FEMA Moving and Storage Assistance

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Tennessee survivors whose homes were damaged by the storm may be eligible for FEMA Moving and Storage Assistance. This assistance can help affected families move and store your essential items while you repair your home or move to temporary or permanent housing.

To qualify for Moving and Storage Assistance, you must apply with FEMA and meet the following conditions:

- Your primary residence is uninhabitable due to the disaster.
- You are moving or storing essential household items to prevent further damage.
- The items you are moving or storing are considered essential, such as appliances, furniture or clothing.

FEMA will only consider moving and storage costs that aren't fully covered by other sources like insurance. Eligible expenses include:

- Commercial moving labor
- Moving truck rental
- Fuel for the rental vehicle
- Tape and boxes
- Storage unit fees
- Sales taxes

As long as the eligibility criteria are met, moving and storage assistance is available to owners, renters, people who live in public housing, private homes using a Section 8 housing choice voucher or survivors who live in assisted-living facilities.

There's still time to apply for FEMA assistance; the deadline is **Tuesday**, **Jan. 7**, **2025**.



To apply, go online to <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, use the <u>FEMA App</u> or call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**. If you use a relay service such as Video Relay Service, captioned telephone or other service, you can give FEMA your number for the service. You may also visit a Disaster Recovery Center. For locations and hours, visit fema.gov/drc.

To watch an accessible video on how to apply, visit <u>FEMA Accessible: Registering for Individual Assistance (youtube.com)</u>.

You may also qualify for a low-interest disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration. SBA disaster loans are the largest source of federal recovery funds for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes. To learn more or apply, visit sba.gov/disaster or call **800-659-2955** or email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

