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### **City of Portsmouth Shelter Opens at 4 p.m.**

Portsmouth, VA -- The City of Portsmouth will open a shelter at 4 p.m. today at S. H. Clarke Elementary School, 2801 Turnpike Road. If residents choose to go to the shelter, they should bring:

- Bedding items  
(including pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, air mattresses, etc.)
- Extra clothing, shoes, eyeglasses, etc.
- Folding chairs or cots
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Flashlights and batteries
- Quiet games, books, and favorite toys
- Important papers
- Prescription medications

Do not bring:

- Alcohol or illegal contraband
- Weapons
- Pets
- Valuables

For more information, please call the Emergency Operations Center at 393-8274.

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