



2015 Polk County Public Shelters

SHELTER LOCATIONS

AUBURNDALE

1. Auburndale High School
2. Jere L. Stambaugh Middle School
3. Walter Caldwell Elementary School

BARTOW

4. Polk County Health Department Specialty Care Units
5. Bartow High School
6. Stephens Elementary School
7. Spessard L. Holland Elementary

DAVENPORT

8. Horizons Elementary School
9. Loughman Oaks Elementary School
10. Ridge Community High School
11. Ridgeview Global Studies Academy

EAGLE LAKE

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13. Pinewood Elementary School

HAINES CITY

14. Alta Vista Elementary School
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16. Sandhill Elementary School
17. Shelley S. Boone Middle School

LAKELAND

18. Combee Elementary School

19. George Jenkins High School (Freshman Academy)

20. Highlands Grove Elementary School

21. Kathleen Elementary School

22. Kathleen High School

23. Lake Gibson High School

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25. Philip O'Brien Elementary School

26. Lincoln Avenue Academy

27. McKeel Academy

28. Dr. N.E. Roberts Elementary School

29. Rochelle School of The Arts

30. Scott Lake Elementary School

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44. Winter Haven High School

On map: = Primary Shelter = Pet-Friendly Shelter = Special Needs Shelter = Primary/Special Needs Shelter
See reverse side for directions to individual shelters.



**DO NOT PROCEED TO ANY SHELTER
UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMED
THAT IT IS OPEN AND OPERATING.**

CITIZENS INFORMATION LINE

(CIL) (863) 401-2234

Toll Free: 1 (866) 661-0228

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PUBLIC SHELTER POLICIES

1. All shelters are **not** automatically activated for each possible emergency. Shelters are opened as they are needed. They are not preassigned by geographic area.
2. For shelter information, monitor local radio and television or call the CIL at 863-401-2234.
3. Have a 3-day survival kit ready to take with you.
4. **NO PETS** (except at designated pet-friendly sites), **NO WEAPONS** and **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed in Public Shelters.
5. For information about pet-friendly shelters, call the Emergency Management office at (863) 519-7350 or www.polk-county.net/EM.
6. For further information, please consult the reverse side of this brochure.



