



Alachua County Hurricane Shelter Information

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Emergency Management**

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Hurricane Shelters

Hurricane shelters are a last resort. If you have family, friends or a hotel to go to out of the area, it would be preferable to living in an emergency shelter. The decision to open shelters will depend on the severity of the event as well as local needs and therefore, not every shelter listed below may be opened for a particular incident.

Specific shelter openings will be announced through the media, the Alachua County Emergency Management website and available by calling 3-1-1.

DO NOT CALL 9-1-1 for shelter or storm information. Call 9-1-1 only for a life threatening emergency.

Hurricane or Risk Shelters

A risk shelter is defined as a facility that complies with the American Red Cross *Guidelines for Hurricane Evacuation Shelter Selection (ARC 4496, July 1992)*. Risk shelters lie in the projected path of an approaching hurricane or storm. This designation does not imply the facility is capable of affording complete protection or is free from hazards but only it meets established safety criteria. There are two types of risk shelters in Alachua County: Special Needs Shelters and General Population.

Special Needs Shelters

If someone has a special medical need, he or she should enroll in the Alachua County Special Needs Registry. The County maintains a resident registry and arranges for transportation and shelter during a disaster. To register call: 352.264.6500.

Take to the Shelter

Sufficient non-perishable food for five days; medicine and baby needs; games for children; bedding and a change of clothes for the entire family; flashlight with extra batteries. Trained personnel will staff each shelter to maintain order and give assistance. Pets brought to a shelter will be taken care of by County Animal Services for the duration of the event and reunited with their owners post storm.

Pets

If you have pets, you may bring them to any shelter and they will be transported by Alachua County Animal Services Officers to the Alachua County Animal Shelter located at **3400 NE 53rd Avenue in Gainesville**. You may also drop off your animal at this location on your way to shelter. After the storm has passed you will be re-united with your pet. All pets must be picked up within 24 hours of all shelter closings.

Refuges of Last Resort

Refuges of Last Resort are structures or buildings intended to accommodate people stranded on regional evacuation routes and unable to reach shelter prior to the onset of hurricane winds. These structures are not guaranteed to be completely safe in strong hurricanes; however, they provide an option that may be better than having people in vehicles on the road during a hurricane or remaining in substandard housing.

Refuges are not pre-identified before an event and may have little or no food, water, utilities, or supervision. In short, refuges are viewed as a last resort until the hurricane or other threat passes.

Hurricane (Risk) Shelter Locations

Special Needs Shelters

- A. Rawlings Elementary School #4 - 3500 NE 15th Street, Gainesville
- B. Westwood Middle School #18 - 3215 NW 15 Avenue, Gainesville
- C. Buchholz High School # 8 - 5510 NW 27 Avenue, Gainesville
- D. Alachua Elementary School #6 - 13800 NW 152nd Place, Alachua

General Population Shelters

- 1. Talbot Elementary School #3 - 5701 NW 43 Street, Gainesville
- 2. Williams Elementary School #6 - 1245 SE 7 Avenue Gainesville, FL 32641
- 3. Shell Elementary School #2 - 21633 SE 65 Avenue, Hawthorne
- 4. Archer Community School #6 - 14533 SW 170 Street Archer, FL 32618
- 5. Eastside High School #15 - 1201 SE 45 Terrace, Gainesville
- 6. Kanapaha Middle School #3 & #4- 5005 SW 75 Street, Gainesville
- 7. Oak View Middle School #3& #4 - 1203 SW 250 Street, Newberry
- 8. Waldo Community School #6 - 14450 NE 148 Avenue Waldo, FL 32694
- 9. High Springs Community School #5 - 1015 N Main, High Springs Kanapaha

Important Telephone Numbers

Citizen's Emergency Information Line.....	3-1-1
Alachua County Emergency Management.....	352.264.6500
Alachua County Public Safety.....	352.384.3101
Alachua County Rumor Control.....	352.264.6557
Alachua County Sheriff's Office.....	352.367.4000
Red Cross.....	352.376.4669

