

Special Needs Shelter Program Registry

What is a Special Needs Shelter?

Special Needs Shelters (SpNS) are designed to meet the needs of persons who require assistance that exceeds services provided at a general population shelter. SpNS are intended to provide, to the extent possible under emergency conditions, an environment that can sustain an individual's level of health for those who cannot safely remain in their homes. A SpNS is a place to go when medical needs prevent any other sheltering option.

Who is Eligible for a Special Needs Shelter?

A SpNS is for "someone who during periods of evacuation or emergency, requires assistance, due to physical impairment, mental impairment, cognitive impairment, or sensory disabilities" (Chapter 64-3 Florida Administrative Code).

You **MAY** be eligible for a SpNS Shelter if you need:

- ✓ Assistance with medication
- ✓ Observation by a health professional
- ✓ Electricity for life supporting medical equipment
- ✓ Basic nursing care
- ✓ Oxygen therapy
- ✓ Assistance with evacuation
- ✓ Or if you have other special medical needs

How Do I Register?

visit: <http://ReadyOsceola.org>

call our office at: (407) 742-9001

or

email us at: specialneeds@osceola.org

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THERE IS AN EMERGENCY TO REGISTER!

Pre-registering ensures that you have a backup plan should you need to evacuate from your home.

