

**Storm Shelters Update**  
**September 26, 2024**  
**Noon**

Good morning, Gadsden County. As you continue to get storm-ready, if you have decided to seek shelter away from home, please go to one of Gadsden County's certified and state-approved shelter facilities. We do not recommend that church buildings not certified by the State as hurricane-approved shelters encourage their members to seek shelter.

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners has opened the following shelters in partnership with the Gadsden County School Board and Sheriff's Office.

**Gadsden County High School (General)**

27001 Blue Star Highway  
Havana, FL 32333

**Gadsden County High School (Special Needs and Pets)**

27001 Blue Star Highway  
Havana, FL 32333

**West Gadsden Middle (General)**

200 Providence Rd  
Quincy, FL 32351

The Gadsden High School Shelter will also serve as a special needs and pet Shelter. Pet owners who bring their pets to the shelter must bring a crate, medication, food, a leash, necessary supplies, and a copy of their pet's current vaccination records.

You can request a free ride from Uber to the state-approved shelter if needed.

**Uber to Offer Free Rides to Evacuation Centers**

The Florida Division of Emergency Management has partnered with ride-share service Uber to provide Floridians free rides to shelters in counties under a state of emergency for [Hurricane Helene](#), including Gadsden County.

How to get a ride:

- Open the Uber app.
- Tap "Account" on the bottom right, then tap Wallet.
- Add the promo code HELENERELIEF.

The offer is good for up to \$35 to and from a state-approved shelter.

When preparing to go to an evacuation shelter during a storm, you should bring:

- Food and water: At least one gallon of drinking water per person daily for 14 days and non perishable food for 14 days. You can also bring high-energy snacks like granola bars, trail mix, and peanut butter. If you have dietary restrictions, bring special diet foods.
- Clothing and bedding: Bring extra clothes and shoes, as well as sleeping materials like a blanket, pillow, and sleeping bag. You can also bring a portable lounge chair or a folding beach chair.
- Important documents: Bring identification, medical records, insurance information, deeds or leases, birth certificates, and utility bills. You can also bring photocopies of crucial documents.
- Personal hygiene items: Bring toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, towels, brush, comb, dentures, glasses, eye drops, hearing aids, and batteries.
- Entertainment: Bring quiet games, books, playing cards, or other items for entertainment. • Medications: Bring prescription and emergency medications.
- Pet supplies: If you have a pet, bring a crate, food, water, litter, treats, cleaning supplies, and medicines. Your pet must be on a leash or in a carrier. First Responders, including the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, Gadsden County Emergency Medical Services, or Gadsden County Fire, will not respond to emergency calls once winds reach 35 miles per hour. Calls will still be accepted by dispatch and the Emergency Operation Center; however, response will only resume once conditions are safe.

Residents requiring more information or assistance should call Gadsden County Emergency Management at (850) 875-8903 or 850 875-8930. Additionally, residents can sign up for emergency text alerts at TextAlertGadsden to 888777 for accurate and up-to-date weather and emergency alerts. # # #