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DISASTER RECOVERY TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM



What is it?

The State of Iowa Disaster Recovery Temporary Housing Program is available to Iowa residents who need sheltering assistance. The program will provide emergency sheltering in travel trailers or recreational vehicles to eligible survivors who are unable to locate temporary housing options and agree to the terms and conditions of the program.

- The program is available to survivors whose residences were majorly damaged, destroyed, or deemed not habitable in one of the 26 counties impacted by severe weather in the April, May or June 2024 FEMA declared events: **Adair, Adams, Buena Vista, Cedar, Cherokee, Clay, Clarke, Dickinson, Emmet, Harrison, Humboldt, Jasper, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Pottawattamie, Montgomery, Plymouth, Polk, Ringgold, Shelby, Sioux, Story, Union, Woodbury.**
- Survivors must first apply to FEMA for disaster assistance to be considered for the State of Iowa Disaster Recovery Temporary Housing Program. FEMA and Iowa Emergency Management are coordinating to ensure there is no duplication of benefits in providing emergency sheltering.
- This program is intended to allow participants to return or remain in their own communities and makes families with children, and the elderly, a priority.



Who is providing this service?

The State of Iowa, through the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), is working to provide emergency shelter to individuals and families whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the severe weather.



How long does the program last?

This is a short-term (6-month) program with a focus on transitioning survivors into longer-term housing.



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How do I know if I'm eligible?

Severe weather survivors must have resided in a primary residence that was majorly damaged or destroyed during the April, May or June disasters. If your home has been deemed habitable, you are not eligible for emergency sheltering.

Residents must follow all laws and emergency sheltering rules provided by the State of Iowa. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the facility.



Who can apply for the Program?

The Program is for survivors from the 26 counties impacted by severe weather and declared for FEMA Individual and Public Assistance related to the April, May or June 2024 severe weather events. To be eligible for the program, survivors must be registered with FEMA; seeking shelter in their eligible county; have a home that is majorly damaged, destroyed, or not habitable; and agree to the program terms.



Do survivors need to apply for disaster assistance from FEMA for sheltering provided by the State of Iowa?

Yes, survivors first apply with FEMA for disaster assistance to be eligible for the Program. The State of Iowa will determine the home is majorly damaged, destroyed or not habitable and that it was the owner or renter's pre-disaster primary residence.



What types of shelters are available through the Program?

The program will provide temporary travel trailers or recreational vehicles to survivors who are unable to locate rental homes or apartments.



If a survivor is eligible for the Program, are they eligible for other types of FEMA assistance?

Yes, survivors who apply for FEMA disaster assistance to access the State's Program may be eligible for FEMA financial assistance for home repair and loss of personal property.



How do survivors sign up for the Program?

Survivors must first apply with FEMA for disaster assistance. To do so they may visit [Home | disasterassistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disasterassistance)

STEP 1 REGISTRATION PROCESS	STEP 2 ELIGIBILITY & SITE REVIEW	STEP 3 TRANSITION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the State’s Disaster Resources webpage DisasterRecovery.iowa.gov. • Enter the information requested, including your name, the address of the damaged or destroyed home, and the number of people in your household. • After submitting your registration, you will be assigned a shelter coordinator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter Coordinators will review your eligibility for the program. • If approved, you will be required to sign program participation documents. • If eligibility requirements are met, your property where a travel trailer or recreational vehicle could be placed will be inspected. • If you do not have a suitable property, a group site may be assigned to you if you are deemed eligible for the program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The travel trailer or recreational vehicle will be placed and equipped with utilities. • Following utility connection and inspection, the travel trailer or recreational vehicle is move-in ready. • You will sign program participation documents and receive keys to a travel trailer or recreational vehicle. • Eligibility for continued sheltering in your travel trailer or recreational vehicle will be renewed on a consecutive 30-day basis for up to 6 months. Additional eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS		TERMS & CONDITIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be eligible, you must be registered for assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). • Your primary residence must be located within one of the designated counties. • You must be a homeowner or renter. • You must be ineligible for duplicative FEMA and non-profit housing programs. • Your home must have sustained major damage from the disaster and be inhabitable. 		<p>The program terms include agreement to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release of personal information to the State to provide assistance and connection to other recovery resources. • Accept responsibility for any damage caused to state property during your stay in the assigned travel trailer. • Understands this is temporary housing and is actively working towards a permanent housing solution while residing in state-provided sheltering.



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HOW DOES IT HELP?

- Provides safe sheltering to an individual or family
- Supports the transition to temporary or permanent housing solutions



WHO DOES IT HELP?

- Focused on heavily impacted counties where no shelter solution are available
- Survivors who need shelter and meet the program eligibility criteria



HOW DO I REGISTER?

Go to: [Disaster Recovery Temporary Housing Program \(DRTHP\) | DisasterRecovery.iowa.gov](https://DisasterRecovery.iowa.gov)

Contact Customer Service:

Phone Number: (608) 480-8808

Toll-Free Number: (833) 307-6030

Hours of Operation:

7:00 AM -8:00 PM; 7 days a week

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