

EMERGENCY SHELTER INFORMATION:

The primary emergency shelter for the Town of Palmer is located at the Converse Middle School, 24 Converse Street, Palmer, MA 01069

The shelter is run under the direction of the town's Emergency Management Director, with assistance from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Palmer Public Schools.

Residents and others who seek assistance at the shelter should be aware of the following rules:

PALMER SHELTER RULES

FOLLOWING ARE THE SHELTER RULES THAT WILL BE ENFORCED TO PROTECT ALL EVACUEES. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

- EVACUEES MUST SIGN IN BEFORE BEING OFFICIALLY ADMITTED TO SHELTER.
- PETS SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT IN UNTIL THE EVACUEE IS REGISTERED
- EVACUEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR BELONGINGS. VALUABLES SHOULD BE LOCKED IN CARS OR KEPT WITH THE EVACUEES AT ALL TIMES. SHELTER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, STOLEN, OR DAMAGED ITEMS.
- NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED IN SHELTER.
- NO ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE PERMITTED. IF DETECTED, POLICE WILL INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CHILDREN AND WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED.
- NOISE LEVELS SHALL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. QUIET HOURS SHALL BE BETWEEN 11:00 p.m. AND 7:00 a.m.
- ANY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SITUATIONS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE RECEPTION DESK OFFICIAL IMMEDIATELY.
- SERVICE ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED. ANY EVACUEE BRINGING ANY ANIMAL OTHER THAN A SERVICE ANIMAL INTO THE SHELTER SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY DIRECTIONS BY A SHELTER REPRESENTATIVE. ANIMALS, OTHER THAN SERVICE, WILL BE PLACED IN AN ALTERNATE LOCATION, NOT IN EVACUEES AREAS. ALL ANIMALS, OTHER THAN SERVICE ANIMALS, SHALL BE CAGED.

- ANY FOOD WASTE AND ASSOCIATED MATERIALS, MUST BE DISPOSED INTO APPROPRIATE CONTAINERS.
- SHELTER FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE THE ONLY PERSONNEL ALLOWED INTO KITCHEN AREA.
- SHELTER REPRESENTATIVES ARE EMPOWERED TO ENFORCE ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW SHELTER RULES SHALL BE GROUNDS TO REMOVE ANY EVACUEE FROM SHELTER.