Fact Sheet: Housing resources available for Hurricane Harvey survivors

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AUSTIN, Texas — Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey have many housing resources available to help them with recovery. Please see the resources available for different needs.

This list was put together through the efforts of the Texas Joint Housing Solutions Working Group, a collection of state and federal agencies and organizations who work to identify resources that can address temporary housing unmet needs and solutions which allow disaster survivors to transition to permanent housing.

- Look for affordable housing options and housing resources through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Call 512-475-3800 or visit www.tdhca.state.tx.us/texans.htm.
- You can do a subsidized apartment search through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which offers programs to assist both homeowners and renters: <u>www.hud.gov/states/texas</u>.
- You can find post-hurricane housing resources from the Texas Apartment Association by region, including guidance for renting in Texas: www.taa.org/renters/helpful-info.
- You can find reduced and lower-rent apartments using these databases:
 - http://hrc-ic.tdhca.state.tx.us/hrc/VacancyClearinghouseSearch.m
 - https://apps.hud.gov/apps/section8/step2.cfm?state=TX,Texas
 - http://texashousingcounselor.org
 - https://affordablehousingonline.com/housing-search/Texas.
- If you would like to view the directory of public housing agencies in Texas, visit www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHA_Contact_Report_TX.pdf.
- You can search for rental homes and apartments in Texas by zip code, type of home and price at:



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- Call Zillow at 206-470-7000 or visit www.zillow.com/rent
- Call Apartments.com at 888-658-7368 or visit <u>www.apartments.com</u>.
- If you are a homeless young adult age 18-22 who has aged out of the child welfare system, you may be eligible to participate in a program through DePelchin Children's Center, which offers support at locations throughout the Houston area and across Texas. Some may be eligible to participate in the TAGS Program, which offers temporary residence. For more information visit www.depelchin.org/transitioning-to-adulthood-through-guidance-and-support.
- If you are a seasonal farmworker in need of resources, including housing, Motivation Education & Training Inc. (MET Inc.) provides help with employment, training, and emergency and other supportive services, including housing services. For more information visit <u>www.metinc.org</u>.
- If you need a housing planning guide, download the Permanent Housing Plan checklist at <u>https://go.usa.gov/xnE88</u>.
- If you have a record of a felony conviction and are looking for housing in Texas, go to <u>www.jobsforfelonshub.com/housing-for-felons/texas</u> for a list of organizations and resources to help you search for felon-friendly housing.
- Qualified homeowners can get help to repair, rehabilitate or rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey from the Texas General Land Office. Learn about the Homeowner Assistance Program at http://recovery.texas.gov/hap/index.html.
- If you are looking for housing counseling from entities approved by the U.S.
 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), you may search by city at

https://apps.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=TX

. These entities provide services for both homeowners and renters, including budget counseling, mortgage default counseling, rental housing counseling and services for homeless.

- If you need public housing assistance or would like specific information about public housing programs such as housing choice vouchers, contact your local public housing authority. Visit www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts and click on
- the map of Texas at the bottom for a list.
 If you are looking for transitional housing because you need a short-term place to live after a crisis such as homelessness or domestic violence, visit www.transitionalhousing.org/state/texas.



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For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the FEMA Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at <u>www.fema.gov/disaster/4332</u>, the FEMA Harvey Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/FEMAharvey</u>, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at <u>twitter.com/FEMARegion6</u> or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at www.dps.texas.gov/dem/.



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