



Shelter and Evacuation Resources

Individuals and their families in areas threatened by hurricanes and tropical storms are encouraged to follow the directions of local officials and to take the steps necessary to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

For local evacuation shelter locations or information, call 211 if your community offers this resource. The American Red Cross is also a resource for information; however, note that they, too, will follow evacuation orders. Go online to www.redcross.org and enter your zip code in the search box to get contact information for your closest Red Cross chapter; or call 1-866-GET INFO (1-800-733-2726) for additional information.

If you are evacuating, you need to bring important items with you, including but not limited to:

- Medical supplies, such as prescription medications and dentures
- Toiletries
- Clothing and bedding – a change of clothes and a sleeping bag or bedroll and pillow for each household member
- Games/comfort items for children
- Disaster supplies – flashlight, batteries, radio, first aid kit, bottled water
- Car keys and keys to the place you may be going (friend's or relative's home)

Visit the “Safe and Well” website:

The Red Cross “Safe and Well” site allows those directly affected by a disaster to let their loved ones know of their well-being. Residents of affected areas should be encouraged to take advantage of the Safe and Well website and you can use the site to post information prior to evacuation.

As you evacuate, if you have one call to make to before you leave home, call someone you love and tell them you are safe. Then, ask them to register you on the Red Cross “Safe and Well” site accessible at www.RedCross.org or www.SafeandWell.org

For those that do not have internet access, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to register yourself and your family. Follow the prompts for disaster information.