



# ***Pender County Emergency Management***

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## **Press Release**

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### **When shelters open, here's what you need to bring**

PENDER COUNTY – As Pender County residents prepare their homes and securing lawn furniture, residents should also consider the items needed when evacuating to a shelter.

“Residents along the beach, the Intracoastal Waterway, and residents who live in manufactured or substandard housing, should consider going to a nearby shelter,” said Tom Collins, Pender County Emergency Manager.

Here is important information for residents who will seek shelter in one of Pender County's shelters during Hurricane Florence:

Being prepared to stay in a shelter will help reduce stress and make the stay less uncomfortable. All Pender County shelters are housed inside school buildings.

Here is basic information about shelters:

- A limited supply of military style cots will be available on a first come, first serve basis.
- You should bring personal items to help make your stay more comfortable. (see checklist)
- The shelters will provide 3 meals a day (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Snacks and coffee are not always available.
- You will be asked to register when you arrive at the shelter. You can come and go as you please but we ask that you let shelter staff know if you are leaving so that they can keep track of how many people they have staying with them.
- Please bring blankets, sheets or sleeping bags for bedding and warmth.
- Please remember you will be sharing tight quarters with a lot of people. Be courteous and kind. Minimize loud noise after 8 p.m. Bring earplugs if you wish to listen to a radio or computer.

Bring to a shelter checklist:

1. Clothing for 3-7 days
2. Pillows
3. Blankets or sleeping bags
4. Food and medication for service animal
5. Daily toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, soap, washcloth, feminine hygiene products)
6. Special dietary foods, infant formula
7. Identification for each family member
8. 7-day supply of medicine in the original bottles if possible
9. Cell phone with charger
10. Books, games and cards
11. Family/friend/caretaker's emergency contact information
12. Written list of all medications with doctors' names and phone numbers
13. Glasses, dentures, hearing aids
14. Medical equipment used on a daily basis (wheelchair, walker, cane, oxygen, catheters, etc.)
15. Extra batteries needed for any medical equipment
16. Adult diapers or children's diapers and wipes.

Pender County Emergency Management will post updates on the Facebook page at [facebook.com/penderem](https://www.facebook.com/penderem) and on the website <http://www.penderem.com>. If you need assistance call the EM office at 910- 259-1210.

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