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News Release

Storm Survivors May Be Eligible for Lodging Reimbursement

Harrisburg, Pa. - Pennsylvanians who have registered with FEMA may be eligible for reimbursement if they paid out-of-pocket expenses for temporary lodging because of damage to their primary residences from recent flooding, severe storms, and tornadoes.

Lodging expenses may be eligible for reimbursement if an applicant:

- registers with FEMA
- passes identity verification
- verifies occupancy in a primary residence within a designated county
- verifies that the primary residence is uninhabitable or inaccessible
- incurs disaster-related temporary lodging expenses (room plus taxes) between August 31, 2021 and the first 30 days after receiving FEMA rental assistance
- does not have insurance that would cover lodging; and
- did not receive lodging assistance from any source during the same timeframe.

Reimbursement funds are available for eligible applicants under FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. Survivors who are approved for lodging reimbursement must submit zero-balance receipts to FEMA to receive payment. Reimbursement will not cover incidental costs such as phone calls, laundry, internet, food, movies, or pet care.

The eight (8) counties designated for FEMA Individual Assistance are: **Bedford, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and York** counties.

Pennsylvania residents affected by August 31- September 5 storms and flooding have until **November 10** to register for disaster assistance. Registering is free and takes about 20 minutes. There are three ways to register:

- Online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov
- Call the disaster assistance helpline: **800-621-FEMA (3362)**. Lines are open daily from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Help is available in most languages.
 - Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a **TTY** may call **800-462-7585**. If you use **711** or VRS (Video Relay Service) or require accommodations while visiting a center, call **800-621-3362**.
- Visit a disaster recovery center. To find one, go to [FEMA.gov/disaster-recovery-centers](https://www.fema.gov/disaster-recovery-centers) or call the helpline.

For updates on the Pennsylvania response and recovery, follow the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency on Twitter twitter.com/PEMAHQ and Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/PEMAHQ/>. Additional information is available at [fema.gov/disaster/4618](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4618).

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