For accommodations, contact

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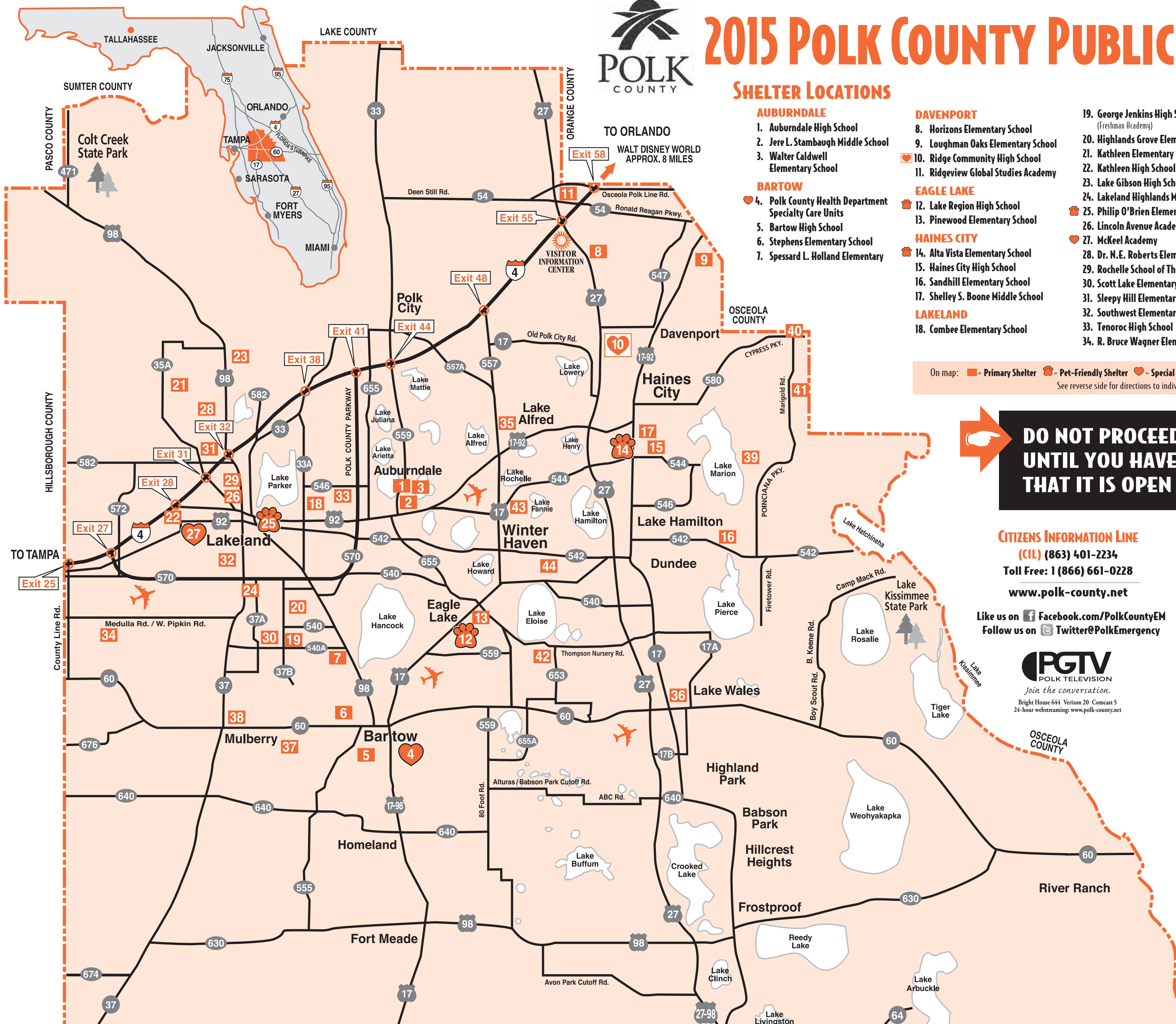
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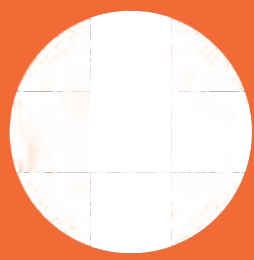
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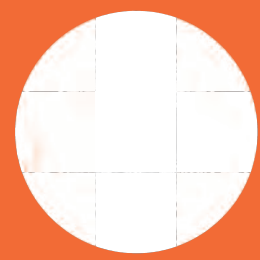
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DIRECTIONS TO POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SHELTERS

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AUBURNDALE

- 1 Auburndale High School**
1 Bloodhound Trail, Auburndale
From US 92, turn north on Main St.; travel to Lake Ariana Blvd.; turn right on Bloodhound Trail.
- 2 Jere L. Stambaugh Middle School**
226 N. Main St., Auburndale
Take Hwy. 92 to Auburndale. Turn north on Main St. (SR 559) through town, and the school will be on the right. From Interstate 4 follow SR 559 south into Auburndale. The school is on the left.
- 3 Walter Caldwell Elementary School**
141 Dairy Rd., Auburndale
From Hwy. 92 travel north on Dairy Road. The school is past Tanglewood Drive on the right.

BARTOW

- 4 Polk County Health Department Specialty Care Units**
1255 Brice Blvd., Bartow
From US 17, turn east on Georgia St.; clinic on the northeast corner of Georgia St. and Golfview Ave. (Parking and entrance on east side of building.)
- 5 Bartow High School**
1270 S. Broadway Ave., Bartow
At the intersection of US 98 and SR 60, turn south on Broadway; school is on the left (approximately 1 1/2 miles) on the corner of S. Broadway Ave. and E. Tharp St.
- 6 Stephens Elementary School**
1350 N. Maple Ave., Bartow
From US 98, turn west on Lyle Pkwy. for approximately 2 miles; turn south on Maple Ave.; school is on the left.
- 7 Spessard L. Holland Elementary School**
2342 E.F. Griffin Rd., Bartow
Take US 98 from Bartow, turn left on Smith Lane. Traveling from the north take US 98 to Smith Lane and turn right.

DAVENPORT

- 8 Horizons Elementary School**
1700 Forest Lake Dr., Davenport
From US Hwy. 27, turn east on Forest Lake Dr.; school is approximately 1/2 mile on the left.
- 9 Loughman Oaks Elementary School**
4600 US Hwy. 17-92 N., Davenport
Located 1 mile south of CR 54; 3 miles north of Davenport.
- 10 Ridge Community High School**
500 Orchid Dr., Davenport
From Hwy. 27, turn east on Patterson Rd. to Orchid Dr.
- 11 Ridgeview Global Studies Academy**
1000 Dunson Rd., Davenport
North on Hwy. 27 from I-4, go 3/4 mile north to Dunson Rd. Turn east, go 1/2 mile; school is on the left.

