

Renters May Be Eligible for FEMA Assistance

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OKLAHOMA CITY – Renters whose home or personal property was damaged in the back-to-back April and May storms, floods and tornadoes may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

FEMA's Individual Assistance grants are available for eligible renters, including students, as well as homeowners. These grants, which do not have to be repaid, can help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other disaster-related needs, including:

- Rent while you are displaced – which can be used for a house, apartment, recreational vehicle or manufactured home
- Money to stay in a hotel, with family and friends or other options while you look for a rental unit
- Repair or replacement of appliances, room furnishings, and a personal or family computer damaged by the disaster
- Money for books, uniforms, tools, computers and other items required for school or work, including self-employment
- Repair or replacement of a vehicle
- Medical, dental, childcare, moving and storage and funeral expenses

To apply for FEMA assistance:

- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**.
- Go online to www.DisasterAssistance.gov.
- [Download the FEMA App](#).
- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center for in-person help. To find the center closest to you, visit fema.gov/drc. Centers are currently open at:
 - Early Childhood Learning Center, 401 S. 10th St., Barnsdall, OK 74002
 - Bartlesville High School, 1700 Hillcrest Dr., Bartlesville, OK 74003
 - Murray County Extension Office, 3490 Highway 7 West, Sulphur, OK 73086 (The Extension Office is the smaller building at this address.)



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Renters should not overlook the long-term, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration, which is the primary source of federal disaster recovery funds for survivors. As of June 18, 2024, the SBA has offered more than \$3.87 million to businesses, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters affected by these storms. To contact the SBA:

- Go online to [MySBA Loan Portal](#)
- Call the SBA Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955**
- Email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov
- Visit the SBA's Business Recovery Center at Mary Parker Memorial Library, 500 W. Broadway Ave., Sulphur, OK 73086

For additional information on how renters can access federal disaster funds, go to [FEMA Accessible: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance \(youtube.com\)](#).

For the latest information about Oklahoma's recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4776 or fema.gov/disaster/4791. Follow the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or on Facebook at facebook.com/FEMARegion6/.

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