

Polk County hurricane evacuation map

Sources of disaster/emergency information

Evacuation information:

Citizen information line (available only during emergency activation)(863) 534-0321
 Radio (primary emergency broadcast system stations):
 WONN1230 AM
 WPCV97.5 FM
 Travelers information system (western Polk County).....1610 AM
 En Español: WAUC (Wauchula)1310 AM
 Television: Consult television listings for local stations.

Weather:

The Weather ChannelConsult local cable television listings
 Local radio/TV stationsSee above
 The Lakeland Ledger LINC(863) 291-4444
 (Weather update: Code 1200; tropical weather update: Code 1210)
 National Weather Service (Ruskin).....(863) 645-2323

Important telephone numbers

Polk County Emergency Management

(863) 534-5600

Polk County Communications Center

(863) 534-0360

Polk County EMS/Fire/Sheriff EMERGENCIES

911

American Red Cross

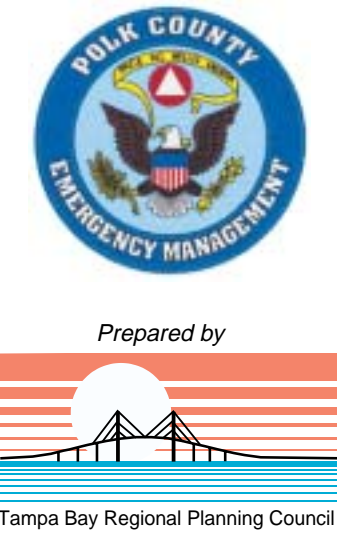
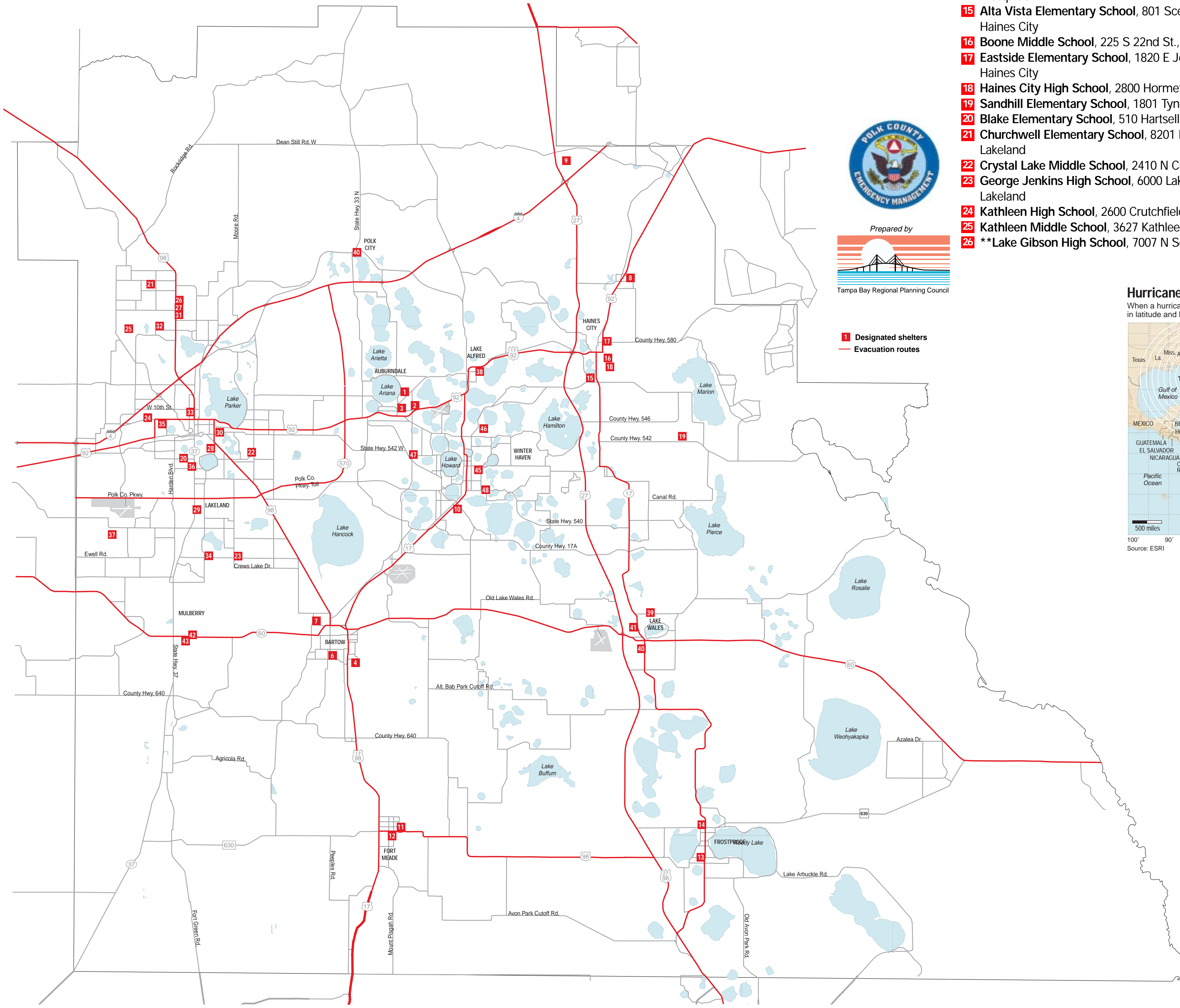
(863) 294-5941

