

# “DON’T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THEM!!”

**An Evacuation Shelter is not intended to be comfortable.  
Shelters are noisy and crowded.**

You should prepare to bring items to help make your stay more comfortable.

## **WHEN EVACUATING TO A SHELTER, BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

1. **ALL REQUIRED MEDICATIONS AND MEDICAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT:**
  - Wheelchair/ Walker, oxygen, dressings, feeding and suction equipment, diapers, etc.
  - Any specific medication or care instructions. (2 WEEK SUPPLY)
  - Name, phone number of physician/home health care agency/ hospital where you receive care.
2. **DIETARY NEEDS:** You need to bring nonperishable food to survive for 72 hours per person.
3. **FOOD AND WATER/ LIQUIDS:** Snacks, Fruit juice, Gatorade, Water, Fruits, Crackers (72 hour supply).
4. **SLEEPING GEAR:** Bring your own pillows, sheets, blankets, portable cot or air mattress, chaise lounge, folding chairs, or sleeping bags for each person. Evacuation shelters tend to be cold so bring a blanket or sweater to keep warm. **COTS OR BEDS ARE NOT PROVIDED AT THE SHELTER.**
5. **IMPORTANT PAPERS:** Wills, deeds, licenses, insurance policies, home inventory, doctor’s orders, Do Not Resuscitate, Living Will.
6. **IDENTIFICATION:** With photo and current address, medical identification card.
7. **CASH:** Check cashing / credit card services may not be available for several days after the storm. BUT: don’t bring too much! There will be no place to secure money or valuables at the evacuation shelter.
8. **COMFORT ITEMS:** Small games, cards, diapers, books, batteries, manual can opener, etc.
9. **PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, towels, brush/comb, dentures, glasses, eye drops, hearing aids and batteries, etc.
10. **EXTRA CLOTHING:** A one week supply of comfortable clothing and extra sets of underwear and socks.

**Pets are NOT allowed in Evacuation Centers (except service animals).** You must make other arrangements for them.