

	Assembly Areas	Hurricane Refuge Areas	Evacuation Shelters	Post-Impact Shelters
What are they?	Waiting areas for people to go when hazards force them to evacuate or keep them from reaching their homes and there is not time to safely open shelters.	A last resort option for people who do not have a safer place to ride out a hurricane or tropical storm.	Facilities opened to provide a safe location for people to go when a threat or hazard requires them to evacuate or temporarily prevents them from reaching their home.	Facility opened when disaster damage or other impacts displaces people from their home for an extended period.
How long are they active?	Hours	Hours to Days		Days to Weeks
Where are they?	Parking lots or fields, often at City parks or schools.	Most sites are located at public schools that have been evaluated by engineers.	City parks or other facilities with large open spaces, such as multi-purpose rooms or gyms, that can accommodate lots of people in a central area.	
What services/support do they provide?	None. Waiting area only. May have restroom access.	Extremely Limited. Must bring own supplies.	Variable. Likely no services when first opened. Some may become available if open for longer period.	Moderate. Usually supplied with basic necessities.
Who should go?	Anyone who does not have another safe place to go while waiting for the threat to pass.	Hurricane Refuge Areas are a last resort option open to anyone without a safer place to ride out the storm to use at their own risk.	Open to anyone evacuated or unable to reach their home who does not have another safe option.	Open to anyone who cannot live in their home due to disaster impacts that does not have another safe option.