













Sarasota County Shelter Information

NO.	SHELTER NAME	ADDRESS	APPROX. ELEVATION	DOG/CAT SHELTER
1	Booker Middle School	2250 Myrtle St.	30'	
2	Tuttle Elementary School	925 N. Brink Ave.	34'	
3	Bishop Nevins Academy	4380 Fruitville Rd.	26'	
4	Sarasota High School	1000 S. School Ave.	11' - 23'	
5	Brookside Middle School	3636 S. Shade Ave.	27'	 
6	Southside Elementary School	1901 Webber St.	22'	
7	Brentwood Elementary School	2500 Vinson Ave.	25'	
8	Riverview High School	1 Ram Way	18'	 
22	Phillippi Shores Elementary School	4747 S. Tamiami Trail	32'	
24	Ashton Elementary School	5110 Ashton Rd.	30'	
25	Gulf Gate Elementary School	6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Rd.	21'	
26	Pine View School	501 Old Venice Rd.	15'	 
30	Venice Community Center	326 S. Nokomis Ave.	19'	
32	Glenallen Elementary School	7050 Glenallen Blvd.	20'	
33	North Port High School	6400 W. Price Blvd.	21'	 
34	Heron Creek Middle School	6501 W. Price Blvd.	21'	 
35	Toledo Blade Elementary School	1201 Geranium Ave.	24'	
36	Woodland Middle School	2700 Panacea Blvd.	31'	 
37	Taylor Ranch Elementary School	2500 Taylor Ranch Rd.	19'	
38	Atwater Elementary School	4701 Huntsville Ave.	25'	

In the event of a community emergency, Sarasota County has 20 emergency shelters for residents and visitors available as a last resort. Become familiar with the shelter information provided and make sure everyone in your household knows the following shelter facts:

- ✓ Shelters are opened on an “as-needed” basis.
- ✓ Shelter openings may vary with each emergency.
- ✓ Pet friendly shelters require current vaccination records for dogs and cats.
- ✓ Never go to a shelter unless local officials have announced it is open.
- ✓ Current shelter information is available from local radio and television stations, the Sarasota County Call Center at (941) 861-5000 and Access Sarasota. More information is available on the county website, www.scgov.net.

Special Needs Shelters

Sarasota County provides a shelter program for those residents requiring special medically related care. Special needs shelters will be available for persons requiring more skilled medical care than available in a public shelter but not requiring an acute care facility such as a hospital. If this type of extended care is needed, contact the Sarasota County Emergency Management office at 941-861-5000 or go online to www.scgov.net to be considered for registration into this program.

Dog and Cat Friendly Shelters

Sarasota County offers six dog and cat-friendly shelters, indicated on the shelter list of this guide.

Sheltering your pet:

- ✓ Provide proof of current license and vaccination
- ✓ Pet must be in an appropriate pet crate
- ✓ Provide all items required for your pet
- ✓ You are responsible for the care of your pet while in the shelter
- ✓ Cohabitation of pets and owners is not permitted

If you are unable to meet these requirements, please make other arrangements to shelter your pet.

Using Your County Map

1. Locate where you live and work on the map.
2. Determine whether you are in an evacuation area, and if so, what level (color).
3. If you are in an evacuation area, or mobile home/manufactured home/RV, decide where you will go if ordered to evacuate. Your choices include:
 - ✓ Home of a relative or friend outside the evacuation zone
 - ✓ Hotel/motel outside the evacuation zone (make arrangements early)
 - ✓ Go to a public shelter
 - ✓ As a last resort leave the area entirely
4. If you must go to a public shelter, use your county map to decide which one is convenient. Make sure you verify the shelter is open before you go.

Hurricane Threats

- ✓ The colored areas on the map are vulnerable to storm surge. Storm surge is the saltwater flooding that rushes over coastal areas when the eye of a hurricane crosses land.
- ✓ Storm surge creates a path of destruction, wiping out structures as it rapidly surges inland and then recedes. This is a life threatening situation for anyone who ignores mandatory evacuation orders and stays in vulnerable areas.
- ✓ Hurricanes are categorized on a scale of 1 to 5, depending on wind strength and destructive power. The evacuation zones are color coded to designate the level of storm surge likely to occur with the five categories.
- ✓ If you live in an area ordered to evacuate, gather your family/pets and emergency supplies, secure your home and leave immediately. Failure to obey a mandatory evacuation order is a violation of state and local laws.

Note: All persons living in mobile homes/manufactured homes/RVs must evacuate for all mandatory evacuation orders, regardless of where you are located in the county.

Important Contact Information

SARASOTA COUNTY CALL CENTER	941-861-5000
EVACUATION INFORMATION	941-861-5000
TDD-DEAF COMMUNICATIONS	941-861-1833
SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY	941-861-5000
AMERICAN RED CROSS SW FLORIDA CHAPTER	941-379-9300
SUNCOAST COMMUNITIES BLOOD BANKS 1760 Mound Street Sarasota, FL 34236 1097 N. Tamiami Trail Nokomis, FL 34275 710 N. Brevard Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266	For more information, call toll free 1-866-97-BLOOD or visit WWW.SCBB.ORG .
CATHOLIC CHARITIES	941-355-4680
FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER CENTER	941-953-5965
SALVATION ARMY	941-954-4673
UNITED WAY	941-366-2686
211 REFERRAL LINE	211
ANIMAL SERVICES	941-861-9500
FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT	800-468-8243
HIGHWAY PATROL	941-483-5911
SHERIFF	941-861-5800
SOLID WASTE	941-861-5000
WWW.SCGOV.NET	
NOAA WEATHER RADIO, VENICE	FREQ 162.40 MHz FIPS code 012115
AM AND FM RADIO STATIONS	<p>RADIO AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WLSS 930 • WDDV 1320 • WBRD 1420 <p>RADIO FM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WLTQ 92.1 • WHPT 102.5 • WTZB 105.9 • WCTQ 106.5 • WSRZ 107.9
DO NOT CALL 9-1-1 FOR HURRICANE INFORMATION	

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Sarasota Volunteer Opportunity

Are you interested and willing to help your community respond to natural disasters, bioterrorism threats, and public health emergencies? If so, the MRC needs you!