EAGLE LAKE

- 12 Lake Region High School**
1995 Thunder Rd., Eagle Lake
From US 17, turn east on Gilbert St. to Thunder Rd. (North of City of Eagle Lake.)
- 13 Pinewood Elementary School**
1400 Gilbert St., Eagle Lake
From US 17 (just south of CR 540), turn east on Gilbert St. and continue to end of the road; school is on the left.

HAINES CITY

- 14 Alta Vista Elementary School**
801 Scenic Hwy. S., Haines City
From US 27, turn east on SR 544 (approximately 1 1/2 miles); school is on the left.
- 15 Haines City High School**
2800 Hornet Dr., Haines City
From US 27, turn east on SR 544 to 30th St. Turn north to Hornet Dr.; school is on the left.

- 16 Sandhill Elementary School**
1801 Tyner Rd., Haines City
From Dundee, turn north on SR 17 about 1.3 miles to Hatchineha Rd.; turn east, go about 3 1/2 miles; school is on corner of Tyner Rd. and Hatchineha Rd.

- 17 Shelley S. Boone Middle School**
225 S. 22nd St., Haines City
From US 27, turn east on US 17-92; travel to S. 22nd St.; south on S. 22nd St.; school is on the left.

LAKELAND

- 18 Combee Elementary School**
2805 Morgan Combee Rd., Lakeland
From US 92, turn north on Combee Rd. N./CR 659; turn east onto Morgan Combee Rd.; school is on the right.
- 19 George Jenkins High School Freshman Academy**
6000 Lakeland Highlands Rd., Lakeland
Take 540A to 37B (Lakeland Highlands Rd.) and turn north. At first traffic light turn right at entrance to school.
- 20 Highlands Grove Elementary School**
4510 Lakeland Highlands Rd., Lakeland
From Clubhouse Rd./Hwy. 540, turn north onto Lakeland Highlands Rd./Hwy. 37B (south of Polk Pkwy.); school is on the right.
- 21 Kathleen Elementary School**
3515 Sherertz Rd., Lakeland
From US 98 N., turn east onto Hwy. 35A/Kathleen Rd.; turn right onto Sherertz Rd. (south of Duff Rd.); school will be past Tiger Way, on the left.
- 22 Kathleen School High School**
1 Red Devil Way, Lakeland
From US 92, turn north on N. Crutchfield Rd. Turn left on Crutchfield Rd.; school is on the left.
- 23 Lake Gibson High School**
7007 N. Socrum Loop Rd., Lakeland
From US 98, turn east on Marcum Rd.; turn north on N. Socrum Loop Rd.; school is 1/4 mile on right.

- 24 Lakeland Highlands Middle School**
740 Lake Miriam Dr., Lakeland
From SR 37, turn east on Lake Miriam Dr.; school is 1/2 mile on the left.

- 25 Philip O'Brien Elementary School**
1225 E. Lime St., Lakeland
From US 98, turn north on Lake Parker Ave., then east on Lime St.; school is on the right.

- 26 Lincoln Avenue Academy**
1330 N. Lincoln Ave., Lakeland
From US 92, turn north onto Lincoln Ave. N.; school is on the left, past 7th St. W.

- 27 McKeel Academy**
1810 W. Parker St., Lakeland
From US 92, turn south on Brunnell Pkwy.; turn west on W. Parker St.; school is 1/4 mile on the right.

- 28 Dr. N.E. Roberts Elementary School**
6600 Green Rd., Lakeland
From US 98 N., turn west on Daughtery Rd.; turn north on Green Rd.; continue north approximately 1 mile; school is on the left.

- 29 Rochelle School of the Arts**
1501 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Lakeland
From US 92, turn north on Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.; school is 1/2 mile on the right.

- 30 Scott Lake Elementary School**
1140 Hwy. 540A E., Lakeland
From US 98, turn west on CR 540A; school is approximately 5 miles on the right.

- 31 Sleepy Hill Elementary School**
2285 Sleepy Hill Rd., Lakeland
From US 98 N., turn west onto Sleepy Hill Rd.; school is on the right.

