

Emergency Shelter Information

We do not open all emergency shelters during an evacuation. Several factors determine which shelters will be open. The Primary Shelter for Okaloosa County is Davidson Middle School in Crestview. This will always be the first shelter we open. For this shelter opening and others please follow the suggestions below in developing an emergency plan.

- Listen to local radio stations for updates
- View real time status daily and during an emergency at <https://alertokaloosa.com/>
- Familiarize yourself with information available, any time there is a tropical system in the Gulf of Mexico or off the Atlantic coast of Florida
- Know your route to the shelter that we open, or if going out of town preplan your route
- Keep your vehicle fuel tank topped off, and get extra cash out prior to the storms arrival
- Make sure you have enough prescription medications to last at least a week without a refill
- If going to a hotel secure your reservations with a credit card prior to leaving town
- Leave early to avoid traffic jams

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Please note that this is just a convenient name for Evacuation Centers. We cannot guarantee any particular level of safety at a shelter. They are selected because they are outside hurricane surge zones and, further away from the higher winds, and generally sturdy construction. **Shelters will be open on an as needed basis determined by Okaloosa County Emergency Management.** As stated above the first one to always open will be Davidson Middle School in Crestview. You can view the shelter openings at <https://alertokaloosa.com/> or <http://myokaloosa.com/>, also listen to local news media. Shelter for Okaloosa County are listed below:

Antioch Elementary*	Davidson Middle School *** (Primary Shelter)	Riverside Elementary School
4700 Whitehurst Lane	6261 Old Bethel Rd	3400 Redstone Ave
Crestview, FL 32536	Crestview, FL 32536	Crestview, FL 32536

Baker School	Kenwood	Shoal River Middle School
1369 14 th St	634 Eagle St	3200 Redstone Ave
Bake, FL 32531	Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547	Crestview, FL 32536

Northwest Florida State College*	* Pet Friendly
Rader Stadium	** Special Needs
100 College Blvd East	*** Special Needs and Pet Friendly
Niceville, FL 32578	