

# Continued Temporary Housing Assistance

FEMA can help eligible survivors who are still unable to live in their home and need to extend their stay in FEMA-supported temporary housing. FEMA will work closely with survivors to understand their temporary housing needs and connect them with additional resources to help them more fully recover.

## What is changing?

Based on feedback received from disaster survivors, impacted communities, and stakeholders, FEMA made changes to Individual Assistance to simplify the documentation requirements in the application process. These changes apply to disasters declared on or after March 22, 2024.

The following information explains how to apply for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance.

## What is Continued Temporary Housing Assistance?

Continued Temporary Housing Assistance is money to help pay for rent and utilities if you used your Rental Assistance, still cannot live in your home because of the disaster, and need more help paying for a place to stay.

## Who can get Continued Temporary Housing Assistance?

You may get Continued Temporary Housing Assistance if you:

- Were awarded Rental Assistance and can show you used this money to pay for temporary housing,
- Can't return to your home because it is not safe to live in or is no longer available to you,
- Can't afford to pay for temporary housing and aren't receiving help from other housing programs or voluntary agencies, and
- Establish a Permanent Housing Plan and continue to show you are working toward meeting your goal.



## What is a Permanent Housing Plan?

A Permanent Housing Plan is your plan to return to your home or find a new home you can afford. When you apply for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance, you will be asked to select the Permanent Housing Plan listed on the application that best describes your situation. Later, if you are still getting help from FEMA to pay for temporary housing, FEMA will ask if you're making progress toward your plan. You will need to send documents that show your progress.

If you have challenges in securing permanent housing, FEMA can help and will identify other partners and voluntary agencies who may also be able to help you.



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## How much can I get for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance?

The amount of money you can get for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance is based on three months of your actual monthly costs for rent and utilities or the Fair Market Rent established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for where you are living, whichever is less. If you still need help after three months, you can apply for more.

## How long can I receive Continued Temporary Housing Assistance?

If you continue to meet all eligibility criteria and send the necessary documents to FEMA, you can get help to pay for temporary housing for up to 18 months from the date the disaster was declared.

## I am applying for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance for the first time. What do I need to send?

You may request assistance by completing the Application for Continued Temporary Housing form and returning the form to FEMA along with the following supporting documents:

- A copy of your current lease or rental agreement. The lease or rental agreement must include the location of the rental unit, amount of rent, length of lease, number of occupants, and signatures of the landlord **and** tenant,
- Documents showing your prior Rental Assistance was used for temporary housing, like rent and utility receipts,
- Documents showing current income for all members of your household 18 years and older, and
- Documents showing current housing costs for your pre-disaster home **only** if you are still responsible for those costs. For example, a homeowner may still be paying a mortgage, insurance, or some utilities for their pre-disaster home.

## I already got two Continued Temporary Housing Assistance payments. What do I need to send if I still need more assistance?

If you need to continue to receive Continued Temporary Housing Assistance to assist in your recovery, you must complete the Supplemental Application for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance form along with the following supporting documents:

- Documents, like rent receipts, showing your prior Continued Temporary Housing Assistance payment was used for temporary housing, and
- Documents showing progress toward your Permanent Housing Plan, such as:
  - A written statement explaining how long it will take to finish repairs, along with receipts for any repair or building materials purchased,
  - Contractor estimates, agreements, or other documents showing a timeline for finishing repairs or construction,
  - Permits for home repairs or construction, or
  - A written statement from your landlord/property management confirming repairs will be made with an estimated move-in date or updating on repair progress to the pre-disaster home.

## **I don't agree with FEMA's decision. How can I appeal?**

If you don't agree with FEMA's decision, you can appeal by showing why you need FEMA assistance. The decision letter you get from FEMA will have more information about the types of documents you should send.

You may use an optional Appeal Request form, which is included in the decision letter you receive from FEMA. You can also choose to write and sign a letter to send with your documents to help FEMA understand why you need help.

## **How can I send documents?**

You can send your application for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance and supporting documents to FEMA by:

- Uploading to your disaster assistance account at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Mailing to FEMA, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055.
- Faxing to 1-800-827-8112.
- Visiting a Disaster Recovery Center, if available.