

EVACUATION CHECKLIST FOR SPECIAL NEEDS EVACUEES

Listed below are actions you should take **BEFORE** evacuations. You and your caregiver **MUST** be ready before your county evacuation transportation vehicle arrives. Special Needs evacuations need to be completed prior to road congestion. Even if the sun is shining, the storm is on its way!! Osceola County Emergency Management, Osceola County Health Department and/or Osceola County Council on Aging will call to give you an estimated time of your transportation pick-up.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD DO BEFORE BEING PICKED UP:

WHEN EVACUATING:

1. Pack a bag and be ready to go with:
 - * Medications for 3 weeks, list of medications, name of doctor, your walker, wheelchair and other medical equipment
 - * If oxygen dependent, bring all equipment. Emergency oxygen will be provided only at the assisted care shelter.
 - * Clean clothes for three days
 - * Extra eye glasses
 - * Blankets and pillows
 - * Personal hygiene items
 - * House keys and car keys
 - * Personal phone book or list of important numbers
 - * Important papers, including identification, sealed in zip-lock bags
 - * Folding chair, lawn chair or cot
 - * Reading materials
 - * Non-perishable snack items while shelters becomes fully operational
 - * Non-perishable food items if you require a special diet
 - * Medical orders including "Do Not Resuscitate" order, if applicable.
2. Call caretaker and family members including those out of state, to inform them of your evacuation plans.
3. It is important to turn off electricity, water and gas if possible.

WHEN STORM IS APPROACHING:

4. Take care of all medical needs such as dialysis when you hear a storm is approaching.