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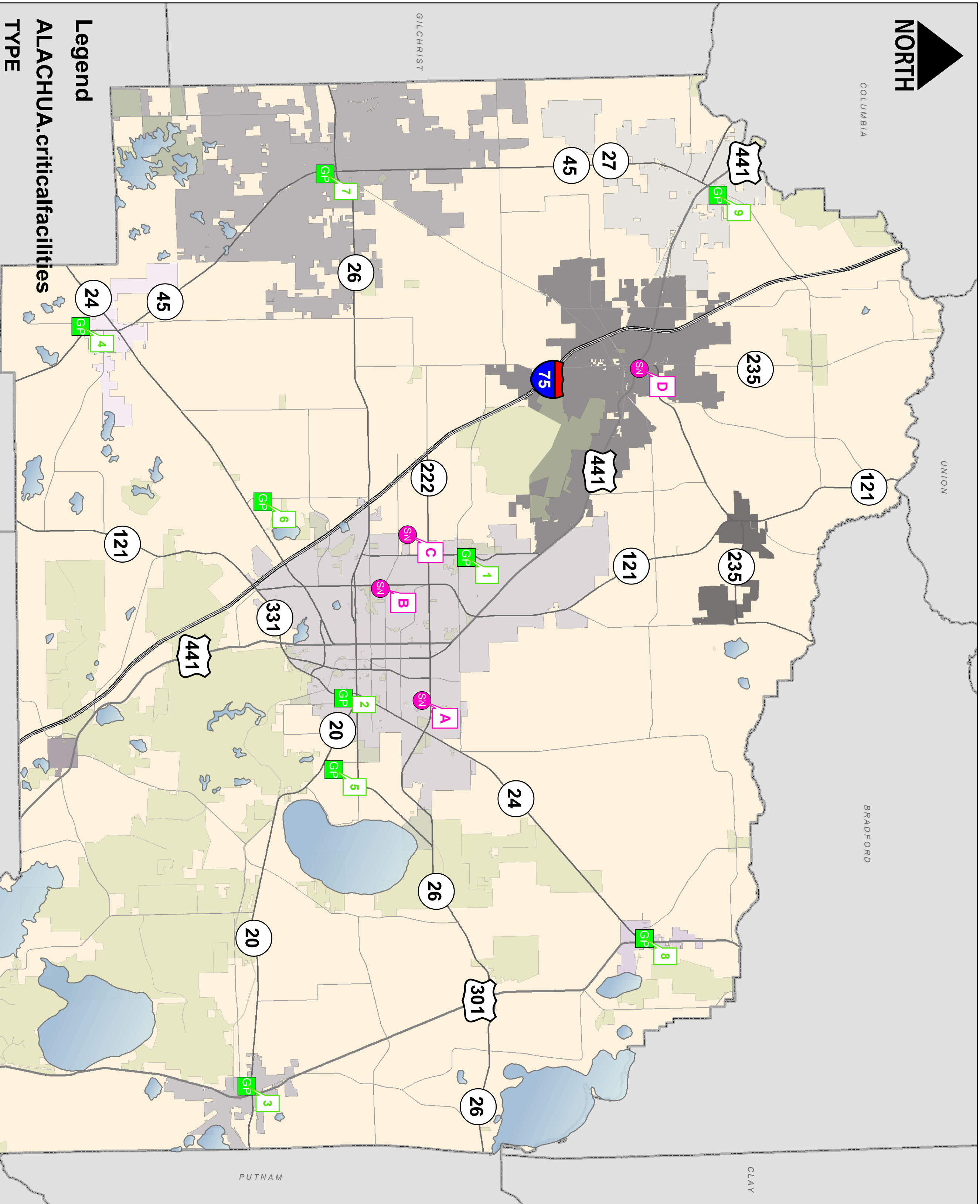
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- SN Shelter - Special Needs LEVY
- GP Shelter - General Population
- Lakes
- Parks & Conservation



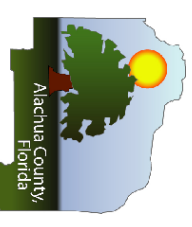
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1015 N Main Street, High Springs



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