

FEMA Housing Recipients Must Comply with Licensing Agreement

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Florida households affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton may be eligible for Temporary Housing Units. Occupants may be eligible to stay in this FEMA provided unit for up to 18 months from the date of the disaster declaration while securing a permanent housing solution. They must, however, abide by the terms and conditions of their Revocable or Temporary Housing Agreement with FEMA.

Complying with the License Agreement

- Only people listed on the license can live in the THU, and the license cannot be transferred to another party. FEMA retains the right to enter the unit to make inspections or repairs with 24-hour notice. In case of an emergency, no notice is required.
- The licensing agreement requires occupants to develop a viable permanent or longer-term housing plan and show proof of progress towards completion of that plan. If long-term housing becomes available, the occupants may need to vacate the temporary housing unit.
- All occupants of temporary housing units must fully cooperate with FEMA to schedule meetings that will determine their continued eligibility. This includes providing a landowner's right of entry so FEMA can visit the occupants' damaged home to evaluate the progress of repairs.
- Eligibility meetings also will be used to ensure the occupants are making progress toward a permanent housing plan. Examples of evidence of progress include receipts for repairs or a signed lease for new housing.
- Occupants are not allowed to store or use grills, fire pits, fireworks, propane tanks or other combustible substances inside the unit. Up to two domesticated pets are allowed. Direct lease or Multifamily Lease and Repair applicants must follow the guidance per their license agreement.
- Occupants may not paint or otherwise alter the interior or exterior appearance of the THU. However, small adjustments that would qualify as normal wear and tear, such as putting small nails in the wall to hang picture frames, are allowed.



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- Survivors living in commercial parks also must abide by all the park's rules and regulations.
- Violations of these or any other conditions in the licensing agreement may result in penalty fees or termination of the agreement.
- Survivors who have questions about the revocable housing license should contact their caseworker or the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.

For the latest information about Hurricane Milton recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4834. For Hurricane Helene, visit fema.gov/disaster/4828. Follow FEMA on X at x.com/femaregion4 or on Facebook at facebook.com/fema.

