

Hurricane Evacuation Centers

Residents in low-lying areas, barrier islands and mobile homes should seek shelter when conditions warrant. Many coastal roads could be underwater well in advance of a storm, restricting their use as evacuation routes.

If you are going to leave the area, be prepared to evacuate early and head inland to avoid the high winds and heavy rains preceding a storm.

If an evacuation is called for, and you do not evacuate, you will be without fire rescue, law enforcement or emergency medical support until winds and waters subside.

If your home was built after 2002, and you are not in an evacuation zones, you may be more comfortable sheltering in place. A 2005 University of Florida study concluded that homes built under the 2002 Florida Building Code sustained less damage on average than homes built between 1994 and 2001 under the Standard Building Code. Homes built before 1994 also fared worse than those built after that year.

If you've determined that your home is not safe to ride out a storm

Stay with a friend or leave the area

Emergency management agencies recommend you arrange a "host home" outside the evacuation level. A host home is the home of a friend or family member who has agreed to provide temporary shelter for you and your family. Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address and phone number of the family contact.

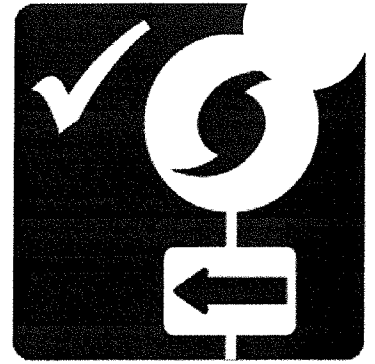
Move to an evacuation center

In the event of a hurricane watch, Sarasota County will open all evacuation centers at the same time. Hurricane evacuation centers are not hotels and will not be able to provide any conveniences or luxuries. You will have no privacy, limited space approximately 20 square feet per person in a public classroom or hallway, and meal service may be delayed. Evacuation centers cannot provide bedding, cots or blankets.

- Going to an evacuation center should always be considered a last resort measure.
- Never go to an evacuation center until local officials announce it is open.
- Checking in and then leaving (for example, to get supplies) will not be permitted.
- Evacuation center information will be updated here, on the county's website, on local radio and television stations and on the county's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT COVID-19

- Social distancing will be observed in evacuation centers. Because of reduced space, consider making alternative arrangements with friends/family before seeking an evacuation center.
- Sarasota County cannot guarantee a virus-free facility. All evacuees will be screened for health upon arrival and before registration. Be prepared to wait in line (or in your car) to be screened.
- Depending on the results of health screening, evacuees may be designated to a medical observation area.



- Masks will be required at all times, except when eating/drinking.

How to get to an Evacuation Center

- Personal transportation.
- Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) service:
 - SCAT's modified Sunday bus route.
- Get to a transportation rally point.
 - For those who cannot otherwise be transported by family, friends or neighbors, Sarasota County will provide last-resort bus transportation for you and your pets (along with a limited amount of supplies) to and from a general population evacuation center. Transportation will be offered at designated rally points throughout the county.
 - Bring a face mask and be prepared to wear it on the bus.

If you cannot drive to a rally point:

- Complete the [online registration form](#), **NOW**.
- The form will include guidance for those who cannot drive or walk to a designated rally point.

Important:

- Rally points may change depending on the severity of a storm.
- Residents who pre-register will receive an automated telephone message with information about the location of rally points and when they will be picked up.
- [Rally point locations can be found on Transportation Plan page.](#)

Hurricane Evacuation Centers	Address
Fruitville Elementary School	601 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota
Brookside Middle School	3636 S. Shade Ave., Sarasota
Southside Elementary School	1901 Webber St., Sarasota
Riverview High School	1 Ram Way, Sarasota
Booker High School	3201 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota

Phillippi Shores Elementary	4747 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
Gulf Gate Elementary School	6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota
North Port High School	6400 W. Price Blvd., North Port
Heron Creek Middle School	6501 W. Price Blvd., North Port
Woodland Middle School	2700 Panacea Blvd., North Port
Atwater Elementary School	4701 Huntsville Ave., North Port

Transportation Plan (Hurricane Evacuation Centers)

If you cannot drive to an evacuation center

Sarasota County will provide bus transportation for you and your pets (along with a limited amount of supplies) to and from a general population evacuation center.

This program is activated only when Sarasota County has a declared county emergency, an activation is ordered, and evacuation centers are opened. Transportation will be offered at designated rally points throughout the county.

Keep in mind...

- Transport will be provided by Sarasota County Area Transit and school district buses.
- Space on buses will be limited.
- Riders must bring a face mask and be prepared to wear it on the bus.
- Baggage is limited to two carry-on sized bags per person that can be stored under a seat or held in lap.
- Pets must be in a crate or carrier, and you must bring all pet supplies.
- Passengers cannot specify what shelter they will be transported to.
- All transportation will cease when landfall is expected within eight hours.

Transportation Rally Points

FACILITY NAME	ADDRESS
<u>Buchan Airport Community Park / Kiwanis Park</u>	1390 Old Englewood Road Englewood, FL 34223
<u>Colonial Oaks Park</u>	5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34232
<u>Englewood Sports Complex</u>	1300 S. River Road Englewood, FL 34223

FACILITY NAME	ADDRESS
<u>Garden Elementary School</u>	70. Road Venice, FL 34240
<u>Larry Thoennissen Athletic Fields at George Mullen Activity Center</u>	1602 Kramer Way North Port, FL 34286
<u>Laurel Park and Sandra Sims Terry Community Center</u>	509 Collins Road Nokomis, FL 34275
<u>North Port Library</u>	13800 S. Tamiami Trail North Port, FL 34287
<u>Pine View School - Athletic Court Facilities</u>	1 Python Path Osprey, FL 34229
<u>Potter Park</u>	8587 Potter Park Drive Sarasota, FL 34238
<u>Publix Super Market at Shoppes of Bay Isles</u>	525 Bay Isles Parkway Longboat Key, FL 34228
<u>SCAT Downtown Transfer Station</u>	150 N. Lemon Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

FACILITY NAME	ADDRESS
<u>SCAT UTC Transfer Station</u>	50. Cattlemen Road Sarasota, FL 34243
<u>Siesta Beach</u>	948 Beach Road Sarasota, FL 34242
<u>Suncoast Technical College</u>	N. Cranberry Blvd. North Port, FL 34286
<u>Taylor Ranch Elementary</u>	2500 Taylor Ranch Trail Venice, FL 34293
<u>Venice Community Center</u>	326 Nokomis Ave S Venice, FL 34285