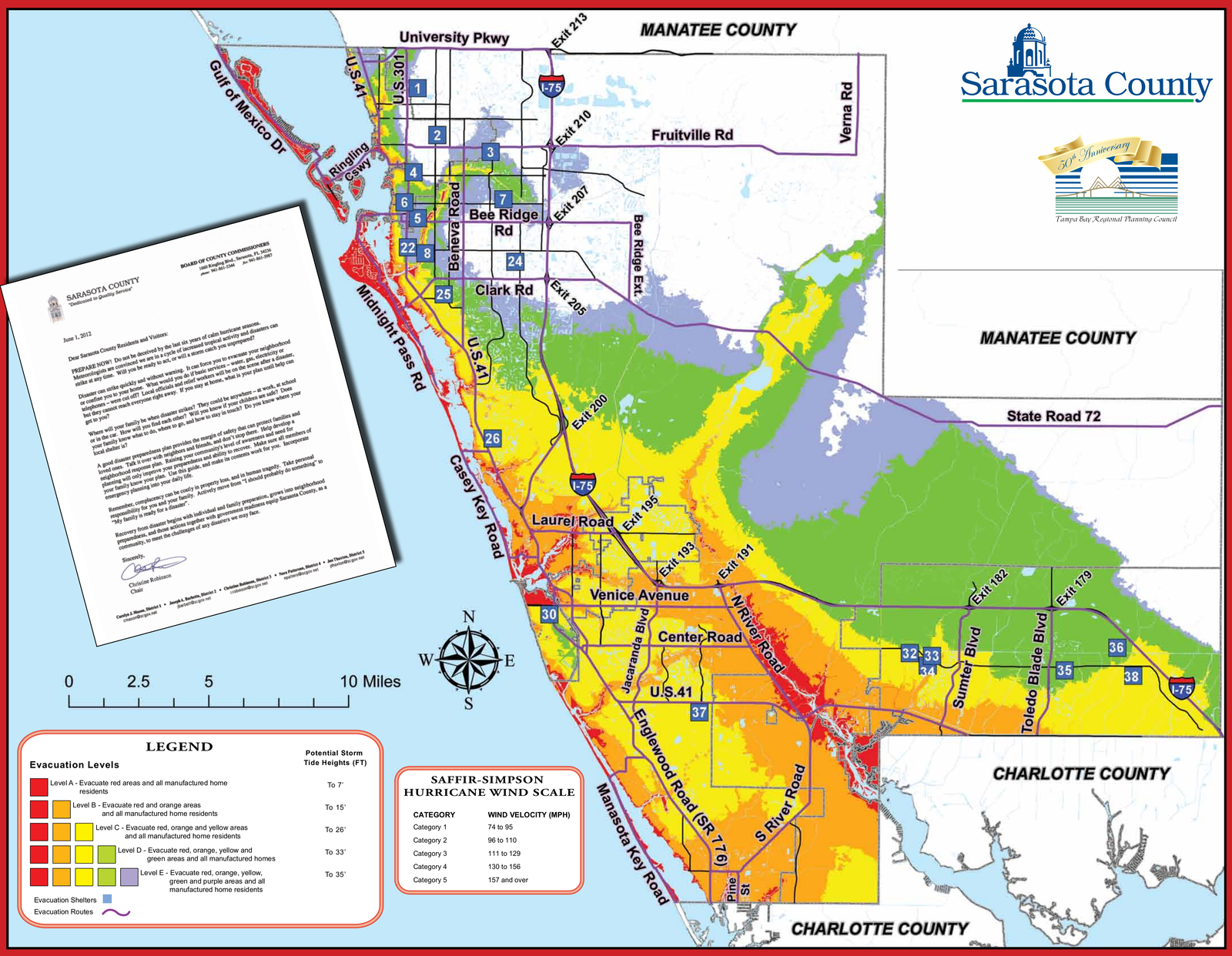
Sarasota County Evacuation Map



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Dear Sarasota County Residents and Visitors:

PREPARE NOW! Do not be deceived by the last six years of calm hurricane seasons. Meteorologists are convinced we are in a cycle of increased tropical activity and disasters can strike at any time. Will you be ready to act, or will a storm catch you unprepared?

