



EVACUATION CHECKLIST FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

You and your caregiver **MUST** be ready before an evacuation order is issued. Evacuations must be complete well before a storm arrives to make sure everyone is safe. A representative from Manatee County will call you to give you an estimated time of your transportation pick-up.

DO NOW: Make plans for your pets to be taken care of by your veterinarian, family or friend. Only as a last resort, dogs and cats will be allowed in the designated pet area of the Medical Special Needs Shelter.

WHEN EVACUATING: Call your caregiver and family members including those out of state to inform them of your evacuation plans. Remember you **MUST** bring your caregiver with you to the medical special needs shelter. Have all pets taken care of before your evacuation transportation arrives. If necessary, the emergency workers will try to assist you with your pets if you must bring them to the shelter.

PACK A BAG AND BE READY TO GO WITH:

- Medications for 3 weeks, list of medications, & name of doctor(s)
- Medical orders including “Do Not Resuscitate” order, if applicable
- Your walker, wheel chair and other medical equipment
- Oxygen Concentrator (if on oxygen), 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 or list of important numbers
- Important papers, including identification, sealed in zip-lock bags
- Cot and bedding
- Reading material
- Non-perishable snacks
- Non-perishable food items if you require a special diet



PET SHELTER CHECKLIST FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Pet sheltering requirements and rules are important during disaster situations. Your cooperation is very important to make the shelter as safe as possible for everyone.

Pet(s) must arrive with a carrier or cage. Cages will not be available on site.

Pet(s) must remain in carrier (except at scheduled exercise and potty break times when the weather is safe to go outside).

Owners must provide pet food and other pet supplies as needed.

Owners must provide certification that each pet is current with rabies vaccination.

Owners will not allow other people in the shelter to handle or approach any pets.

Owners are responsible for the care, feeding, and handling of their own pets.

Pet survival kit for Pet Friendly Shelters:

- Proper ID collar and rabies license tag
- Carrier or cage
- Water and food bowls
- Medications
- Food supply to last about three days
- Special care instructions
- Newspapers/plastic bags for waste disposal
- Toys and comfort items
- Muzzles, if necessary
- First aid supplies
- Manual can opener
- Proper ID on all belongings