

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

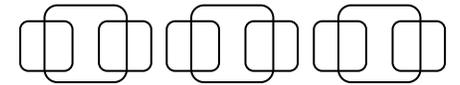
Pre-registering will ensure that you have a back-up plan. If you are ordered to, or choose to evacuate, identify the best sheltering option. If you can stay with family or friends in a site-built home or at a hotel out of the emergency area, you should. If you have no other sheltering option, you should pre-register and be prepared to go to a Special Needs Shelter. You will be required to bring a caregiver and medical supplies, including your current medications.

How Do I Register?

To receive a special needs application, call the Emergency Management office at (352) 343-9420. Mail the completed application to Lake County Emergency Management, 315 West Main Street, room 441, Tavares, FL 32778. A committee reviews each application and makes a determination of the applicant’s special needs category.

Lake County Emergency Management

315 West Main St., Suite 441
Tavares, FL 32778-7800
Phone: (352) 343-9420
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www.lakecountyfl.gov,
keyword: emergency



Special Needs Shelters

What Persons With Special Needs Should Know



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When should special needs individuals shelter at a County facility?

Special needs shelters are located in public schools throughout Lake County. While special needs shelters are high on safety and capable of operating on generator power when the power is out, residents may tend to find the comfort level more accommodating in a site-built home of a family member or friend.

If residents with special needs lives in a manufactured home and has not made evacuation plans with family members or friends, sheltering at a County facility is recommended. Due to the lack of comfort at a County facility, special needs residents are encouraged to seek shelter at a site-built home of a family or friend.

Can I bring a pet to a County special needs shelter?

Special needs shelters are not capable of providing special dietary considerations nor do they have a surplus of nurses on duty. All special needs residents sheltering at a County facility are required to be accompanied with their primary caregiver.

All of Lake County's special needs shelters are pet friendly. Pets must be brought in a carrier that is marked with the owner's name, address and two phone numbers. Owners must have documentation of up-to-date vaccinations for their pets. Owners are responsible for taking care of their pets.

What are special needs?

According to House Bill 7121 passed during the 2006 State Legislature, special needs is defined as "persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental, cognitive impairment or sensory disabilities."

It is important that individuals with special needs register with the Lake County Emergency Management Division. During a disaster, such as a hurricane, Emergency Management officials need to be aware of individuals with special needs to plan accordingly and have the ability to check on their condition.