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services – water, gas, electricity or telephone – were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will come to your aid as soon as they can, but they cannot reach everyone right away. If you stay at home, what is your plan until help can get to you?

Where will your family be when disaster strikes? They could be anywhere – at work, at school or in the car. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children are safe? Does your family know what to do, where to go, and how to stay in touch? Do you know where your local shelter is?

A good disaster preparedness plan provides the margin of safety that can protect families and loved ones. Talk it over with your family and friends, and don't stop there. Help develop a neighborhood response plan. Raising your community's level of awareness and need for preparedness will only improve your neighbors and friends, and make its citizens work for you. Incorporate disaster planning into your daily life.

Remember, complacency can be costly in property loss, and in human tragedy. Take personal responsibility for you and your family. Actively move from "I should probably do something" to "My family is ready for a disaster".

Recovery from disaster begins with individual and family preparation, grows into neighborhood preparedness, and those actions together with government readiness equip Sarasota County, as a community, to meet the challenges of any disasters we may face.

Sincerely,

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LEGEND

Evacuation Levels	Potential Storm Tide Heights (FT)
Level A - Evacuate red areas and all manufactured home residents	To 7'
Level B - Evacuate red and orange areas and all manufactured home residents	To 15'
Level C - Evacuate red, orange and yellow areas and all manufactured home residents	To 26'
Level D - Evacuate red, orange, yellow and green areas and all manufactured homes	To 33'
Level E - Evacuate red, orange, yellow, green and purple areas and all manufactured home residents	To 35'

Evacuation Shelters

Evacuation Routes

SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE

CATEGORY	WIND VELOCITY (MPH)
Category 1	74 to 95
Category 2	96 to 110
Category 3	111 to 129
Category 4	130 to 156
Category 5	157 and over

SARASOTA COUNTY SHELTER INFORMATION

NO.	SHELTER NAME	ADDRESS	APPROX. ELEVATION	DOG/CAT SHELTER
1	Booker Middle School	2250 Myrtle St.	30'	
2	Tuttle Elementary School	2863 8th St.	34'	
3	Bishop Nevins Academy	4380 Fruitville Rd.	26'	
4	Sarasota High School	1000 S. School Ave.	11' - 23'	
5	Brookside Middle School	3636 S. Shade Ave.	27'	✓
6	Southside Elementary School	1901 Webber St.	22'	
7	Brentwood Elementary School	2500 Vinson Ave.	25'	
8	Riverview High School	1 Ram Way	18'	✓
22	Phillippi Shores Elementary School	4747 S. Tamiami Trail	32'	
24	Ashton Elementary School	5110 Ashton Rd.	30'	
25	Gulf Gate Elementary School	6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Rd.	21'	
26	Pine View School	501 Old Venice Rd.	15'	✓
30	Venice Community Center	326 S. Nokomis Ave.	19'	
32	Glenallen Elementary School	7050 Glenallen Blvd.	20'	
33	North Port High School	6400 W. Price Blvd.	21'	✓
34	Heron Creek Middle School	6501 W. Price Blvd.	21'	✓
35	Toledo Blade Elementary School	1201 Geranium Ave.	24'	
36	Woodland Middle School	2700 Panacea Blvd.	31'	✓
37	Taylor Ranch Elementary School	2500 Taylor Ranch Rd.	19'	
38	Atwater Elementary School	4701 Huntsville Ave.	25'	

In the event of a community emergency, Sarasota County has 20 emergency shelters for residents and visitors available as a last resort. Become familiar with the shelter information provided and make sure everyone in your household knows the following shelter facts:

- ✓ Shelters are opened on an "as-needed" basis.
- ✓ Shelter openings may vary with each emergency.
- ✓ Pet friendly shelters require current vaccination records for dogs and cats.
- ✓ Never go to a shelter unless local officials have announced it is open.
- ✓ Current shelter information is available from local radio and television stations, the Sarasota County Call Center at **(941) 861-5000** and Access Sarasota. More information is available on the county website, www.scgov.net.

