



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Special Needs Shelter Quick Facts



When a major emergency or disaster threatens Hernando County, residents who depend on certain medical care, oxygen, and equipment may need to seek shelter. The **Special Needs Shelter** provides care to people who have serious medical conditions that require observation, assessment, or care. The Shelter provides a safe, secure environment but does not take the place of hospitals, assisted living, or long-term care facilities.



Scope of Care

Certain conditions & needs can be met:

- Chronic respiratory conditions requiring oxygen, nebulizers, and sleep apnea
- **Medically necessary** equipment that uses electricity
- Recent, but stable cardiac conditions
- People with diabetes on insulin
- Feeding tubes
- Foley catheter or ostomy
- Wound care and dressing changes
- Alzheimer's and Dementia
- Communicable diseases or infections
- People on Dialysis

Shelter Registration

To help us prepare and staff the Shelter, please pre-register. Also, talk with your physician, health care provider, home health, oxygen and equipment providers.

The Shelter Has Limits

So we can give the best care possible under emergency conditions, the Shelter cannot accommodate persons with these conditions or medical needs:

- **Bedridden patients** – The shelter provides cots but no hospital beds
- **Respiratory** – People who use a ventilator or have a tracheotomy
- **Cardiac** -- Recent unstable cardiac patients
- **Pregnancy** – Third trimester of pregnancy or high-risk pregnancy
- **Specialized** – Children with special medical needs

Call: 352-754-4083

Fax: 352-754-4090

Click:

<http://www.HernandoCounty.us/em/specialneeds>

What is Provided

Each person should bring a caregiver

Shelter staff assist residents and their caregivers who have no other sheltering option. It is a shelter of last resort and a back-up to your personal disaster plan.

- Provides limited medical assistance, but more care than a general shelter
- Provides the best care possible under emergency conditions to maintain health
- Provides space for service animals, but not for pets; so please, make arrangements for your pets ahead of time

Personal Preparedness & Shelter Registration

Emergency Management tells everyone to make a **Personal Disaster Plan** that includes sheltering in-place and evacuation. Your **Personal Disaster Kit** should include food, water, medicine, and important papers. **Staying Informed** and letting others know you're OK, are just as important!

Please pre-register with Emergency Management:

- **Call:** 352-754-4083
- **Fax:** 352-754-4090
- **Click:** <http://www.HernandoCounty.us/em/specialneeds>
- **Talk:** with your home health, medical equipment, or oxygen supplier to make sure you are registered

What To Bring:

- A companion or caregiver
 - ID, medical information, Living Will / Do Not Resuscitate Order
 - Oxygen concentrator or tank, nebulizer, tubing and connectors
 - At least 7 days of prescription and non-prescription medicine
 - Medical equipment, wheelchair, walker, canes
 - Medical supplies, dressings, insulin, syringes, glucose meter and strips
 - Eyeglasses, dentures, hearing aids, and orthopedic shoes
 - Change of clothes, extra socks
 - At least 7 days of special food and nutritional supplements
 - A cot, sleeping bag, blankets, pillow
 - Brush, comb, towel, wash cloth
 - Toothbrush, deodorant, soap, and incontinent items
 - Books, games, magazines, cards, toys, and quiet electronics
- Label all personal items with your name, address and telephone number***
- Do Not Bring***
- Pets, firearms, alcohol, medicine or prescription that are not yours

Shelter Location

Challenger K-8
13400 Elgin Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 34609



More Information

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