

Get Ready, Get Set to Go and Be Safe. Special Needs Shelter Kit Checklist

In an emergency evacuation, if you have a medical condition that requires basic medical assistance and monitoring, but does not require hospitalization, a Special Needs Shelter may be appropriate for you. Preregistration is important and encouraged, to ensure that you are ready for evacuation and sheltering in the event of an emergency in Broward County. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to accompany you. Use this checklist to help you prepare a Special Needs Shelter Kit that will make your stay as comfortable as possible. **PLEASE KEEP THIS CHECKLIST WITH YOUR IMPORTANT PAPERS. DO NOT RETURN IT TO US.**

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

- Batteries and/or chargers for electric wheelchair or scooter
- Cane, folding mobility cane or walker
- Catheter supplies
- Diabetes equipment
 - Glucose meter/strips/lancets
 - Insulin/syringes
 - Other insulin supplies
 - "Sharps" container
- Documentation of specific medical information (including provider contact information)
- First-aid kit
- List of current medications and at least a 7-day supply of them
- Nebulizers if needed
- Ostomy supplies
- Oxygen supplies
- Repair kit for electric wheelchair or scooter
- Wound care supplies

FOOD ITEMS

- Non-perishable dietary items
- Snacks or other comfort foods (meals are provided at the shelter)
- Special dietary foods, if required (meals are provided at the shelter)

EQUIPMENT

- Alternate communication devices (portable TTY, dry-erase board or writing tablet with pens, pencils or markers)
- Cell phone and charger
- Extra batteries
- Flashlight
- Radio

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- Dentures
- Extra pair of dark glasses, if medically required
- Eyeglasses
- Hearing aids and extra batteries
- Pair of heavy gloves to use while maneuvering a wheelchair over glass and debris

BEDDING

- For caregiver or family member(s)
 - Air mattress or cot and bedding
 - Lawn/lounge chair
- For special needs client
 - Bedding (medical cot is provided)
 - Lawn/lounge chair

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Body wipes
- Brush/comb
- Deodorant
- Entertainment items
 - Books/magazines
 - Portable radio/CD player/headphones
 - Toys/cards/games
- ID with current address
- Important papers
- Incontinence supplies
- Shoes (durable)
- Soap/shampoo
- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Towel
- Undergarments/socks
- Washcloth

INFANT CARE ITEMS

- Baby wipes
- Diapers
- Formula/food
- Small plastic bags

SERVICE ANIMAL SUPPLIES

- Food and medicine
- Plastic bags, disposable gloves and other supplies
- Toys

THESE ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE SHELTER

- Pets (except for service animals)
- Firearms or weapons
- Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs
- Perishable food items



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