

# Direct Housing Recipients Must Comply With FEMA Licensing Agreements

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Tennesseans displaced by Tropical Storm Helene may be eligible for temporary housing units for up to 18 months while securing a permanent housing solution. They must agree to follow the terms and conditions of FEMA's revocable license or temporary housing agreement.

## Complying with the license agreement

- Only people listed on the license can live in the property, 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's 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 toward completion of that plan. If long-term housing becomes available, the occupants may need to vacate the property.
- All temporary housing occupants must fully cooperate with FEMA to schedule meetings to 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 will also ensure occupants are making progress toward a permanent housing plan. Examples include providing 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 pets are allowed. Direct lease or multifamily lease and repair applicants must follow the guidance per their licensing agreement.
- Occupants may not paint or otherwise alter the interior or exterior appearance of the unit. However, small adjustments that would qualify as normal wear and tear are allowed, such as putting small nails in the wall to hang picture frames.



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



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