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Fact Sheet

Temporary Housing Units in West Virginia

- To assess temporary housing needs, FEMA housing specialists routinely contact all West Virginians who have registered for assistance and whose homes were lost or severely damaged by the flood.
- FEMA and the state are committed to helping survivors stay in or near their communities. Meeting their temporary housing needs is a top priority.
- There are several options for temporary housing after a disaster, but typically survivors rent apartments or houses.
- FEMA partners with local, state and other federal agencies to identify appropriate rental units and to match eligible disaster survivors with available rentals within a reasonable distance of their homes.
- FEMA and the state are exploring the option of staging temporary housing where there are not enough rental properties to meet flood survivors' need for short-term dwellings.
- At the state's request, FEMA has ordered four different samples of temporary homes to be transported to West Virginia.
- Temporary housing is used only where there is an extreme shortage of rental properties as the **option of last resort**. It would be available only in limited areas and not all survivors would qualify.
- No decision has yet been made about the use of temporary housing in West Virginia.

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