

Well, we're getting plenty of notice about the arrival of the unwanted hurricanes and so we have no excuse for not being prepared. At this point we don't know exactly where he will hit and whether we will need to evacuate. Be sure to keep your weather radio on for the latest information.

Please note that POASC has no shelter facilities and is not capable of assisting anyone who needs special help due to health problems. If you have special needs, please contact the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA), 972-6807 or Baldwin County Severe Weather & Information Hotline, 947-1150.

Meanwhile, here is some information that might be helpful to all.

SHELTER INFORMATION

"Shelters of Last Resort", as they are known, are available in Baldwin County, but the structural integrity of the facilities cannot be guaranteed.

Those entering a shelter must complete a Registration/Waiver of Liability Form; present photo identification; obey the shelter rules and be subject to a criminal background check.

Those who are entering an Electrical Support Shelter or Medical Needs Shelter must also bring one adult caregiver, medical equipment and supplies and any special dietary supplies.

Shelters will open on an as-needed basis and are subject to change. Tune in to local television and radio stations for public service announcements.

WHAT TO BRING TO A SHELTER

Photo identification, change of clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, hygiene or sanitary products, prescription and over-the-counter medications, eyeglasses, dentures, baby food, diapers, wipes, plastic containers or water, non-perishable foods and snacks, flashlight and extra batteries, battery-powered radio and extra batteries, first aid kit, entertainment (games, books, etc.), cash, checkbook, credit cards.

Whether you go to a shelter or not, it is a good idea to bring important papers with you including driver's license or personal identification, social security card, proof of residence (deed or lease), insurance policies, birth certificate, marriage certificate, stocks, bonds and other negotiable certificates, wills, deeds, copies of recent tax returns.

MASS CARE SHELTERS

General Care

Baldwin County Coliseum

This shelter collocates individuals who have physical or mental conditions requiring limited medical/nursing oversight, as well as individuals requiring electricity to sustain life support functions.

19477 Fairground Road

Robertsdale

**Baldwin County High School
1 Tiger Drive
Bay Minette**

Daphne East Elementary School

This shelter collocates individuals requiring electricity to sustain life support functions.
**26651 County Road 13
Daphne**

**Fairhope High School
1 Pirate Drive
Fairhope**

SENIOR CITIZEN SHELTER

This facility is solely for Senior Citizens, aged 55 and over, who are independent, self sufficient, and who do not have mental/physical conditions which require medical/nursing oversight or have conditions which require electricity to sustain life support functions.

**Central Baldwin Middle School
24545 State Highway 59
Robertsdale**

ARCBC SHELTER

This facility is solely for the Association of Retarded Citizens of Baldwin County.

**Bay Minette Middle School
1311 West 13th Street
Bay Minette**

MEDICAL NEEDS SHELTER

This shelter is solely for persons with physical and/or mental conditions who require limited medical/nursing oversight, and who cannot be accommodated in a general population shelter.

**Baldwin County Level II Community Shelter
207 North White Avenue
Bay Minette**

ELECTRICAL SUPPORT SHELTERS

This facility is solely for individuals requiring electricity to sustain life support functions.

**Fairhope Satellite Courthouse
1100 Fairhope Avenue
Fairhope**

Foley Satellite Courthouse

**201 East Section Street
Foley**

TRANSPORTATION

Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System (BRATS) will provide bus transportation to all shelters. It will provide home pick-up service and has buses available for wheelchair-bound clients. Call 937-0355; 990-4636; 972-6817 and 580-2530, after hours. In the event of a mandatory evacuation, fees are suspended.

If a mandatory evacuation is declared, MedStar will also assist by evacuating ambulatory residents to hospitals and Medical Needs Shelters, if determined necessary. It also provides home pick-up service. Schedule transportation by calling, 971-3775.

In the event a storm warrants evacuation from Baldwin County, Board of Education drivers will use buses to transport citizens to Community College Shelters throughout the state. Watch and listen for public service announcements or call BCEMA or the Baldwin County Information Hotline, 947-1150 for additional information.