toilet paper, plastic garbage bags, disinfectant, bleach, etc.)
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Basic tools
- Whistle or signal flare
- Infant Supplies
(diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, medications, etc.)
- Adult special needs items
(Minimum 3-day supply of prescription medications and insulin, denture needs, contact lenses & supplies, special diet products, adult diapers, etc.)
- Sturdy shoes or work boots

Do Not Forget To Include:

- Cash
- Important Family Documents



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



GET TRAINED



VOLUNTEER

Will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds, social security cards, passports, immunization records, credit card and bank account information, etc.

What To Bring To The Red Cross Shelter

- Prescription & non-prescription medications
- List with emergency contact information (doctor and family phone numbers)
- Address labels or those of your mobile home park
- Comfortable folding chair
- Washable blanket & pillow (Sleeping Bag)
- Cot, mat or air mattress to sleep on
- Clothing for 2 days
- Sweatshirt, shoes, rain gear
- Personal hygiene items (travel size)
- Moist Towelettes (there are no showers)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Books, games, cards or puzzles
- Headphones for radio or electronics
- Ear plugs
- Snacks (shelter supplies moderate portion meals)
- Infant Supplies (diapers, baby wipes, formula, baby food, medications, etc.)
- Adult Special Needs Items (adult diapers, wipes, medications, insulin, denture and contact supplies, etc.)

Fanny packs or backpacks recommended over purse.

Do Not Bring: Weapons, Alcohol or Illegal Drugs, Valuables, Electrical Appliances



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