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Head to shelters now though cots, crates gone

October 6, 2016 – Flagler County officials are continuing to urge residents to head to shelters if they intend to do so this evening.

“That window of opportunity is diminishing,” Flagler County Public Safety Emergency Manager Steve Garten said. “It is critical that people who intend to go to one of our shelters head there now.”

Rymfire Elementary, located at 1425 Rymfire Drive, Palm Coast, will accommodate those with special needs – people who require assistance with daily living or who have medical conditions that prevent or hinder their ability to care for themselves, as well as those who require electricity for oxygen. A family member or caregiver should stay at the shelter with the individual.

Bunnell Elementary, 305 N. Palmetto Street, Bunnell, is pet-friendly. Pets – dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, rodents and turtles – are the allowed pets. There is a four-pet maximum. Pet owners should bring current vaccination records, food and supplies, including crates and medications.

Buddy Taylor Middle School, 4500 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast, is also open but pets are not welcome at this shelter.

“There are no more cots or crates available,” Garten said. “That said, we still want residents to come to one of the shelters, especially those on the barrier island. Please do not try ride out this storm.”

While there is a curfew in place east of Interstate 95, law enforcement officers will not hinder people trying to evacuate.

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