

Evacuation and Shelter Options

Family, Friends, Neighbors, Hotels, Public Shelters

Making the decision whether or not to evacuate could be a life or death decision. It's your responsibility to determine the risk for your family. Ask yourself these questions:

Do you live in a mobile or manufactured home?

Everyone who lives in a mobile and manufactured home should always evacuate.

Do you live in an evacuation zone?

If you don't know your zone, you can look it up [here](#) by typing in your address. Be ready to follow the evacuation orders issued by officials for your zone.

Do you know where the public shelters are located?

Santa Rosa County does not have any shelters south of Interstate 10. This is because that area is the area of greatest risk. This is not only because of storm surge or wind damage but also the possibility of roads and areas becoming impassable or inaccessible for emergency services being able to reach you.

Do you have special needs?

Make sure you have a plan and if you need to go to the Special Needs Shelter, you must be pre-registered. You can register on-line, by phone or by mail.

Do you require transportation to a shelter?

Call 850-983-INFO (4636) when an evacuation is ordered and transportation can be arranged.

If you decide to stay home, consider the following:

- ✓ Windows have hurricane shutters and the garage door is braced.
- ✓ Gable ends on the roof have been braced.
- ✓ The home is not a manufactured or mobile home.
- ✓ The home is not in an evacuation (or storm surge) zone.
- ✓ The home has a safe room large enough for all occupants.
- ✓ A disaster plan is in place for all occupants including pets.
- ✓ Vehicles have a full tank of gas.
- ✓ A disaster kit is prepared with one week worth of non-perishable food supplies and water.
- ✓ A battery operated radio is on hand with extra batteries.
- ✓ Keep your cell phone handy and charged – use your vehicle battery charger.
- ✓ Tarps and plastic sheeting are available for emergency repairs.

REMEMBER – EMERGENCY RESPONDERS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO YOUR LOCATION DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER A STORM!