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LEVY COUNTY WANTS YOU TO BE PREPARED BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS AND REGISTRATION

Do you or someone you know have a special medical condition that may require assistance in the event that you have to evacuate to an emergency shelter during times of disaster? If so, are you sure that you are prepared? Making sure that you or your loved ones are registered with the Levy County Special Needs Shelter Registry can ensure that emergency services and medical professionals can assist you in the event that you must evacuate your home.

What is a Special Needs Shelter?

A Special Needs Shelter is a place to stay when you have no other sheltering option and should only be used as a back-up to your personal sheltering plan. Special Needs Shelters provide more care and supervision than a general shelter but are not equipped with advanced medical equipment, and are not staffed to provide advanced levels of care. Individuals who require advanced care should discuss other sheltering arrangements with their caregiver, health care provider, or physician.

Special Needs Shelters do not provide the comfort or convenience of a home or hotel, nor do they provide the level of care found in a medical facility. Local Special Needs Shelters are located in public schools and will most likely be crowded and noisy. Special needs shelters are equipped with an emergency generator to supply power to medical equipment; however, there may be times when air conditioning may not be available in order to conserve power.

Am I eligible for a Special Needs Shelter?

A Special Needs Shelter client may include:

- A person with a stable medical condition who requires periodic observation.
- A person requiring periodic wound care assistance.
- A person medically dependent on electricity for oxygen, nebulizers, or feeding tubes.
- A person with limitations that require assistance with daily living activities.
- A person with mental or cognitive limitations requiring assistance (example: Alzheimer's related conditions).

How do I register?

Pre-registration is very important. It allows County Emergency Management and Health Department staff to properly plan and prepare for the disaster and allows them to ensure that all proper supplies are on hand and ready to go. Registration is easy, simply visit www.LevyDisaster.com to register. If you do not have computer or internet access, you can contact Levy County Emergency Management at 352-486-5213.

How do I learn more?

If you have any additional questions or concerns, or with help signing up, you can contact the Levy County Department of Emergency Management at 352-486-5213 Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

Be Safe and Be Prepared