

OSCEOLA COUNTY SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER APPLICATION YEAR 2009

There are several shelter options that will be used in the event of an emergency:

1) **REGULAR SHELTERS** are for residents who are able to perform normal activities of daily living and can manage their own medical care.

THERE IS NO NEED TO APPLY FOR SPACE IN A REGULAR SHELTER.

2) SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING. SOME EXAMPLES:

- ✓ YOU NEED SOME ASSISTANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES
- ✓ YOU ARE OXYGEN OR ARE ELECTRICITY DEPENDANT
- ✓ YOU SUFFER FROM EMPHYSEMA, PARTIAL PARALYSIS, HEART PROBLEMS, PARKINSON'S DISEASE, DEMENTIA OR INCONTINENCE.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO APPLY FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER ANNUALLY.

3) HOSPITAL ADMITTANCE

If you suffer from an unstable medical condition; or are receiving on-going treatment, then a Special Needs Shelter MAY NOT meet your needs. YOU MUST TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR NOW ABOUT BEING ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL DURING AN EMERGENCY. THIS INCLUDES LATE TERM PREGNANCY AND OTHER UNSTABLE CONDITIONS.

NOTE:

- < ***SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS ARE FOR CLIENTS AND THEIR DESIGNATED CARE GIVER ONLY. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE REGULAR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE REGULAR SHELTER PORTION OF THE FACILITY.***
- < ***APPLICATION DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY GUARANTEE ASSIGNMENT; THE ASSIGNED TRIAGE MEDICAL ADVISOR AT THE SHELTER WILL MAKE THE FINAL DETERMINATION.***
- < ***CLIENTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN MEDICATION, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND AT LEAST 24 HOURS OF OXYGEN. CURRENT MEDICAL RECORDS WILL BE REQUIRED.***
- < ***PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN A SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR PETS, LET US KNOW. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE THEM TO A PET SHELTER. YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE YOUR ANIMAL'S MEDICAL RECORDS AVAILABLE.***
- < ***ONCE YOU HAVE APPLIED, YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A LIST OF THE ITEMS YOU ARE ALLOWED TO BRING TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER.***

Please complete the attached forms and return immediately.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION FORM TO:

**OSCEOLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ATTENTION: SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION
1875 BOGGY CREEK ROAD
KISSIMMEE, FL 34744
(407) 343-2133**