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Shelter openings may vary with each emergency. Stay tuned to local media for a listing of shelters that will be open. Do not go to a shelter until local officials announce in the media that the shelter is open. Shelter openings will differ by size and intensity of a disaster. See map and shelter list above.

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

Sarasota County provides a shelter program for those residents requiring special medically related care. Special needs shelters will be available for persons requiring more skilled medical care than available in a public shelter but not requiring an acute care facility such as a hospital. If this type of extended care is needed, contact the Sarasota County Emergency Management office at **941-861-5000** or go online to www.scgov.net to be considered for registration into this program.

FUNCTIONAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES (FNSS)

Functional Needs Support Services are services that enable children and adults to maintain their usual level of independence in a general population shelter. Those requiring FNSS may have physical, sensory, mental health, cognitive and/or intellectual disabilities affecting their ability to function independently without assistance. Individuals will not be turned away from general population shelters, or inappropriately placed in other environments. Upon arrival to a Sarasota County general population shelter, inform Shelter Management staff of your request for services to ensure the most effective approach. Sarasota County will make every effort to meet functional and access needs at approved County shelters upon request.

DOG AND CAT FRIENDLY SHELTERS

Sarasota County offers six dog and cat-friendly shelters, indicated on the shelter list of this guide. ***If you are unable to meet these requirements, please make other arrangements to shelter your pet.***

- ✓ Provide proof of current license and vaccination
- ✓ Pet must be in an appropriate pet crate
- ✓ Provide all items required for your pet
- ✓ You are responsible for the care of your pet while in the shelter
- ✓ Cohabitation of pets and owners is not permitted

USING YOUR COUNTY MAP

1. Locate where you live and work on the map.
2. Determine whether you are in an evacuation area, and if so, what level (color).
3. If you are in an evacuation area, or mobile home/manufactured home/RV, decide where you will go if ordered to evacuate. Your choices include:
   - ✓ Home of a relative or friend outside the evacuation zone
   - ✓ Hotel/motel outside the evacuation zone (make arrangements early)
   - ✓ Go to a public shelter
   - ✓ As a last resort leave the area entirely
4. If you must go to a public shelter, use your county map to decide which one is convenient. Make sure you verify the shelter is open before you go.

HURRICANE THREAT

- ✓ The colored areas on the map are vulnerable to storm surge. Storm surge is the saltwater flooding that rushes over coastal areas when the eye of a hurricane crosses land.
- ✓ Storm surge creates a path of destruction, wiping out structures as it rapidly surges inland and then recedes. This is a life threatening situation for anyone who ignores mandatory evacuation orders and stays in vulnerable areas.
- ✓ Hurricanes are categorized on a scale of 1 to 5, depending on wind strength and destructive power. The evacuation zones are color coded to designate the level of storm surge likely to occur with the five categories.
- ✓ If you live in an area ordered to evacuate, gather your family/pets and emergency supplies, secure your home and leave immediately. Failure to obey a mandatory evacuation order is a violation of state and local laws.

Note: All persons living in mobile homes/manufactured homes/RVs must evacuate for all mandatory evacuation orders, regardless of where you are located in the county.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO

A NOAA weather radio can provide you with valuable hurricane information as well as vital warning information for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and other dangerous weather phenomena. It also broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards such as chemical releases and significant matters of public safety.

WEB BASED HURRICANE INFORMATION

Sarasota County Government maintains a special web site to relay important hurricane information for local residents. You can find out which, if any, evacuation zone you live in, your nearest public shelters, special needs registration forms and much more. For more information, visit www.scgov.net, keyword: all hazards.

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC) OF SARASOTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The MRC is a community-based group of medical and non-medical volunteers. Training is provided to help members fulfill their roles. Examples include dispensing of medication or vaccinations, serving in hurricane shelters, assisting with disease outbreak investigation and community outreach. Please call **941-861-2900** or visit www.mrcsarasota.org if you would like to volunteer.

