



## Tropical Depression Four: Special Needs Shelters

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**Tallahassee, Fla.—** In response to Tropical Depression Four, the Florida Department of Health has prepared for special needs shelter operations to begin in areas of anticipated landfall.

In an emergency, such as an evacuation for a hurricane, you may need to go to a special needs shelter. If you know or care for an individual with a disability or a special need, such as a medical condition that requires assistance but not hospitalization, it is important that you pre-register with the [Florida Special Needs Shelter Registry](#). You will need to log in with an existing account or create a new account.

Registering through the [Florida Special Needs Registry](#) allows local emergency management officials to provide important information and quickly assist you during an emergency. For more information, contact [your county's emergency management office](#) or visit the [Florida Special Needs Registry](#).

If you are eligible for a special needs shelter, your [kit](#) should include:

- List of medications and dosage
- A 30-day supply of medications
- Vital medical equipment for those who may be electrically or oxygen dependent,
- Backup energy sources for essential medical equipment
- Any special dietary needs or food
- Personal information including:
  - Photo ID
  - Insurance card
  - List of emergency contacts
  - Your primary care provider's contact information

After completing the Florida Special Needs Registry, additional information will be provided to you by your local emergency management agency regarding evacuation and sheltering options available.

For more information on your local shelter status, please visit [FloridaDisaster.org](https://www.floridadisaster.org).

### **Health Care Providers**

If you are a health care provider, please contact [SNR@flhealth.gov](mailto:SNR@flhealth.gov) to obtain a login for the special needs registry to ensure you are able to use all health care provider functions.

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