



TROPICAL WEATHER/HURRICANE RESOURCES FOR SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

It may be too early to know exactly where tropical weather/hurricanes will end up, but it's never too early to begin plans for your health and safety.

***** UPDATE: HURRICANE SALLY *****

Disaster Assistance and Shelters

Special Needs/Medical Shelter - MCHD will open its Medical Needs Shelter at Burns Middle School (6175 Girby Road in Mobile).

Registration starts Monday, September 14, at 10 a.m. In order to be admitted patients must have the following: 1. A caregiver (MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER) – patients will NOT be admitted without one. 2. Valid identification. 3. Medical Supplies and medications for at least 72-96 hours. 4. Food if a special diet is needed for at least 72 hours. 5. Water, hygiene supplies, anything needed on a daily basis. Because of COVID-19, extra restrictions will be in place this year. A face covering will be required for entry unless a medical condition prohibits wearing one. Temperatures will be checked prior to admission and screening questions will be

asked related to COVID-19. Social distancing and face coverings are required during the entire stay.

Theodore High School - Theodore High School will be open as a shelter during Tropical Storm Sally, and should be considered a shelter of last resort. Registration for the shelter will open at 10 a.m. on Monday. Everyone at the shelter will be required to wear a mask and will be screened for symptoms prior to entering.

Check Track of Storms

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Mobile County Emergency Management Agency

Phone: 251.378-5217

Website:

<https://www.mcema.net/>

[Click Here for Hurricane Shelters](#)

Mobile County officials base their decision about shelter openings and locations based on storm track, storm intensity, and other factors. If locations are listed yet, check back as we get closer to the weather event.

*** A pet shelter will be available in conjunction with one of the public shelters.

Note: Shelters mainly provide a safe place to stay. Residents should bring: medications; blankets or sleeping bags; a flashlight with extra batteries; special non-perishable food items; and items for grandchildren, such as formula, diapers, food and toys, puzzles and books.

[Click Here for Hurricane Shelter Guidelines During Covid](#)

[Click Here for Emergency Kit Items for Pets](#)

ADDITIONAL SHELTER RESOURCES



American Red Cross

Locate options by zip code

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

Phone: 877.272.7337

South Alabama Chapter: 251.544.6100

FEMA

Text SHELTER and your zip code (for example, "SHELTER 01234") to 4FEMA (43362)

PREPARATION TIPS TO GET READY

1. Review evacuation route(s)
2. Monitor news
3. Fill cars with gas
4. Prepare to cover any windows and door openings
5. Bring lawn furniture and other loose objects indoors
6. Withdraw cash
7. Turn refrigerator and freezer to coolest settings
8. Stock drinking water, food, medications, batteries for flashlights & radios
9. Make arrangements for pets

10. Have communication plan - check-in with family and friends
11. If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power surge when electricity is restored
12. Check your insurance coverage



FEMA APP FOR NEWS/UPDATES

The FEMA App provides:

1. Real-time alerts from the National Weather Service
2. Real-time notifications with loved ones via text, email and social
3. Emergency safety tips
4. Locate open emergency shelters and disaster recovery centers
5. Prepare for disasters with a customizable emergency kit checklist, emergency family plan, and reminders.

FEMA App for News & Updates

<https://www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/app>

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**AMERICAN RED CROSS APP FOR NEWS AND
COMMUNICATION**

This App allows you to track storm and communicate with others if power goes out.

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