

SHELTER ITEMS CHECKLIST

FOR SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS

Before an emergency threatens the state, have a plan in place. Preregistration for a spot in a special needs shelter is important and strongly encouraged to make sure necessary resources are available.

Go to [FloridaDisaster.org/Shelters](https://www.floridadisaster.org/Shelters) for special needs registration by county.

If you are a caregiver, you should accompany the special needs client. Bring enough items to last at least five days for both you and the client. Use this checklist to prepare for your stay.

Medical Supplies and Equipment

- List of current prescription and over the counter medications. A seven-day supply is recommended.
- Documentation of medical information and service providers. Include provider contact information.
- Diabetes equipment and supplies
- Catheter supplies
- Ostomy supplies
- Nebulizer and supplies
- Oxygen supplies
- CPAP/BiPAP machine and supplies
- Wound care supplies
- Incontinence supplies
- Any other specialized medical item you may need.

Assistive Devices and Supplies

- Dentures
- Hearing aids with extra batteries
- Extra pair of glasses or dark glasses
- Cane, walker, wheelchair, electric wheelchair/scooter or any other mobility device
- Extra batteries and chargers for electrical equipment such as a wheel chair, scooter, etc
- Any other specialized assistive items you may need.

Food

- Non-Perishable snacks
- Non-Perishable drinks
- Special dietary foods if you require them.

Equipment and Entertainment Items

- Cell phone with charger
- Radio and compatible headphones or ear buds
- Flashlight and batteries
- Books, magazines, quiet games, etc.
- Small personal entertainment devices

Personal Items

- Body wipes or washcloth and towels
- Toiletries
- Shoes—especially specialty ones
- Extra clothing, including undergarments and socks
- Sheets and blanket or sleeping bag and pillow
- ID with current address
- Important papers and emergency contacts
- Insurance card

Service Animal Supplies

- Food and dishes
- Plastic bags and other similar items
- Crate and leash
- Medicine

Pet Supplies

Not all shelters allow pets, check with your county for pet-friendly locations near you.

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- Plastic bags and other similar items
- Crate and leash
- Medicine

The conditions in a shelter can be austere and might be stressful. A shelter should be a place of last resort. It is a life boat, not a cruise ship.

Items not allowed in the shelter

- Firearms or weapons
- Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs
- Perishable food items

