

What Is It?

The Commonwealth Sheltering Program is available to survivors whose homes were majorly damaged, destroyed, or deemed not habitable in one of the 16 counties* designated for FEMA Individual Assistance in the December 10 and 11 tornadoes. The program will provide emergency sheltering in travel trailers, Kentucky State Parks, or contracted hotels to survivors who are unable to locate rental homes or apartments and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this document.



Who Is Providing This Service?

The Commonwealth of Kentucky, through the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the Transportation Cabinet, and the Division of Emergency Management are working together to provide emergency shelter to individuals and families whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the tornado.

When Does the Program End?

Sheltering is renewable on a 30 day basis. You must be seeking long-term housing solutions while participating in the Commonwealth Sheltering Program. The following steps are designed to help you visualize this process.

- **Have a Plan.** This is an emergency shelter, therefore; your stay here is only temporary.
- **Work the Plan.** Many resources are freely available to you, contact information for the United Way and Catholic Charities is listed below.
- **Achieve the Plan.** Permanent housing such a new rental space or repaired home is the goal. Emergency sheltering, in a state park, hotel, or travel trailer provided by the Commonwealth Sheltering Program is not intended for long-term use.

How Do I Know If I'm Eligible

Tornado survivors must have resided in a primary residence that was majorly damaged or destroyed during the Dec. 10-11 disaster. If your home has been deemed habitable, you are not eligible for emergency sheltering. Households must agree to exit state parks or hotels if a travel trailer on commercial or private property is feasible for their family's situation.

Residents must follow all laws and the emergency sheltering rules provided by the Commonwealth. Residents are also required by the facility providing your sheltering. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the facility.

* Eligible counties: Graves, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Warren, Marshall, Caldwell, Barren, Christian, Fulton, Hart, Hickman, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Ohio, and Taylor.



State Park Sheltering

Kentucky State Parks are providing emergency shelters to displaced families affected by the tornado. Families who need emergency housing should contact their local emergency management office to request lodging. Parks staff can assist walk-ins as they arrive at the park. Families are eligible for housing and food services for up to 4 weeks. Occupancy varies daily at the following state parks:

Barren River Lake State Resort Park
1149 State Park Road
Lucas, KY 42156
Phone: 270-646-2151

Kenlake State Resort Park
542 Kenlake Rd.
Hardin, KY 42048
Phone: 270-474-2211

Kentucky Dam Village
113 Administration Dr.
Calvert City, KY 42044
Phone: 270-362-4271

Lake Barkley State Resort Park
3500 State Park Rd.
Cadiz, KY 42211
Phone: 270-924-1131

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park
20781 Pennyrile Lodge Rd.
Dawson Springs, KY 42408
Phone: 270-797-3421

Hotel Sheltering

The Commonwealth of Kentucky transitioned to provide emergency sheltering services in contracted Kentucky hotels from the American Red Cross as of March 1. Kentucky Emergency Management manages continued care and support services for those sheltered in hotels. If you have any needs related to your hotel emergency lodging, please call the Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) Assistance Line: 978-444-2044.

Non-Sheltering Needs

If you have needs in addition to emergency sheltering, please use the following contact information for casework:

- Please call **United Way at 2-1-1** or 1-844-966-0906 if you lived in Taylor, Warren, Barren, Logan and Hart counties.
- Please call **Catholic Charities of Owensboro at 270-683-1545** if you live in Graves, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Marshall, Caldwell, Christian, Fulton, Hickman, Lyon, Marion, or Ohio counties.

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REGISTER:
governor.ky.gov/tornadoresources

STEP 1

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Visit the Commonwealth's Tornado Resources webpage and click on Commonwealth Sheltering Program.
- Enter the information requested, including your name, the address of the damaged or destroyed home, the number of people in your household, and your FEMA ID number.
- After submitting your registration, you will receive a confirmation email.

STEP 2

ELIGIBILITY & SITE REVIEW

- Kentucky Emergency Management staff will review your eligibility for the program.
- If approved, you will be required to sign occupancy documents.
- If eligibility requirements are met, your property where the travel trailer could be placed will be inspected by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.
- If you do not have property, a commercial site will be assigned to you if you are deemed eligible for the program.

STEP 3

TRANSITION

- The travel trailer will be placed and equipped with utilities.
- Following utility connection and inspection the travel trailer is move-in ready.
- You will sign occupancy documents and receive keys to a travel trailer.
- Eligibility for continued sheltering in your travel trailer 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

- To be eligible, you must have registered for assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Travel trailers are available to survivors whose homes were majorly damaged, destroyed, or deemed not habitable in one of the 16 counties designated for FEMA Individual Assistance: **Barren, Caldwell, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Taylor, and Warren.**

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The program terms include agreement to the following conditions:

- Release of personal information to the Commonwealth, FEMA and volunteer organizations 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.

