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Veterans' Hospital**
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(888) 716-7787

**New Port Richey
Outpatient Clinic**
(727) 869-4100

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Based Outpatient Clinic**
(352) 597-8287

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Based Outpatient Clinic**
(863) 701-2470

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Based Outpatient Clinic**
(813) 780-2550

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Hotline**
(877) 741-3400

VA Veteran Helpline
(800) 507-4571

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www.tampa.va.gov
www.va.gov/emergency/



James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Clinics Hurricane Information Guide for Patients

Be Hurricane Prepared

Never underestimate the value of being prepared for a natural disaster. The VA is here to help you, but the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital Clinics are not emergency shelters. In the event of a major impact, our community clinics may be closed for extended periods of time. Take the time to prepare yourself and your family.

Personal Preparedness Checklist

Your personal preparedness should include enough supplies for about two weeks:

- ◆ **Water** – 18.5 gallons of water per person (.5 gallon for drinking and two gallons for bathing)
- ◆ **Food** – Ready-to-eat canned foods, shelf-stable snacks and beverages
- ◆ **Medicine** – Your prescription medication, a first aid kit that contains aspirin, non-aspirin pain reliever, antacid, antiseptic, scissors and insect repellent
- ◆ **Personal hygiene/care items** – toilet paper, towels, soap, shampoo, denture needs, eyeglasses and sun protection
- ◆ **Other supplies** – battery-operated radio, flashlight and batteries, non-electric can opener, portable cooler and ice, plastic trash bags, tarp or sheet plastic, cleaning supplies such as bleach, paper napkins, plates and cups, pillows and blankets, and duct tape

Prescription Medications

- ◆ Keep a list of all medications in your personal preparedness kit.
- ◆ Keep a 15-day supply of medication and supplies on hand. Do not allow your supply to go below 15 days.
- ◆ For medications requiring refrigeration, make sure you have a small portable cooler or ice chest ready for easy transport if needed.
- ◆ If you evacuate, bring prescription bottles – whether full or empty – of all medications that you are currently taking with you.

Follow-Up Care and Scheduled Appointments

- ◆ If your VA appointments were cancelled, contact James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital for rescheduling.
- ◆ For urgent care needs that require continuing care while you are evacuated, contact any VA facility by calling (800) 507-4571. Let them know you were evacuated and that you usually receive care from the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital..

Your Pets

- ◆ It is important to have a preparedness plan for your pets. Know which shelters in your community will accept pets. If you plan to evacuate to your family's or friends' home, make sure they will accept your pets, too.
- ◆ Be sure to have supplies on hand like canned/dry food, newspapers, cat litter and drinking water.
- ◆ Make sure your pets have an ID tag, collar and/or microchip in case they get lost during the storm.
- ◆ If you are taking your pet to a shelter with you, be sure to take supplies to care for your pet, such as food, health records and a current license. Most shelters will require that your pet be kept in a cage or carrier.



For Help and Information

www.floridadisaster.org

www.redcross.org

www.usa.gov

www.fema.gov

www.noaa.gov