

Continued Temporary Housing Assistance

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Iowa survivors of the March 12-June 15 severe storms and flooding who received initial rental assistance from FEMA may be eligible for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance.

To be eligible to apply, survivors must meet the following conditions:

- They were awarded initial rental assistance and used it as intended. The initial assistance award covers two months.
- They are unable to return to their pre-disaster residence because it is uninhabitable, inaccessible or not available due to the disaster.
- They cannot pay for housing without assistance.
- They are not receiving temporary housing help from any other source.
- They are developing a longer-term or permanent housing plan, or can demonstrate progress toward one.

Survivors applying for continued rental assistance must:

- Complete an Application for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance.
 - The application is mailed to homeowners whose FEMA verified property loss exceeds the amount initially awarded.
 - If a form is not received, eligible survivors may call the disaster assistance helpline at **800-621-3362** to get one.
- Submit the following documents with the completed application:
 - Copy of current lease or rental agreement signed by the landlord and tenant.
 - Proof of prior rental assistance provided by FEMA has been used for temporary housing.
 - Proof of pre-disaster housing costs, as identified on the *Application for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance*.



- Proof of pre-disaster and current post-disaster income for all members of the household 18 years and older.
- Upon subsequent requests for continued rental assistance, applicants will only be required to submit supporting documentation if the household's income or rent has changed.
- Return the completed form and supporting documents to FEMA in one of the following ways:
 - Upload them to their disaster account at DisasterAssistance.gov.
 - Mail them to FEMA, PO Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055.
 - Fax them to **800-827-8112**.

FEMA will evaluate the request to determine if the applicant is eligible. It is important for applicants to keep FEMA updated with their contact information and housing status.

Rental assistance from FEMA is a grant that can be used to help pay for a safe, sanitary and functional place to stay while survivors make repairs to or rebuild their storm-damaged homes. Rental assistance may be used for security deposits, rent and the cost of essential utilities such as gas, electric, oil, trash and water at a place other than the damaged home.