The MRC is a community-based group of medical and non-medical volunteers. Training is provided to help members fulfill their roles. Examples of assignments include dispensing of medication or vaccinations, serving in hurricane shelters, assisting with disease outbreak investigation and community outreach. Join the corps today and be prepared before the next disaster happens.

For more information and applications contact:
941-861-2988 and visit www.mrcsarasota.org.

A Parent's Guide on What to Bring to a Shelter for Your Children

- ✓ Please bring age appropriate items for your child
- ✓ Baby food jars - combination of vegetables, fruits, cereals and meats
- ✓ Cereal (child age specific)
- ✓ Favorite snacks
- ✓ Healthy snacks
- ✓ Diaper wipes
- ✓ Diapers / pull-ups
- ✓ Formula (powered and/or ready-made)
- ✓ Oral electrolyte solution, such as Pedialyte
- ✓ Juice boxes
- ✓ Baby bottles
- ✓ Baby feeding spoons
- ✓ Nipples for baby bottles
- ✓ Diaper rash ointment
- ✓ Disposable changing pads
- ✓ Infant bathing basin, wash cloths and towels
- ✓ Infant hat and booties,
- ✓ Lightweight blankets
- ✓ Portable crib
- ✓ Toddler potty seat
- ✓ Small toys that don't make noise such as books, cards, puzzles, handheld games, extra batteries, and any special item that the child may be attached to that provides comfort.

NOAA Weather Radio

A NOAA weather radio can provide you with valuable hurricane information as well as vital warning information for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and other dangerous weather phenomena. It also broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards such as chemical releases and significant matters of public safety.

Web Based Hurricane Information

Sarasota County Government maintains a special web site to relay important hurricane information for local residents. You can find out which, if any, evacuation zone you live in, your nearest public shelters, special needs registration forms and much more. For more information visit <http://www.scgov.net/emergencyservices/allhazards.asp>.

Changes in 2011

New Adjustments in Evacuation Zones

A number of changes have been made in the evacuation zone map for the 2011 season. Notably, a significant number of residents will see their evacuation levels change from previous maps. These changes are due to improvements and enhancements of the **SLOSH** (Sea, Lake Overland Surge from Hurricanes) model. This program, used by the National Hurricane Center, FEMA and local emergency managers, is a valuable tool when determining areas vulnerable to a hurricane's most dangerous threat – **storm surge**.



In addition to the new changes and assumptions in the SLOSH model, the State of Florida provided a finer level of detail in the ground elevation information collected through LIDAR – flying over land, a laser is used to measure elevation above ground at millions of points along the coast.

We know hurricanes are not always “well-behaved” in their track or “average” in size or forward speed. For example, In 2005 Hurricane Katrina was a Category 3 at landfall, yet broke the record of storm surge set by Category 5 Camille in 1969. In 2008, Hurricane Ike – a large Category 2 storm brought up to 24 feet of surge to Galveston Island and the Bolivar Peninsula in Texas. In 2011, faster computers allowed programmers to consider a greater number of storm scenarios. By simulating more than 13,000 hypothetical storms in SLOSH, more scenarios can be considered when facing a real-life storm headed our way.



Don't let the category of storm lull you into a false security. Storms like Hurricane Ike proved that lower intensity storms can still pack a punch.

Why new colors?

In addition to the changes in evacuation zones themselves, you may notice a different color scheme. This is not accidental. Emergency management officials want to emphasize the danger level within each zone. If you live or work directly on the coast in Evacuation Level A (RED), you are at serious risk from storm surge in a Category 1 Hurricane and you could receive up to 35+ ft. of storm surge in a category 5 Hurricane with violent wave action along the coast. While the surge is reduced as the storm moves inland, remember that an adult cannot stand in 18 inches of moving storm surge.

This improved data represents the latest state-of-the-art forecasting. Please carefully review your evacuation zone information in preparation for the season.

Prepare for Storm Debris

Prepare now to prevent storm debris by trimming trees and cleaning up your property before the start of hurricane season in June. If a storm causes damage to your property, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000 for instructions on how to prepare storm-related debris for removal. If debris is not properly prepared, the property owner/resident is responsible for debris disposal and its expense.

Separate storm debris into the following categories:

- ✓ Garbage – place spoiled food in containers, or double bag it for pick-up
- ✓ Household goods – furniture, clothes, books, toys and carpet
- ✓ Vegetative – tree limbs and trunks
- ✓ Construction materials – drywall, roof shingles, aluminum
- ✓ Appliances – refrigerators, water heaters, televisions and computers

Residents who live in a gated community or on a private road must contact Sarasota County at 861-5000 for information on debris collection, as rules are different for collection in these specific areas.

Remember:

- ✓ Avoid stacking debris by utility poles, under power lines, on top of water meters or other water connections, by fire hydrants, by vehicles, next to mailboxes or fences or on storm drains.
- ✓ The county cannot enter private property to remove debris. Place all storm debris along the curb.
- ✓ Do not place storm debris in the street.