

# FEMA Rental Assistance Available in Oklahoma

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FEMA Individual Assistance is available to renters, including students, in addition to homeowners. FEMA may be able to help you pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other needs caused by the disaster, including rent, if you are displaced because of the Oklahoma tornadoes.

Residents of Carter, Craig, Hughes, Johnston, Kay, Lincoln, Love, McClain, Murray, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Washington and Washita counties may be eligible for Rental Assistance. You can use this money to stay in a hotel, with family and friends or other options while you look for a rental unit.

It's important to know FEMA cannot duplicate benefits provided by other sources for the same loss.

## WHAT IS RENTAL ASSISTANCE?

FEMA Rental Assistance is money to assist disaster survivors with temporary housing assistance while they repair or rebuild their home. If you are a renter, it may provide a solution while your home is under repair or while you look for a new place to rent.

## WHAT DOES RENTAL ASSISTANCE COVER?

- Rental Assistance covers temporary housing while you are unable to live in your home.
- Rental Assistance funds are for security deposits, rent and the cost of essential utilities (gas, water and electric).
- Rental Assistance can be used for short-term hotel stays while you look for a place to rent.
- Rental Assistance cannot pay for cable or internet.



## HOW LONG DOES RENTAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORT ME?

- The initial grant is for one to two months on a case-by-case basis.
- You can then request a three-month extension for up to 18 months total by calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.

## WHAT DO I DO IF MY HOME IS NOT SAFE, SANITARY AND LIVABLE AND I NEED A PLACE TO STAY?

- If you have insurance, file a claim.
  - Your insurance company will provide you with a claim settlement or denial document that you will need to provide to FEMA.
  - It may take time to get this document, so file your insurance claim as soon as possible.
  - Check with your insurance agent to see if your policy covers Additional Living Expenses, which may pay for relocating to a temporary residence.
- Apply for FEMA assistance right away.
  - You can apply in four ways: visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov); download the [FEMA App](#); call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Time; or get a list of open Disaster Recovery Centers at [fema.gov/drc](https://fema.gov/drc) if you want to meet us in person.
  - Submit your insurance claim settlement or denial documents to FEMA for review as soon as you receive them.
  - If your policy does not include additional living expenses, or if you use up this coverage and you still cannot live in your home, you may be eligible for FEMA Rental Assistance.
- Document how you use your assistance.
  - Keep all your receipts for three years to show how you spent your FEMA grants.
  - If grant money is not used as outlined in your FEMA eligibility letter, you may have to repay your grants and could lose your eligibility for further federal assistance.
  - FEMA is prohibited from duplicating benefits provided by other sources for the same loss.

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