

Should I Register?

While it is not mandatory for you to register, it is encouraged for you to plan ahead and do so. Please register if you have no other place to go and need the following care:

- ✓ Assistance with medication
- ✓ Observation by a health professional
- ✓ Electricity for life supporting medical equipment
- ✓ Basic Nursing care
- ✓ Oxygen therapy
- ✓ Assistance to evacuate

Don't wait until there is an emergency

Pre-registering will ensure that you have a back-up plan. If you can stay with family or friends or at a hotel out of the emergency area, you should.

If you have no other sheltering option, pre-register and be prepared to go to the Special Needs Shelter. Please bring medical supplies and current medications to support your medical needs.

The caregiver of a person with special needs should accompany and remain with them at the special needs shelter for the duration of the emergency event.

How do I Register?

Find out now if you qualify and what you need to bring with you in the event of an emergency. For more information or how to pre-register, contact your local emergency management office.

Volusia County Emergency Management
Attn: Special Needs
3825 Tiger Bay Road Suite 102
Daytona Beach, FL 32124
<http://www.volusia.org/core/fileparse.php/4360/urlt/special-needs-2014.pdf>



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Emergency Management Division
386-258-4088 386-736-5980
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www.volusia.org/emergency



Special Needs Shelters

What is a Special Needs Shelter?

A Special Needs Shelter is a place to go, when you have no other sheltering option. It is a **shelter of last resort** and should only be used as a back-up to your personal sheltering plan.

A Special Needs Shelter provides more care and supervision than a general shelter to help meet your special needs during an evacuation.

To the extent possible under emergency conditions, the Special Needs Shelter will provide a safe sheltering environment and basic assistance to maintain your level of health.

Special Needs Shelters are pet friendly. You and your pets will be housed in different areas. But you will still have the comfort of knowing your pet is safe. Service animals are allowed and will stay with their owners. Their care is the responsibility of their owner.

What Should I Expect?

A Special Needs Shelter does not provide the comfort or convenience of a home or hotel, nor does it provide the level of care found in a medical facility.

A shelter may be in a school or other public facility. It may be crowded, noisy and boring. You can expect the following:

- ✓ Food and water. If you want or need special food, you must bring it with you. Food must be non-perishable.
- ✓ Basic medical assistance and monitoring. Complex medical equipment or care is not available.
- ✓ An area for you and your caregiver to sleep.
- ✓ Back-up electricity for light and essential medical equipment.

Am I Eligible?

The answer is "You may be" if:

- ✓ You have special medical needs but do not require hospitalization.
- ✓ You cannot be accommodated in a regular shelter.
- ✓ You need assistance with basic everyday tasks.
- ✓ You have a chronic condition that requires assistance.

Check with Your Local Emergency Management Office to determine if you are eligible.

