



Orange County SHELTERS are not announced/listed until

the named hurricane is coming near and forecast for this area,
but when it IS, you can find it online by searching for:

Orange County Shelters [General, Special Needs & Pet Friendly]



TYPE IN YOUR INTERNET BROWSER:

<https://www.orangecountyfl.net/EmergencySafety/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

Pet-Friendly hurricane shelters/hotels changes, and are often not announced until a named hurricane is near...if you need that, call local hotels. In the past, RESIDENTS with pets have reported finding pet-friendly accommodations at the following...{Don't assume—call and check! }

Days Inn
Hampton Inn
LaQuenta Inn
Red Roof Inn
Some in Disney/Universal area

HOME GENERATOR SAFETY

Gas or Propane Powered Generators [NOT Solar Powered Generators]

The primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution and fire. Follow the directions supplied with the generator. (Learn more about carbon monoxide poisoning.) To avoid electrocution, keep the generator dry and do not use in rain or wet conditions. Operate it on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure, such as under a tarp held up on poles. Do not touch the generator with wet hands. Be sure to turn the generator off and let it cool down before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite. Store fuel for the generator in an approved safety can. Use the type of fuel recommended in the instructions or on the label on the generator. Local laws may restrict the amount of fuel you may store, or the storage location. Ask your local fire department.

Store the fuel outside of living areas in a locked shed or other protected area. To guard against accidental fire, *do not* store it near a fuel-burning appliance, such as a natural gas water heater in a garage.

Plug appliances directly into the generator, or use a heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cord that is rated (in watts or amps) at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads. Check that the entire cord is free of cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin. Never try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet. Known as "backfeeding," this practice puts utility workers, your neighbors and your household at risk of electrocution. Remember, even a properly connected portable generator can become overloaded, resulting in overheating or generator failure. Be sure to read the instructions. If necessary, stagger the operating times for various equipment to prevent overloads.

PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING

Governor DeSantis stated in 2021 that *more* deaths in Florida resulted from Carbon Monoxide Poisoning from gas generators than from the impact of the storms! DO NOT use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Keep these devices outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.

Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home. Although CO can't be seen or smelled, it can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death. Even if you cannot smell exhaust fumes, you may still be exposed to CO. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air

RIGHT AWAY - DO NOT DELAY.

Install CO alarms in central locations on the level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide. Test the batteries frequently and replace when needed. If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

LOCAL WEATHER:

TV: Channel 9

Car Radio: 96.5

Phone APP: Channel 9 Weather APP

What do I do after a Hurricane?

- Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for updates
- Notify friends/family that you are safe
- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding, **TURN OFF SPRINKLERS**
- If you evacuated, return home only when officials advise it is safe
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads
- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company
- Inspect your home for damage, take pictures for insurance purposes, contact FEMA if needed and the local fire department for Tarps (call non-emergency phone number)
- If you use a generator, do so well away from your home and your neighbors, fumes can be deadly
- Use flashlights in the dark, **DO NOT USE CANDLES**
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it is safe to drink
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage; **IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT**
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury
- Watch animals closely and keep them under control
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls
- Check mailrooms and white house for information if loss of power. If no loss of power Channel 11 and Depot sign as well

Special Needs

- If you will need assistance in the event of an evacuation, please register with Orange County Health & Family Services. Special needs are those who have a health/medical condition which requires medical attention in a shelter. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Oxygen dependent
 - Those restricted to bed
 - Advanced Alzheimer's disease
 - Unstable cardiac condition
 - Contagious disease
 - Those needing bathroom assistance
 - Chemotherapy patients
 - Those requiring medical attachments (IV, tube feeders, etc.)
 - Advanced Parkinson's disease
 - Paralysis
- If you are a Special Needs Resident, please register with Orange County Health & Family Services by:
 - Visiting the Florida Dept. of Emergency Management website www.FLGetAPlan.com
 - Call and request a form from the Orange County People w/Special Needs 407-836-9319
 - Call and request a form from Orange County Office of Emergency Management 407-836-9140

NOTE – Registration must be updated annually or as the registrant's needs change. Registrants who do not update their information annually will be placed in an inactive status.

MONITOR LOCAL NEWS FOR LOCATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

ZELLWOOD STATION HURRICANE CHECKLIST

What Should I do (5 DAYS OUT) ?

1. Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or local Weather Service News Source. Check your disaster supplies & replace or restock as needed (see below)
2. Bring in anything outside that can be picked up by the wind (lawn furniture, name sign, chimes, etc.)
3. Secure your home by closing windows, shutters and boarding up if necessary
4. Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting & keep closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if power goes out
5. Fill your vehicle gas tank & grill propane tank, **get medication refilled!**
6. Gather important documents into a central location where they can be reached in case you must evacuate.
7. Use a camera to take pictures of your important belongings and each room of your home. This will help if there is an insurance claim.
8. Gather spare clothes and bedding in case you must evacuate to a shelter. Place them where you can quickly and easily get to them.
9. Think through your plans now for evacuation or shelter-in-place. For instance, do you start off planning to stay at home but if the storm strengthens to a Category 1 Hurricane do you evacuate to a relative's home or Red Cross shelter? Try to think this scenario through and have a plan of action ready to go.
10. If you have special medical equipment that requires electricity do you have alternate means of power?
11. If you only have a cell phone and not a home phone do you have a way to charge it?
12. Can you cook or heat food without electricity?

Hurricane kit “Basics” (Plastic tote with lid)

- ✓ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ✓ Cash or traveler’s checks and change [Small bills \$20 or lower—when registers wont work, cash will]
- ✓ Fire Extinguisher
- ✓ Matches in a waterproof container
- ✓ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- ✓ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least 5 days, or drinking and sanitation
- ✓ Food, at least a 5 day supply of non-perishable food, manual can-opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ✓ Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ First aid kit, Whistle to signal for help
- ✓ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

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