Polk County Animal Services

(863) 499-2600

United Way Information Referral Service

1-(800) 881-UWAY



1 Designated shelters
 — Evacuation routes

Shelters in Polk County

- 1 Auburndale High School, 1 Bloodhound Trail, Auburndale
- 2 Caldwell Elementary School, 141 Dairy Road, Auburndale
- 3 **Stambaugh Middle School, 226 N Main St., Auburndale
- 4 *Polk Co. Health Dept. Specialty Care Units, 5 Brice Road, Bartow
- 5 Bartow Middle School, 550 E Clower St., Bartow
- 6 Bartow Senior High School, 1270 S Broadway, Bartow
- 7 James Stephens Elementary School, 1350 N Maple Ave., Bartow
- 8 Davenport Elementary School, 8 Palmetto St., Davenport
- 9 Ridgeview Global Studies School, 1000 Dunson Road, Davenport
- 10 Lake Region High School, 1995 Thunder Road, Eagle Lake
- 11 Fort Meade Jr./Sr. High School, 700 Edgewood Drive, Fort Meade
- 12 Lewis Elementary School, 115 S Oak Ave., Fort Meade
- 13 Frostproof Elementary School, 118 W Third St., Frostproof
- 14 Frostproof Jr./Sr. High School, 1000 N Palm Ave., Frostproof
- 15 Alta Vista Elementary School, 801 Scenic Highway, Haines City
- 16 Boone Middle School, 225 S 22nd St., Haines City
- 17 Eastside Elementary School, 1820 E Johnson Ave., Haines City
- 18 Haines City High School, 2800 Hormet Drive, Haines City
- 19 Sandhill Elementary School, 1801 Tyner Road, Haines City
- 20 Blake Elementary School, 510 Hartsell Ave., Lakeland
- 21 Churchwell Elementary School, 8201 Park Byrd Road, Lakeland
- 22 Crystal Lake Middle School, 2410 N Crystal Lake Drive, Lakeland
- 23 George Jenkins High School, 6000 Lakeland Highlands Road, Lakeland
- 24 Kathleen High School, 2600 Crutchfield Road, Lakeland
- 25 Kathleen Middle School, 3627 Kathleen Pines, Lakeland
- 26 **Lake Gibson High School, 7007 N Socrum Loop Road, Lakeland
- 27 Lake Gibson Middle School, 6901 N Socrum Loop Road, Lakeland
- 28 Lakeland High School, 726 S Hollingsworth Road, Lakeland
- 29 Lakeland Highlands M.S., 740 Lake Miriam Drive, Lakeland
- 30 Lime Street Elementary School, 1225 E Lime St., Lakeland
- 31 Padgett Elementary School, 110 Leelon Road, Lakeland
- 32 Dr. N.E. Roberts Elementary School, 6600 Green Road, Lakeland
- 33 Rochelle School of the Arts, 1501 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Lakeland
- 34 Scott Lake Elementary School, 1140 E CR 540 A, Lakeland
- 35 McKeel Academy, 1810 W Parker St., Lakeland
- 36 Southwest Middle School, 2815 S Eden Parkway, Lakeland
- 37 R. Bruce Wagner Elementary School, 5500 Yates Road, Lakeland
- 38 Lake Alfred Elementary School, 550 E Cummings St., Lake Alfred
- 39 Lake Wales High School, 1009 N Sixth St., Lake Wales
- 40 McLaughlin Middle School, 800 S Fourth St., Lake Wales
- 41 Roosevelt Academy of Leadership and Applied Technology, 115 E St., Lake Wales
- 42 Mulberry High School, 1 Panther Place, Mulberry
- 43 Mulberry Middle School, 500 SE Ninth Ave., Mulberry
- 44 Polk City Elementary School, 125 S Bougainvillea Ave., Polk City
- 45 Denison Middle School, 400 Ave. A SE, Winter Haven
- 46 Jewett Academy, 601 Ave. T NE, Winter Haven
- 47 Westwood Middle School, 3520 Ave. J NW, Winter Haven
- 48 Winter Haven High School, 600 Sixth St. SE, Winter Haven

* Special care shelter only
 ** Special care shelter located with emergency shelter
 Do not proceed to any shelter until you have confirmed that it is open and operating.

Hurricane tracking map

When a hurricane is threatening land, newspapers and radio and television stations will give its latest position in latitude and longitude. Plotting a storm's position as a series of points lets you follow its track.



Polk County evacuation policy

It is the policy of the Polk County Emergency Management Division to recommend in-place shelter as the primary option during a disaster. For those unable to remain in place, especially those in mobile homes, the remaining choices should be considered in order of preference. Whichever of the following options is selected, it is advised that a 72-hour survival kit be assembled and ready, a course of action be planned and that the plans be executed as soon as practicable before the disaster hits. The recommended options are:

- 1. **In-place shelter:** Plan to remain in residence during the emergency, if possible.
- 2. **Evacuate to friend's or relative's residence:** If forced to evacuate, it is less traumatic for all concerned to be sheltered with familiar people, in more comfortable surroundings.
- 3. **Evacuate the area:** Other people leaving this area or areas in the projected path of the storm will also be on the road; leave at least 48-72 hours before the storm is expected to strike.

- 4. **Evacuate to a hotel/motel:** Make arrangements early as rooms will fill quickly with other evacuees.
- 5. **Evacuate to a public shelter:** Confirm your shelter of choice is open before proceeding to that location or select another open shelter.

Special care program

The Polk County Special Care Program is designed to provide sheltering at specific locations for clients with medical or physical conditions who require assistance during an emergency. The program also provides transportation to shelters for those unable to evacuate on their own. A large number of people in the program need electrical power for their medical support equipment. They are assigned to these specially designed shelters because emergency generator power is available. Two of the three special care shelters in Polk County are located with the public shelters at Stambaugh Middle School (3) and Lake Gibson High School (26). The third, located at the Polk County Public Health Department Specialty Care Units (4), is a special care shelter only.