

Evacuation Information

Liberty-Hinesville Emergency Management Agency

EVACUATION ORDER

During a **Hurricane Watch** and a **Hurricane Warning**, local and state emergency management officials will be analyzing hurricane forecast information and using computer simulations to determine when to order an evacuation. While the Governor has the authority to issue the order, LHEMA may advise your local elected officials to issue the order earlier because of local characteristics. This is because your officials must move all vulnerable residents to safety prior to the arrival of high winds or the flooding of roadways. When an evacuation order is given, it will be issued over local radio and television stations. **Please leave your home immediately when ordered.**

If you are ordered to evacuate, secure your home and leave immediately. Follow the order, no matter what the weather looks like at the time. When the evacuation order is issued, you should have already decided where you are going.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IF YOU PLAN TO GO:

To a Home of a Friend or Relative

If you plan to evacuate to the home of a friend or relative, make sure your destination is not in an area that has been ordered to evacuate.

To Designated Shelters Inland

Because of the intensity of the storm, you may have to evacuate to shelters that have been designated in nearby locations that are far enough inland not to be affected by the direct effects of a hurricane. Take your supplies with you and follow the evacuation routes to the reception center designated for your area. Upon arrival at the shelter, you and your family will be registered and briefed on shelter rules and regulations. While using the shelter, you have an obligation to help in keeping the building clean and sanitary.

ITEMS TO BRING TO THE SHELTER

- Blankets (sleeping bags) and a flashlight
- Extra clothing for each member of the family
- Medications and special dietary foods
- Infant necessities (formula, diapers, baby food)
- Lightweight folding chairs
- **DO NOT BRING** alcoholic beverages, pets, weapons, or extra food to the shelters.

WHERE AND HOW TO GO EVACUATION ROUTES AND DESTINATIONS

Area Where You Live: Riceboro, Midway, Hinesville

Route and Destination:

Nearest route to US Highway 84 East to GA 196 to GA Highway 144 West to a reception center in Baxley or Hazlehurst.

Area Where You Live: Sunbury, Colonel's Island

Route and Destination:

Nearest route to GA Highway 38 to US Highway 84 East to GA Highway 196 West to GA 121 North to a reception center in Reidsville.

[Click on the link below to see the Hurricane Evacuation Map for Liberty and Bryan Counties \(Microsoft Word format\).](#)

[Hurricane Evacuation Map - Liberty and Bryan](#)

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

If you do not have the capacity or the resources to care for yourself if a major hurricane threatens our area, you may register with LHEMA as a Special Needs resident. Transportation can be made available to you under special circumstances. Call LHEMA and give us your name. By identifying yourself now, you will assist us in evacuation planning efforts. (See also "Special Needs")

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