



What is the Alachua County Special Needs Program?

The Special Needs Program is a registry of individuals in Alachua County who have special medical needs and may need emergency sheltering and/or evacuation assistance in the event of a disaster. Being a part of this program lets Alachua County Emergency Management and emergency response personnel know that you may need help before, during, or after a disaster. Registration is FREE.

Who should register?

People who should register include those who are limited functionally, routinely need transportation assistance, are dependent on electricity for life-sustaining medical equipment, homebound, need help in daily living, live alone or are without the support of family, friends or neighbors. *Please read the Special Needs Eligibility Requirements information sheet to determine if you qualify.*

How do I fill out the form?

Read over the registration form enclosed. Print legibly and answer ALL questions. If your form is missing information like your correct phone number, address, etc. we will be unable to contact you or mail you important information. Also, we cannot determine your shelter type and needs unless you answer ALL questions regarding your medical needs and condition. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS.** We return incomplete registrations.

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Will my information be safe?

This registry is **CONFIDENTIAL**. The listing is maintained by Alachua County Emergency Management and shared only with the County Public Health Unit and first responders to meet the needs of the people enrolled in the program.

What if my information changes after I have already registered? Keep your information current! You are responsible for informing Emergency Management of any changes that may occur and affect your registration records. For example, if you move, change your telephone number, or no longer need to be registered, let us know *immediately* so your information can be updated. If we cannot contact you during an emergency evacuation, we *cannot* help you.

If you have any questions about the Special Needs Program, or need help filling out the registration form, please contact Alachua County Emergency Management at (352) 264-6500.

Completed forms can be mailed to:

**Alachua County Special Needs Program
P.O. Box 5038, Gainesville, FL 32627**