

# Residents Working toward Permanent Housing Solutions

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FEMA, the state, local officials and nonprofit organizations continue to work with hundreds of households displaced from their homes after Hurricane Michael. FEMA is currently providing temporary housing units for about 500 families. FEMA and its partners have helped more than 400 families achieve a more permanent housing solution.

The Direct Housing program ends April 11, 2020. Thereafter, FEMA will collect monthly rent and possible fees if occupants continue to live in their FEMA-provided temporary housing unit(s).

There is no better time than now for displaced households to make a housing plan and put it into action. Each household's circumstances are different, but a permanent housing solution generally falls into these categories:

## **Returning to a Repaired Home**

Homeowners may be making progress on repairs to their hurricane-damaged home and may be ready to move back sooner than they realize. Once the house is safe, sanitary and functional, survivors can return home. FEMA considers a home safe, sanitary and functional once its structurally sound and basic utilities are operational.

## **Finding a New Rental Property**

Renters may be looking for new rental property. Renters should search websites, social media and local publications for available properties locally and consider expanding their search to a larger area. Survivors should talk with landlords and property managers about security deposits and utilities.

## **Purchasing a FEMA-provided Temporary Housing Unit**



FEMA has offered the sale of temporary housing units to eligible individuals and families currently living in FEMA-provided units who lack a permanent housing solution.

Survivors can contact their FEMA housing advisor for help achieving their permanent housing solution. Disaster Case Management can also help survivors with housing plans and disaster recovery resources. Bay County residents can contact Compass82 by calling **848-220-8282** or emailing [info@compass82.org](mailto:info@compass82.org). Residents of Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Leon, Taylor, Wakulla and Washington counties can contact St. Vincent de Paul by calling **833-476-2372** or emailing [Michael\\_fldcmp@svdpdisaster.org](mailto:Michael_fldcmp@svdpdisaster.org).



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