

FEMA Transportable Temporary Housing Units and Severe Weather

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FEMA Transportable Temporary Housing Units (TTHUs) are designed to be safe and secure temporary housing solutions, but as with all forms of housing, FEMA TTHUs are at risk for damage in severe weather.

Follow these practices to protect yourself, your family and your property while living in a FEMA TTHU:

- Always follow the guidance of local officials. It is their job to protect you, so it is your job to listen to their warnings and obey their orders.
- Never take shelter in a TTHU during high winds, a tornado, a hurricane or a flood.
- All TTHUs are equipped with a weather radio. If severe weather is predicted, monitor the weather radio or local media and comply with any evacuation orders.
- Plan your evacuation routes. Be sure to plan multiple routes to several safe shelters so that you are ready for potential road closures.
- Do not leave your pets behind in the TTHU.

In Case of Severe Storms

- If a severe storm is forecasted for your area, move to a sturdy building or shelter until the storm passes.

In Case of a Tornado

- If a tornado warning is issued for your area, evacuate the TTHU immediately.
- Take shelter in the lowest floor of a nearby sturdy building or storm shelter, away from windows.
- Do not take shelter in a vehicle.

In Case of a Hurricane



- Hurricanes are particularly dangerous because of their unpredictability. While they are usually accompanied by heavy rain and strong winds, they can cause tornadoes and floods.
- Use a weather radio or monitor your local media to stay aware of local evacuation orders. Evacuate immediately if local officials recommend that mobile home occupants find sturdier shelter.

In Case of a Flood

- If the potential for flooding exists in your area, monitor the status via a weather radio or local media.
- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If a flash flood warning is issued, immediately evacuate and move to higher ground.
- If you have time, place any important items on the highest shelves. Disconnect electrical devices, but not while wet or standing in water.
- When evacuating, do not attempt to walk or drive through flooded areas. Six inches of water can cause you to fall and can flood most compact or midsize cars. A foot of water will cause most vehicles to float. Two feet of water can sweep away even trucks and SUVs.

Additional Information

- More techniques for minimizing severe weather risks are available at www.ready.gov.

For the latest information about Hurricane Milton recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4834. For Hurricane Helene, visit fema.gov/disaster/4828. Follow FEMA on X at x.com/femaregion4 or on Facebook at facebook.com/fema.

