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American Red Cross opens shelters for river flooding

Pearl, Miss. – The American Red Cross has opened two shelters for residents displaced from their homes because of the Mississippi River flooding.

Shelters are currently located:

- G.W. Henderson Senior Recreation Center, 1165 Abbay Rd. in Tunica.
- Hawkins United Methodist Church, 3736 Halls Ferry Rd. in Vicksburg.

People should remember to bring the following items with them if they plan to stay in a shelter:

- Photo identification.
- Change of clothing.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- Pillows.
- Hygiene or sanitary products.
- Medications – prescription and over-the-counter.
- Eyeglasses.
- Dentures.
- Baby formula, diapers, wipes, teething gel, etc.
- Food and snacks, non-perishable, three-day supply.
- Cell phone and charger.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First-aid kit.
- Battery powered radio and extra batteries.
- Entertainment.
- Cash, checkbook, credit cards.

Also remember to bring important papers and documents such as social security card, proof of residence, insurance policies, birth certificate, marriage certificate, and others.

Pet owners should be aware that the above shelters are not open to animals. The Mississippi Board of Animal Health has contacted veterinary clinics and animal shelters along the Mississippi to prepare to move out adoptable animals and make room for animals that may be affected by the flooding.

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Shelter information for pets will be available at www.mbah.state.ms.us or by calling 1-888-722-3106.

Additional shelters will open as needed.

Federal disaster assistance is not available at this time. Updates will be provided as they become available.

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