

EVACUATION CHECKLIST FOR SPECIAL NEEDS EVACUEES

Listed below are actions you should take **BEFORE** evacuation. **You** and **your caregiver MUST** be ready before your county evacuation transportation vehicle arrives. Special Needs evacuations need to be completed prior to road congestion. Even if the sun is shining, the storm is on its way!! Please remember you are one of over 100 registered citizens who will need our assistance. Hardee County Emergency Management and/or Hardee County Health Department will call to give you an estimated time of your transportation pick-up.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD DO BEFORE BEING PICKED UP:

DO NOW:

1. Make plans for your pets to be taken care of by your veterinarian, family or friend. You will not be able to take them with you to a shelter. Make sure they have proper tags to identify them.

WHEN EVACUATING:

2. Pack a bag and be ready to go with:
 - * Medications for 3 weeks, list of medications, medications in their original bottle, name of doctor, your walker, wheelchair and other medical equipment.
 - * If oxygen dependent, bring all equipment. Emergency oxygen will be provided only at the Special Needs Shelter.
 - * Clean clothes for three days.
 - * Extra eye glasses.
 - * Blankets and pillows.
 - * Personal hygiene items.
 - * House keys and car keys.
 - * Personal phone book, list of important numbers, cell phone and charger.
 - * Important papers, including identification, sealed in zip-lock bags.
 - * Folding chair, lawn chair or cot.
 - * Reading materials.
 - * Non-perishable snack items while shelters becomes fully operational.
 - * Non-perishable food items for 24-48 hours, including clientele with special diets.
 - * Medical orders including "Do Not Resuscitate" order, if applicable.
3. Call caretaker and family members including those out of state, to inform them of your evacuation plans.
4. It is important to turn off electricity, water and gas if possible, at your residence.
5. Please have all pets evacuated before your evacuation transportation arrives. The emergency workers will not be able to assist with your pets.