



## Emergency Public Information Center News Release

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**Re:** **Evacuation Shelters**

(New Hanover County)— New Hanover County will operate three emergency evacuation shelters due to the approach of Tropical Storm Hanna. The shelters are:

Dorothy B. Johnson Elementary School, 1100 McRae Street, Wilmington  
Noble Middle School, 6520 Market Street, Wilmington (pet co-location shelter)  
Eaton Elementary School, 6701 Gordon Road, Wilmington

The New Hanover County Departments of Social Services and Health, assisted by the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and other community organizations work to set up and maintain public mass care shelters.

1. While these shelters often provide water, food, and basic sanitary facilities, you should plan to have your own supplies as well, especially water. Don't forget your medications, special foods, and activities to keep you and your children occupied.
2. Cooperate with shelter managers and others staying in the shelter. Living with people in a confined space can be difficult and unpleasant.
3. Restrict smoking to designated areas that are well ventilated, usually outside.
4. If you go to an emergency shelter, remember that alcoholic beverages and weapons are not allowed. Pets, except for service animals, are also prohibited.
5. A pet co-location shelter (Noble Middle School) will accept residents with dogs and cats, however because of health and sanitation reasons, pets and people are housed in separate areas of the building.

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