- 32 Southwest Elementary School**
2650 Southwest Ave., Lakeland
From SR 37, turn north on SR 37 for 2 blocks; turn east on Southwest Ave.; school is on the right.

- 33 Tenoroc High School**
4905 Saddle Creek Road, Lakeland
From US 98 N., travel east on the Polk Pkwy. Continue for 8 miles and exit onto Old Dixie Hwy. Turn west onto Old Dixie Hwy. (CR 546) for approximately 2 miles; school is on the left.

- 34 R. Bruce Wagner Elementary School**
5500 Yates Rd., Lakeland
From SR 37, turn west on W. Lake Miriam Dr. (becomes W. Pipkin Rd.). Go approximately 3 miles to Yates Rd. Turn south on Yates Rd.; school is approximately 1/2 mile on the left.

LAKE ALFRED

- 35 Karen M. Siegel Academy**
935 Evenhouse Rd., Lake Alfred
From US 17, turn west on CR 557/Haines Blvd.; turn right at N. Buena Vista Dr. (also CR 557); school is approximately 1 mile on the right.

LAKE WALES

- 36 Spook Hill Elementary School**
321 Dr. J.A. Wiltshire Ave. E., Lake Wales
From US 27, turn east on Central Ave.; travel about 3/4 mile to CR 17 (old Alt. 27/Scenic Hwy.) and turn north; travel about 3/4 mile; turn east on Dr. J.A. Wiltshire Ave. (E. North Ave.); school is on the left.

MULBERRY

- 37 Mulberry Middle School**
500 S.E. 9th Ave., Mulberry
From Hwy. 60 travel south on S.E. 9th Avenue / Martin Luther King Avenue. The school is past S.E. Third Street on the right.

- 38 Purcell Elementary School**
305 N.E. First Ave., Mulberry
From SR 60, turn north on SR 37 for 2 blocks; turn east on N.E. Second St. for one block.

POINCIANA

- 39 Lake Marion Creek School**
3055 Lake Marion Creek Dr., Poinciana
From Poinciana Pkwy., turn north onto Lake Marion Creek Dr.; school is on the right.
- 40 Laurel Elementary School**
1851 Laurel Ave., Poinciana
From CR 580 / Cypress Pkwy., turn north onto Laurel Ave.; school is on the right.
- 41 Palmetto Elementary School**
315 Palmetto St., Poinciana
From Poinciana Pkwy., turn north onto Marigold Ave. Turn east on Palmetto St.; school is on the left.

WINTER HAVEN

- 42 Chain of Lakes Elementary**
7001 Hwy. 653, Winter Haven
From Hwy. 27, turn west on Thompson Nursery Rd.; school is 2 miles on the left.
- 43 Jewett School of the Arts**
2250 8th St. N.E., Winter Haven
From US 17 or Hwy. 544 / 1st St., turn east onto Ave. T N.E. Turn north onto 8th St. N.E.; school is at end of the road.
- 44 Winter Haven High School**
600 6th St. S.E., Winter Haven
From Hwy. 17 take Cypress Gardens Blvd. to 6th St. S.E. and turn north. The school is between Ave. K S.E. and Ave. G S.E., on the right.

♥ = Special Needs Shelter. 🐾 = Pet-Friendly Shelter.
■ = Primary Shelter. ♥ = Primary/Special Needs Shelter.
(Valid through 5/31/16)

POLK COUNTY EVACUATION POLICY

Polk County Emergency Management recommends in-place shelter as the primary option during a disaster. For those unable to remain in place, especially those in mobile homes, the remaining choices should be considered in order of preference. Whichever of the following options you choose, be sure to have a 3-day survival kit assembled and ready (see right). Have a plan in place and execute it as soon as practical before the disaster hits. The recommended options are:

- 1. In-place Shelter** – plan to remain in residence during the emergency, if possible.
- 2. Evacuate to Friend's or Relative's Residence** – if forced to evacuate, it is less traumatic for all concerned to be sheltered with familiar people, in more comfortable surroundings.
- 3. Evacuate the Area** – other people leaving the area or areas in the projected path of the storm will also be on the road; leave at least 2-3 days before the storm is expected to strike.
- 4. Evacuate to a Hotel/Motel** – make arrangements early as rooms will fill quickly with other evacuees.
- 5. Evacuate to a Public Shelter** – please consult the Public Shelter policy on the front of this sheet.

