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**Hillsborough County, Fla. (Oct. 7, 2024) -** Hillsborough County has issued a mandatory evacuation order for Evacuation Zones A and B, and for all mobile homes and manufactured housing throughout the County starting at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7. The County will open nine shelters for those residents in the mandatory evacuation zones, as well as those whose homes are vulnerable to storm surge, flooding, and those that may be more susceptible to wind damage. Residents in Evacuation Zone A, Zone B, and all mobile and manufactured homes should be in a safe location no later than 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

**Below is the list of shelters that will open to residents:**

**General population, pet friendly shelters:**

- Burnett Middle School (pet friendly), 1010 N. Kingsway Rd., Seffner, FL 33584
- Durant High School (pet friendly), 4748 Cougar Path, Plant City, FL 33567
- Middleton High School (pet friendly), 4801 N. 22nd St., Tampa, FL 33610
- Shields Middle School (pet friendly), 15732 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin, FL 33573
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**General population, no pet shelter:**

- Pizzo Elementary School, 11701 USF Bull Run Dr., Tampa, FL 33617

**Special needs, pet friendly shelters:**

- Erwin Technical College (special needs only, pet friendly), 2010 E. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, FL 33610
- Sumner High School (special needs only, pet friendly), 10650 County Rd. 672, Riverview, FL 33579
- Strawberry Crest High School (special needs only, pet friendly), 4691 Gallagher Rd., Dover, FL 33527

The special-needs shelters are only for residents with medical issues that require electricity assistance or who have cognitive issues that would not be supported in a general population shelter.

Residents bringing pets to one of the pet-friendly shelters need to bring a sturdy carrier for each pet that allows room for the pet to stand up and move around, as well as a collar with a leash and supplies for each pet to last seven days. More information on how residents can prepare their pets can be found here.

Residents can confirm evacuation zones and register for HCFL Alert, Hillsborough County's official public notification system, at

Find your evacuation zone here.

### News Conference This Morning - 10 a.m.

Hillsborough County will hold a news conference to discuss hurricane preparations at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, at the Public Safety Operations Complex, 9450 E. Columbus Dr., Tampa, FL 33619. The public is invited to watch the briefing via Hillsborough County's YouTube Channel, Facebook (@HillsboroughFL), and HTV, which can be found on Spectrum channel 637 and Frontier channel 22.

### HART Evacuation Routes

Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) will run evacuation bus routes for those who need transportation to a shelter. More information on HART routes can be found here.

### How to Prepare

Residents are urged to prepare their homes and evacuation kits now. Our partners at Tampa Electric advise residents that, due to the risk of flooding, main breakers should be turned off prior to evacuating.

### Get Connected. Stay Alert.

Make sure to have a plan. Residents and visitors are encouraged to register for HCFL Alert,

receive messages by email, phone, and text, go to HCFL.gov/StaySafe. Residents without digital access are encouraged to call (833) HC STORM or (833) 427-8676, the County's storm information and help line, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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