MANATEE COUNTY

EVACUATION LEVELS & SHELTERS

USING YOUR COUNTY MAP

1. Locate where you live and work on the map.
2. Determine whether you are in an evacuation zone, and if so, what level(s).
3. If you are in an evacuation zone, or live in a mobile home/RV, decide where you will go if ordered to evacuate. Your choices include:
   - Home of a relative or friend outside the evacuation zone
   - Home or rental outside the evacuation zone (make arrangements early)
   - Go to a public shelter
   - As a last resort, leave the area entirely
4. If you must go to a public shelter, use your county map to decide which one is convenient. Make sure you verify the shelter is open before you go.

HURRICANE THREAT

The evacuation zones on the map are vulnerable to storm surge. Storm surge is produced by a hurricane, which is pushed towards the shore by the force of the winds moving around the storm.

- Storm surge creates a path of destruction, wiping out structures as it rapidly surges inland and then recedes. This is the hurricane’s biggest threat to life.

The evacuation zones are color-coded to designate the level of storm surge likely to occur.

- Level A: Evacuate green areas and all mobile home/RV residents
- Level B: Evacuate red, green, and yellow areas and all mobile home/RV residents
- Level C: Evacuate red, orange, and yellow areas

Other important evacuation levels:
- Level D: Evacuate red areas
- Level E: Evacuate red, orange, yellow, green and purple areas and all mobile home/RV residents

NOTE: All persons living in mobile homes/RVs must evacuate for all mandatory evacuation orders, regardless of where you are located in the county, due to threat of tornadoes or high velocity winds.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Local authorities will give evacuation orders for areas with significant risk of damage resulting from high wind or storm surge. Evacuation orders can cause unexpected shelters and false evacuations. If you live in an area outside the evacuation zone identified on the map, it is important to know your shelter-in-place location so you will be prepared if an evacuation order is given.

SHELTER INFO - REFER TO MAP

AVAILABLE SPACE IN A SHELTER

Evacuation shelters are opened for the single purpose of protecting life. We open these based on the ability of the facility to withstand the forecasted wind effects and storm surge.

Evacuation shelters do not have generators and offer no services other than the basic needs of food, water, and shelter. In many cases, there are large numbers of people in close proximity to each other. There are no beds, hygiene facilities, or showers provided. To some extent, this brings their own bedding and supplies.

WHAT TO BRING FOR SMALL CHILDREN

- Bedding: Portable cribs, lightweight blankets, lightweight sleeping bags, towels
- Clothing: Infant hat and booties, informal clothes
- Medical supplies: Prescriptions, first aid kit, diaper rash ointment, disposable changing pads
- Fun activities: Disposable games, books, cards, puzzles, stuffed animals
- Food: Juice boxes, small snacks
- Handheld games with extra batteries
- Other: Personal hygiene items, school supplies

WHAT TO BRING FOR PETS

- Food and water: Pet food, water, treats
- Cage/Carrier: Small dog houses, carriers
- Traction: Leashes, carriers
- Medical supplies: Prescriptions, first aid kit, pet bandages

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER 941-748-2350
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 941-748-2350
SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER REGISTRY 941-748-2350 ext. 1667
ANIMAL SERVICES 941-748-5353
FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT 1-800-282-3624
PEACE RIVER ELECTRIC 1-800-282-3624
SOLID WASTE 941-728-6811
HIGHWAY PATROL 941-751-7667
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES 941-728-6500
AMERICAN RED CROSS 941-748-6066
CATHOLIC CHARITIES 941-714-7820
SALVATION ARMY 941-748-5110
UNITED WAY 941-748-1515

SUNOCO 1-800-436-7667
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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FIPS code 012081
TDD MESSAGES 941-742-5802

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