

SHELTER INFORMATION

TOWN OF YARMOUTH

Primary Shelter:

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
210 Station Ave. South Yarmouth, MA
02664

6 Things to Know About Regional Emergency Shelters From the BCREPC

You should look at going to a shelter the same way you would look at going on a trip. If you were planning to go away for a few days you would pack for the trip. The same goes for the shelter. You should arrive with at least three days' worth of essentials. You wouldn't leave your medications at home if you went on a trip, nor should you leave them behind when you go to a shelter.

The stay at a shelter is not a vacation, and a shelter is not a hotel or a pharmacy. It is not a cruise ship but rather a lifeboat. The shelter provides a secure facility, a cot to sleep on, food and water, basic first aid, and functional assistance. Beyond that, it is up to you to pack and bring the essentials of your life including extra clothing, medications, and any medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, and oxygen concentrators.

If you live at home with the assistance of a caretaker, the caretaker must come to the shelter with you. If you have a visiting nurse, make sure you bring your medical supplies and let your nurse know which shelter you will be staying at.

If you are bringing infants, babies, or toddlers to a shelter make sure you bring formula, food, diapers, wipes, changes of clothing, toys, and a "pack 'n play" or portable crib and bedding.

If you have a pet—a dog or cat, a bird perhaps—the emergency shelter system supports the care of your pet(s) while you are in the shelter. You must check your pet(s) in first at the pet shelter before checking yourself into the human shelter. Please bring all your pet supplies to the shelter except for crates, which are provided by the shelter. You cannot sleep with your pet(s). Once your pet(s) are in the shelter, you will be able to see them during morning, afternoon, and evening visiting hours. The Cape Cod Disaster Animal Response Team (CCDART) manages the pet shelters at Falmouth High School, Sandwich High School, Barnstable Intermediate School, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, and Cape Cod Regional Technical High School in Harwich. The Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team (LCAST) manages the pet shelter at Nauset Regional High School in Eastham.

The reason every town on the Cape doesn't have its own shelter is because of the expense and lack of volunteer resources to staff 15 separate shelters across the Cape. Volunteers deliver the vast majority of services provided at the six regional shelters. These volunteers work with groups including the American Red Cross, the Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps, CCDART, LCAST, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), and AmeriCorps Cape Cod.

Other information

- Bring snacks. There may be limited food supply in the shelter and it may be a while before additional food is available.
- Bring important papers, including something with your address on it. Don't bring large amounts of cash or valuables, weapons, alcohol or illicit drugs.
- Bring a book, playing cards and quiet activities for children.