# FEMA Offers Assistance for April Storm Survivors in Kentucky

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** – FEMA is offering a wide variety of help to people affected by the April severe storms in Kentucky. Every homeowner or renter who suffered damage or loss is encouraged to apply. Money provided by FEMA does not have to be repaid.

FEMA can provide money to eligible applicants for help with serious needs, paying for a temporary place to live, home repairs and other needs not covered by insurance.

Disaster assistance is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster. The assistance is intended to meet basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts.

Money provided by FEMA may include:

- Serious Needs: Money for lifesaving and life-sustaining items, including water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, breastfeeding supplies, diapers, consumable medical supplies, durable medical equipment, personal hygiene items and fuel for transportation.
- **Displacement:** Money to help with housing needs if you cannot return to your home because of the disaster. The money can be used to stay in a hotel, with family and friends or other options while you look for a rental unit.
- Home Repair or Replacement: Money to help you repair or replace your home damaged by the disaster. The money can also help with pre-existing damage to parts of your home where the disaster caused further damage.
- Rental Assistance: Money you can use to rent housing if you are displaced from your home because of the disaster.
- Personal Property: Money to help you repair or replace appliances, room furnishings, and a personal or family
  computer damaged by the disaster. This can also include money for books, uniforms, tools, additional
  computers and other items required for school or work, including self-employment.
- Child Care: Money to help you pay for increased or childcare expenses caused by the disaster.
- Transportation: Money to help you repair or replace a vehicle damaged by the disaster when you don't have another vehicle you can use.
- Moving and Storage Expenses: Money to help you move and store personal property from your home to prevent additional damage.

Applicants should keep their current contact information on file with FEMA as the agency may need to schedule a home inspection or get additional information.

#### **How To Apply for FEMA Assistance**

Survivors in the Anderson, Butler, Carroll, Christian, Clark, Franklin, Hardin, Hopkins, Jessamine, McCracken, Mercer, Owen and Woodford counties who have disaster-caused damage or loss from the April storm can apply for federal disaster assistance under the major disaster declaration DR-4864 in several ways:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Visit any Disaster Recovery Center. To find a center close to you, visit <u>fema.gov/DRC</u>, or text DRC along with your Zip Code to 43362 (Example: "DRC 29169").
- Use the FEMA mobile app.
- FEMA works with every household on a case-by-case basis.
- Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. It is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Help is available in many languages. If you use a relay service, such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

#### **Apply Separately for Each Disaster**

When two or more disasters are declared in the same state, FEMA ensures survivors receive all eligible assistance while preventing a duplication of federal benefits. Disaster survivors affected by multiple disasters should apply with FEMA separately for each individual disaster.

When applying for FEMA assistance, be sure to specify the damage and the date it occurred to ensure you are applying under the correct declaration number.

- DR-4860-KY for the severe storms, straight-line winds, landslides and mudslides that occurred from Feb14 March 7. Homeowners and renters in Breathitt, Clay, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Simpson, Woodford counties may be eligible. The deadline to apply under DR-4860-KY is May 25.
- DR-4864-KY for the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred on April 2 and continuing. Homeowners and renters in the Anderson, Butler, Carroll, Christian, Clark, Franklin, Hardin, Hopkins, Jessamine, McCracken, Mercer, Owen and Woodford counties may be eligible. The deadline to apply under DR-4864-KY is June 25.

Homeowners and renters in **Woodford County** may be eligible for federal assistance under DR-4860-KY or/and DR-4864-KY. If you had property damage or loss in Woodford County from the February severe incident, and then again from the April severe incident, you will need to complete two separate disaster assistance applications.

For more information about Kentucky flooding recovery, visit <a href="www.fema.gov/disaster/4860">www.fema.gov/disaster/4860</a> and <a href="www.fema.gov/disaster/4864">www.fema.gov/disaster/4864</a>. Follow the FEMA Region 4 X account at <a href="x.com/femaregion4">x.com/femaregion4</a>.

## **Contact Us**

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