



HENDRY COUNTY
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hendry County Shelters Opening Tuesday, **October 8**

(October 7, 2024) – LaBelle, Fla. – General population shelters for those who need it during the event of Hurricane Milton will be open **Tuesday, October 8, 2024 beginning at 6pm.**

General population shelters will be at the following locations:

- **LaBelle Middle School - 8000 E Cowboy Way, LaBelle, FL 33935**
- **Clewiston High School – 1501 Francisco St. Clewiston, FL. 33440**

- **The special needs shelter will also be open at the LJ Nobles Senior Center in LaBelle**

Residents needing transportation to a shelter can utilize the STREAM transit fixed route services - <https://www.hendryfla.net/transit.php>

As a reminder, if you are opting to make use of the general population shelters at Hendry County Schools, **there will be no amenities served (food, water, or bedding) at any of the shelters.**

If you find yourself in need of a shelter for the storm, you will need to bring the following items:

- **Food and water: At least 3-days supply of non-perishable food and one gallon of water per day per person. There is no food or water provided at the shelter.**

- **Sleeping gear: A sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, or air mattress. There are NO cots or bedding provided at the shelter.**

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- **Clothing and shoes: Extra clothes and shoes for each person.**
- **Personal hygiene items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, towels and other hygiene products.**
- **Important documents: Identification, Social Security Card, birth and/or marriage certificates, passports, insurance policies, wills, and other important papers.**
- **Medication and first aid: Medications clearly marked with your name, dosage, and doctor's name, plus a first aid kit in a waterproof box.**
- **Electronics: a cell phone, charger, flashlight, and battery-operated radio.**
- **Other supplies: a whistle to signal for help, extra batteries, and manual can opener.**
- **Small Children and infants: Baby formula, diapers, snacks.**
- **Elderly: Walker or wheelchair, oxygen, and any necessary medications.**
- **Pets: Food and water, dishes, and a leash for bathroom breaks. Pets MUST be in a crate at all times.**

Residents are also encouraged to sign up for Hendry County related emergency alerts by texting "**HENDRYFLA**" to **888777**.

Please stay tuned to local media outlets for the latest weather information and check the Hendry County Emergency Management webpage www.preparehendry.com or follow on Facebook www.facebook.com/hendrycountyemergencymanagement for updates.

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