

Important Numbers for Emergency Evacuation Information

Citizen Information Line (863) 767-0102
 American Red Cross (800) 733-2761

Radio: Primary Emergency Broadcast System Stations

WWOJ 99.1 FM
 WZSP 105.3 FM
 WAUC 1310 AM
 WZZS 106.9 FM
 WZTK 1480 AM
 WITS 1340 AM



It is important that ALL residents have an evacuation plan in place.

Make your evacuation decision early!

Although Hardee County is not in a coastal area, high winds and localized flooding present hazards. Persons who are considered particularly vulnerable to these threats are those that:

- ✓ Have special needs (especially those dependent on electricity-operated medical/life support equipment)
- ✓ Live alone and need transportation
- ✓ Live in mobile homes
- ✓ Live in low areas

Watches & Warnings

A hurricane **WATCH** indicates hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours. This watch should trigger your disaster plan!

A hurricane **WARNING** indicates hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Once this warning has been issued, you should be completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

Listen to local television and radio stations and stay informed about changing weather conditions.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

for people with SPECIAL NEEDS



For more information or to register:

Hardee County Emergency Management

404 West Orange St.
 Wauchula, FL 33873
 (863) 773-6373





What is the Special Needs Program?

The Special Needs Program provides shelter and/or transportation for those who need assistance with physical or non-acute medical conditions and must evacuate during emergency conditions. It is specifically for people who have **no other** shelter options.

Is it right for you?

Follow these steps to find out:

- ✓ Discuss your medical/health condition with your physician to determine what essential needs you require
- ✓ Pre-determine your evacuation destination such as a friend's or relative's house, motel/hotel or emergency shelter
- ✓ Arrange for your specific special needs and care at your pre-determined destination (i.e. medication, health care, diet, etc.)
- ✓ Arrange for your transportation needs with a neighbor, friend, relative, church or volunteer organization
- ✓ If you cannot secure transportation and/or require special needs and care, and have no other alternative, register with the Special Needs Program of Hardee County Emergency Management

If you are dependent on oxygen or electrical power:

- ✓ Acquire an extra supply of oxygen and store properly
- ✓ Acquire extra batteries and make sure they are fully charged
- ✓ Make arrangements for early evacuation to a public shelter, special needs shelter, nursing home or hospital



Only medical assist animals are permitted in shelters. Make arrangements for boarding your pets.

Checklist of Items to Bring:

- Personal and medical identification
- Daily prescription/non-prescription medicines in their original bottle for one (1) week
- Health items: medical equipment, oxygen concentrator, eye glasses, hearing aids, prostheses, special dietary foods, etc.
- Changes of clothing
- Blanket/pillow
- Personal hygiene items: toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, soap, disposable underwear, etc.

