



# Evacuation Center (Hurricane Shelter) Information for Venice Residents

**In the event of a hurricane watch, Sarasota County will open all identified evacuation centers (hurricane shelters) at the same time.**

All evacuation centers will be pet friendly. Your dog or cat must be kept in a carrier.

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.
- Evacuation center information will be updated on the county and city websites (scgov.net and venicegov.com), on local radio and television stations and on the county and city Facebook and Twitter accounts.

HURRICANE EVACUATION CENTERS	ADDRESS
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
Booker Middle School	2250 Myrtle St., 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 School	4747 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
Gulf Gate Elementary School	6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota

## What to Bring to an Evacuation Center

Flashlight (in case your center loses power).

Your insurance, Medicare or Medicaid cards, driver license or photo I.D.

Your children's immunization and other important health and insurance records.

Each family member's medications, along with dosage information and physician's contact information.

Drinking water.

Snacks or special foods.

Bedding and pillows.

Book or electronic entertainment items with headphones and chargers.

Change of clothing.

Personal hygiene items (including toilet paper).

Games/comfort items for children.

**NOTE:** There are currently no evacuation centers (hurricane shelters) in the City of Venice, only **rally points**, where residents can go to be transported to shelters.

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## Transportation Plan for 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 ...

- Transportation will be provided by Sarasota County Area Transit and school district buses.
- Space on buses will be limited.
- 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. Your return home could be delayed.

**Important:** All transportation will cease when landfall is expected within eight hours.

**Venice area rally points include:** Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice; Garden Elementary School, 700 Center Road; Venice; Taylor Ranch Elementary, 2500 Taylor Ranch Trail, South Venice (off U.S. 41); Laurel Park, 509 Collins Road, Nokomis; and Pine View School, 1 Python Path, Osprey. Go to [scgov.net](http://scgov.net) for a full list.

### If you are able to drive to a rally point:

- Drive locally to a rally point and park vehicle.
- Receive transportation to an evacuation center.

No registration needed. Information/instruction will be provided at rally point.

### Bus route:

Pick-up transportation to a rally point and center via Sarasota County Area Transit disaster bus route (SCAT's modified Sunday bus route). Visit [scgov.net](http://scgov.net) for schedules.

### Register for public transportation:

- For those who cannot drive or otherwise be transported by family, friends or neighbors, Sarasota County will provide last-resort, free 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.
- Complete the online registration form at [scgov.net](http://scgov.net) (keywords transportation plan). All county libraries are available to help with online registration for those without a computer. You can also call 941-861-5000.
- The form will include guidance for those who cannot drive or walk to a designated rally point.

**Rally points may change depending on the severity of a storm.** Residents who preregister will receive an automated telephone message with information about the location of rally points and when they will be picked up.

**Important:** The online registration process will cease when landfall is expected within 60 hours.

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If you have special medical needs (require an oxygen tank, etc.), you must register separately as a medically dependent person. This can be done now at [scgov.net](http://scgov.net), or call 941-861-5000.