



Potential Refuge Area List for Kaua'i

Not every refuge area on this list will be opened during an emergency. Additional public or private facilities may also be activated as refuge areas depending on the incident and operational needs, such as but not limited to hurricanes, tsunamis, flash flooding, wildfires, hazardous materials incidents, and other emergencies.

- This list is provided for personal preparedness purposes. During emergencies, please monitor local news media and the County website (www.kauai.gov/kema) for current refuge area openings and status information.

North/ East

Kilauea Neighborhood Center Gym*

- Pending Reopening

Kilauea Elementary School*

Kapa'a High School *

Kapa'a Middle School*

Kapa'a Elementary School

Central

King Kaumuali'i Elementary School

Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall

- Pending Renovations/Retrofits

Kaua'i High School *

Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School *

Kaua'i Community College

- Pending Renovations/ Retrofits

Kaua'i Humane Society (Pets Only)

Wilcox Elementary School

South/West

Kōloa Neighborhood Center *

Kōloa Elementary School /Library *

Kalāheo Elementary School

Kalāheo Neighborhood Center Gym *

‘Ele ‘ele Elementary School *

Waimea High School *

Waimea Canyon Middle School*

Important Refuge Area Information

Not every refuge area on this list will be opened during an emergency. When refuge areas are activated, KEMA will issue media releases and update the County website, including the interactive refuge area status page.

All designated facilities will accept household pets. However, owners must bring their own pet crates, food, and water. Pets may be housed in a separate area for safety and sanitization purposes.

Medical, Functional, and Access Needs: Refuge areas do not provide personal caregivers, medical staff, or specialized support. Only basic accommodations will be available. Those with medical or access needs should plan accordingly.

Refuge during Hurricanes:

- **Shelter-in-place considerations:** Persons with access to homes or buildings built or renovated to code following Hurricane Iniki, or that have been retrofitted for high-wind resistance may consider sheltering in-place, as long as the structure is out of areas prone to flooding or hurricane storm surge. Another consideration is seeking refuge with friends, family or at another location such as a private facility that offers modern or hardened construction.
- **Refuge of Last Resort:** For those who do not have any other options, evacuate to the nearest **OPEN** Refuge Area. Note that while these offer some protection from hurricanes, most were not originally designed to meet hurricane “shelter” standards. They are intended to be last resort options.
- **Facilities marked with an asterisk (*) are identified as BARA+ locations.** “BARA” refers to “Best Available Refuge Area” assessments used to help identify locations that may provide increased protection during high wind events. The “+” designation indicates that buildings,

rooms, or areas at a general location may provide enhanced protective characteristics beyond baseline BARA considerations.

- Engineering and emergency management assessment personnel have identified designated areas within certain Kaua'i facilities as "best available refuge areas," providing a safer alternative than remaining in areas prone to flooding, storm surge, or within older homes with wood-frame or single-wall construction not built or retrofitted for high wind resistance. Capabilities and protective features vary by facility and by the specific areas activated during an emergency. When evacuating, take your disaster supplies with you in a portable "go kit," as designated Refuge Areas provide no supplies.

Potential Refuge Area Map for Kaua'i

Facilities in **RED** are **BARA+**

Facilities in **GREEN** may serve as general use refuge areas.

