

PLAN AHEAD

A generator is a wonderful thing to have when the power is out for extended periods. Make sure that you have fuel for your generator. Never use a generator in an enclosed area or inside the house. Always keep a fire extinguisher near by.

In the event of an official Hurricane Watch, all New Hanover County Special Needs Task Force Oxygen Providers agree that patients will be advised to evacuate.

Oxygen Suppliers will not be on the roads during the height of the storm or disaster event and may not be able to get to you in the aftermath. Your oxygen supplier will make every effort to contact you following the storm event.



Breathe Easy
EVACUATE

NHC Special Needs Task Force



PARTICIPATING OXYGEN PROVIDERS

Apria Healthcare

501 Covil Ave., Suite 400, Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 343-8930 or (800) 937-9792

Medical Center Respiratory

908 South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 762-7007 or (800) 300-7770

Lincare

432 Landmark Drive, Suite 3, Wilmington, NC 28412
(910) 392-9208 or (800) 756-9208

Oxy-Care

3502-H Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 392-6659

Cape Fear Respicare

6427 Windmill Way, Suite A, Wilmington, NC, 28405
(910) 790-2080 or (888) 686-0280

Coastal Carolina Respicare

2527 Delaney Ave., Unit A, Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 362-1414

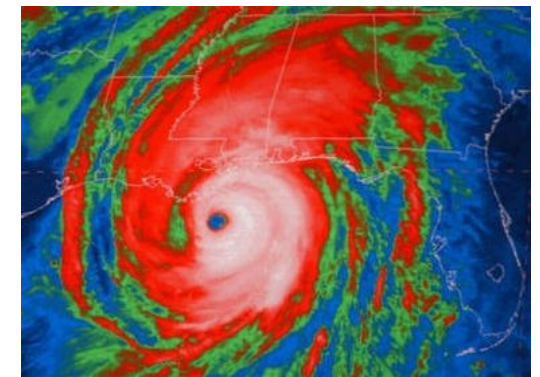
**For Additional Information
Please Contact New Hanover County
Emergency Management
(910) 798-6900**

ATTENTION OXYGEN PATIENTS

SPECIAL NEEDS DISASTER PLANNING FOR OXYGEN PATIENTS

PREPARED BY:

**New Hanover County
Special Needs Task Force**



MY OXYGEN NEEDS

This bulletin is to inform oxygen patients in New Hanover County of the specific course of action to take in the event of a disaster.

While each of the participating providers' protocols may be different, listed are points that we feel are common and very important for you to know.

911 CANNOT dispatch ambulances, fire, or police during the height of the storm.



Check all of the spaces when you have completed these tasks:



Have 72 hours of medical supplies on hand.

I have located my oxygen provider or have a general knowledge of where they are located within the county or city.

I have my oxygen provider's name, address, and 24 hour phone number available at all times.

I have given my oxygen provider's name, address, and phone number to my caregiver, a family member or someone who will know where I am.

I will use my portable oxygen tank during transportation only, so that I am sure to have an adequate supply during transit home.

In the event that a Hurricane Watch is issued by the National Weather Service, you should expect to receive a phone call from your oxygen provider. The purpose of this phone call is to assess your specific needs for oxygen, answer any questions that you may have and determine exactly what your plan of action will be. Are you evacuating, going to a shelter, or staying home? Your provider will record this information in order to prioritize special needs in the aftermath. At this time you will again be given your provider's name, address, and phone number.



Air Conditioning may not be available at all shelters.