STORM DEBRIS

Remember to separate storm debris into the following categories:

- ✓ Garbage – place spoiled food in containers, or double bag it for pick-up
- ✓ Household goods – furniture, clothes, books, toys and carpet
- ✓ Vegetative – tree limbs and trunks
- ✓ Construction materials – drywall, roof shingles, aluminum
- ✓ Appliances – refrigerators, water heaters, televisions and computers

Tips:

- ✓ Avoid stacking debris by utility poles, under power lines, on top of water meter or other water connections, by fire hydrants, by vehicles, next to mailboxes or fences or on storm drains
- ✓ Do not place storm debris in the street

Live on a private road? If so, residents must grant the county the right to enter the roadway for debris removal. For further information or to obtain the Right-of-Entry/Hold Harmless form, call **941-861-5000**.

If a storm causes damage to your property, call **941-861-5000** for instructions on how to prepare storm-related debris for removal. If debris is not properly prepared, the property owner/resident is responsible for debris disposal and the cost for removal.

SARASOTA COUNTY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – CodeRED

Sarasota County utilizes the CodeRED Notification System - a free, secure, advanced and effective emergency system that allows you to receive calls, emails alerts or text messages about events that could impact your neighborhood or help protect your family or property. This system allows us to send critical communications to all or targeted areas within the county when immediate actions are required. Your contact information remains private, and will only be used for PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY and WELLNESS purposes. Anyone with a physical address in Sarasota County may participate. Visit www.scgov.net for more information, to register now or update information, or call **941-861-5000**.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

SARASOTA COUNTY CALL CENTER	941-861-5000 WWW.SCGOV.NET
EVACUATION INFORMATION	941-861-5000
TDD-DEAF COMMUNICATIONS	941-861-1833
SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY	941-861-5000
AMERICAN RED CROSS SW FLORIDA CHAPTER	941-379-9300
SUNCOAST COMMUNITIES BLOOD BANKS 1760 Mound Street Sarasota, FL 34236 1097 N. Tamiami Trail Nokomis, FL 34275 710 N. Brevard Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266	For more information, call toll free 1-866-97-BLOOD or visit WWW.SCBB.ORG.
CATHOLIC CHARITIES	941-355-4680
VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	941-953-5965
SALVATION ARMY	941-954-4673
UNITED WAY	941-366-2686
211 REFERRAL LINE	211
ANIMAL SERVICES	941-861-9500
FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT	800-468-8243
HIGHWAY PATROL	941-492-5850
SHERIFF	941-861-5800
SOLID WASTE	941-861-5000
NOAA WEATHER RADIO, VENICE	FREQ 162.40 MHz FIPS code 012115
AM AND FM RADIO STATIONS	**RADIO AM** WLSS 930 WSRQ 1220 WTMY 1320 WBRD 1420 WWPR 1490 WENG 1530 **RADIO FM** WJIS 88.1 WKZM 104.3 WSMR 89.1 WTZB 105.9 WLTQ 92.1 WCTQ 106.5 WHPT 102.5 WSRZ 107.9 WSRQ 106.9

DO NOT CALL 9-1-1 FOR HURRICANE INFORMATION

A PARENT'S GUIDE ON WHAT TO BRING TO A SHELTER FOR YOUR CHILDREN

- ✓ Please bring age appropriate items for your child
- ✓ Baby food jars - combination of vegetables, fruits, cereals and meats
- ✓ Cereal (child age specific)
- ✓ Favorite snacks
- ✓ Healthy snacks
- ✓ Diaper wipes
- ✓ Diapers / pull-ups
- ✓ Formula (powered and/or ready-made)
- ✓ Oral electrolyte solution, such as Pedialyte
- ✓ Juice boxes
- ✓ Baby bottles
- ✓ Baby feeding spoons
- ✓ Nipples for baby bottles
- ✓ Diaper rash ointment
- ✓ Disposable changing pads
- ✓ Infant bathing basin, wash cloths and towels
- ✓ Infant hat and booties
- ✓ Lightweight blankets
- ✓ Portable crib
- ✓ Toddler potty seat
- ✓ Small toys that don't make noise such as books, cards, puzzles, handheld games, extra batteries, and any special item that the child may be attached to that provides comfort.