TRAVEL TRAILER SHELTERING PROGRAMS

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

COMMONWEALTH SHELTERING PROGRAM

This program is available to Kentucky residents who need sheltering assistance. Survivors must first apply to FEMA for disaster assistance to be considered for the Commonwealth Sheltering Program. FEMA and Kentucky Emergency Management are coordinating to ensure there is no duplication of benefits in providing emergency sheltering.

- This option is intended to allow participants to return to or remain in their own communities and makes families with children and the elderly a priority.
- The Commonwealth Sheltering Program is available to survivors whose homes were majorly damaged, destroyed or deemed not habitable in one of the 16 counties designated for FEMA Individual Assistance: **Barren, Caldwell, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Taylor and Warren.**

COMMONWEALTH SHELTERING Q&A

Who can apply for the Commonwealth Sheltering Program?

The Commonwealth Sheltering Program is for survivors from the 16 counties declared disaster areas in the December 10 and 11 tornadoes. To be eligible for the Commonwealth Sheltering 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.



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FEMA DIRECT HOUSING PROGRAM

This program provides temporary housing to eligible survivors where rental properties may not be available.

- FEMA has approved direct temporary housing assistance in six (6) Kentucky counties: **Caldwell, Graves, Hopkins, Marshall, Muhlenberg and Warren.**
- FEMA is contacting survivors in these counties who applied for assistance and may be eligible for direct temporary housing options.

FEMA DIRECT HOUSING Q&A

Do survivors need to apply for disaster assistance from FEMA to qualify for Direct Temporary Housing?

Yes. A survivor must apply with FEMA to be considered for Direct Temporary Housing. Survivors whose primary residence is deemed unsafe, unlivable, or uninhabitable within one of the six counties designated for direct temporary housing assistance may be eligible for a temporary housing unit. FEMA will contact those survivors who meet the eligibility criteria to discuss their housing needs.

COMMONWEALTH SHELTERING Q&A**Do survivors need to apply for disaster assistance from FEMA for sheltering provided by the Commonwealth?**

Yes, survivors must first apply with FEMA for disaster assistance to be eligible for the Commonwealth Sheltering Program. The Commonwealth 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 Commonwealth Sheltering Program?

The Commonwealth Sheltering Program will provide temporary travel trailers to survivors who are unable to locate rental homes or apartments.

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

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

How do survivors sign up for the Commonwealth Sheltering Program?

Survivors must first apply with FEMA for disaster assistance. If survivors are in need of sheltering, they may visit governor.ky.gov/tornadoresources.

FEMA DIRECT HOUSING Q&A**How does a survivor qualify for FEMA's Direct Housing?**

Survivors whose primary home is determined to be unlivable as a result of damage caused by storms, flooding, or tornadoes may be considered for Direct Housing Assistance. FEMA may contact those survivors who meet the eligibility criteria to discuss their housing needs,

An applicant must apply with FEMA to be considered for direct housing. FEMA will contact those who are eligible for a direct housing referral. Apply with FEMA the following ways:

- Visit DisasterAssistance.gov
- Use the [FEMA mobile app](#)
- Call the **FEMA Helpline** at **800-621-3362**.

Application deadline: **March 14, 2022**.

What types of housing are available through Direct Housing?

FEMA provides direct temporary housing assistance in the form of travel trailers, manufactured homes, or apartments in multi-family properties. FEMA matches applicants to the best available housing option for the household based on the type and location of the unit, household composition, access and functional needs, and their permanent housing plan.

If a survivor receives a FEMA housing unit, can they obtain other types of FEMA assistance?

Yes. If you are a homeowner, you may be eligible to receive FEMA financial assistance for home repairs and replacement. Homeowners and renters may be eligible for FEMA's Other Needs Assistance program for limited personal property losses. Survivors who receive direct temporary housing are no longer eligible for continued rental assistance while they are occupying a FEMA unit.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply for the Commonwealth Sheltering Travel Trailer Program?

The Commonwealth Sheltering Program is for survivors from the 16 counties* declared for FEMA Individual Assistance in the December 10 & 11 tornadoes. To be eligible for the Commonwealth Sheltering 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.

What does it cost to participate in the program?

This program is sponsored by the Commonwealth of Kentucky which provides sheltering units to eligible survivors for free. If you are assigned a sheltering unit at a group site, you will not be required to pay electric, sewer and water.

Am I eligible if my home was damaged in a disaster other than the Dec. 11-12 tornadoes?

No. The Commonwealth Sheltering Program is specifically for survivors of the Dec. 11-12 tornadoes who resided in one of the following 16 counties when their homes were damaged or destroyed: Barren, Caldwell, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Taylor and Warren.

Am I eligible if I have homeowners or renters insurance?

If you have insurance, filed your insurance claim and registered with FEMA and still need temporary sheltering assistance, you may be eligible. Complete your registration and continue to work with FEMA, insurance, and other available resources on your recovery options.

What is a commercial site?

A commercial site is a public location where two or more households will be sheltering in their own individual travel trailer units. The site may currently be used or have previously been used as a RV park or a manufactured housing community.

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