♥ SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM ♥

The Polk County Special Needs Program is designed to provide sheltering at Special Needs Shelters for residents with medical or physical conditions and/or dependent on medical electrical equipment who require assistance during an emergency. The Special Needs Shelters are **McKeel Academy (27)**, **Ridge Community High School (10)** and **Polk County Health Department Bartow Specialty Care Unit (4)**.

The program also provides transportation to public shelters and pet-friendly shelters for those unable to evacuate on their own. Pre-registration in the program, for medical needs or for transportation only, is preferred. Contact Emergency Management **(863) 298-7027**.

3-DAY SURVIVAL KIT

Plan to be self-sufficient for at least three days during and after a disaster. You should anticipate no water, electrical power or utilities for that period of time.

To ensure the comfort of your family, whether at home or evacuated to another location, you should have the following items, at a minimum, assembled and readily available:

- Food (canned goods and nonperishable foods)
- Prescription medicines and first aid kit
- Infant care items
- Infant/adult diapers
- Drinking water in nonbreakable containers (1 gallon per person per day)
- Special dietary food, if required
- Identification, valuable papers, policies & photographs in a waterproof container
- Books, magazines, cards, toys, games
- Personal hygiene items
- Carrying container for items
- Utensils, including manual can opener, disposable tableware
- Sleeping bag, blanket, sheets & pillow
- Extra personal aids, such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.
- Portable chairs
- Change of clothes
- Battery-operated items (radio, flashlight, etc.) with extra batteries
- Credit cards, cash & extra set of car keys
- Rainwear

- Make arrangements for boarding of your pets, if possible. (Pets are **NOT** allowed in any public shelters, except in the three pet-friendly shelters, where space is limited.)

🐾 PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS 🐾

Pet-friendly shelters have been established at **Philip O'Brien Elementary School (25)**, Lakeland; **Lake Region High School (12)**, Eagle Lake; and **Alta Vista Elementary School (14)**, Haines City. Due to space limitations, the sites will be strictly pet-friendly only and will be limited to providing shelter only for dogs, cats, birds and their owners. As in any other sheltering situation, consult the local media or Citizens Information Line to ensure a specific shelter is open and operating before proceeding to that facility. Additional shelter requirements include complete shot records for each pet, which will be reviewed upon arrival at the shelter; an airline-approved carrying case, in which each animal brought to the shelter will remain for the duration of their stay; food for the pet for at least a three-day period; and an agreement, signed by the pet owner upon registration, that confirms that the pet will be accompanied by an owner throughout the duration of the sheltering. Failure to comply with any of these items could preclude someone being able to enter the shelters.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Medical (EMERGENCIES ONLY) **9-1-1**
Polk County Emergency Management (863) 519-7350
Polk County Animal Services (863) 499-2600
Polk County Sheriff's Office (863) 298-6200
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 1 (800) 621-FEMA
American Red Cross (863) 294-5941
The Salvation Army..... West Polk County (863) 682-8179, East Polk County (863) 291-5107
United Way Information Referral Service (863) 648-1515 or 1 (800) 881-UWAY

HURRICANE SEASON 2015 JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 30
Visit **www.polk-county.net/prepare**

Learn to **BE READY** for a Disaster at **READY NIGHT**
at the Lakeland Flying Tigers Baseball Game
Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 6:30pm

SOURCES OF EMERGENCY INFORMATION

EVACUATION INFORMATION

Citizens Information Line (CIL) (863) 401-2234
Toll Free: 1 (866) 661-0228

Radio: Primary Emergency Broadcast System Stations:
WONN 1230 AM
WPCV 97.5 FM
Travelers Information System (Western Polk County)..... 1610 AM

En Español: WSIR (Winter Haven) 1490 AM
WIPC (Lake Wales) 1280 AM
WAUC (Wauchula) 1310 AM
WAVP (Avon Park) 1390 AM

Television: Consult Television Listings for Local Stations
PGTV Bright House 644, Comcast 5 and Verizon 20

WEATHER

The Weather Channel Consult Local Cable Television Listings
Local Radio/TV Stations See Above
National Weather Service (Ruskin) (813) 645-2323
www.weather.gov

NOAA Weather Radio S.A.M.E. Code 012105

To get emergency notifications on your phone or by email, register at **www.polk-county.net/prepare**. These notices inform county residents about public safety threats and concerns. (Standard messaging rates may apply.)

Is your neighborhood prepared?
Get involved with CERT Community Emergency Response Teams.
Email cert@polkfl.com for more information.