

At a Shelter

Be prepared to go to a shelter if—

- Your area is without electrical power.
- Floodwater is rising.
- Your home has been severely damaged.
- Police or other local officials tell you to evacuate.
Coordinate with your family and home care provider for evacuation procedures.
- Try to carpool, if possible.
- Wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Take your disaster supplies kit – “go bag.”
- Lock your home.
- Use the travel routes specified or special assistance provided by local officials.

Don't take any short cuts, they may be unsafe.

- Make arrangements for your pets. Take them with you if you leave. Public Shelters Relief organizations, like the American Red Cross, may open shelters if a disaster affects a large number of people or the emergency is expected to last several days.

When you arrive at a shelter,

- notify the shelter management of any needs you may have. They will do their best to accommodate you and make you comfortable.
- Let your out-of-town contact know when you left and where you are going.

Services Provided at a Red Cross Shelter

- Food
- Temporary shelter
- Basic first aid All American Red Cross emergency services are provided free of charge. To learn about Red Cross shelters that have been opened in your area, listen to your local media, check with your local American Red Cross chapter or visit www.redcross.org.