Combined Kentucky Recovery Update

Aug. 19, 2024

May 21-27 Incident (DR-4804-KY) Recovery Update

Federal Assistance by the Numbers

- **FEMA**: As of Aug. 18, FEMA's Individuals and Households Program has approved \$1,508,871, consisting of \$942,866 in Housing Assistance and \$566,005 in Other Needs Assistance.
- SBA: As of Aug. 18, the SBA has disbursed \$49,000, in low-interest disaster loans to one homeowner affected by the May 21-27, severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides.

How To Apply for FEMA Assistance Following May 21-27 Severe Weather

Kentucky homeowners and renters in Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Christian, Clay, Greenup, Hopkins, Knox, Logan, Muhlenberg, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Warren and Whitley counties who experienced damage or losses caused by the May 21-27 severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides may apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

There are several ways to apply: Go online to <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, call 800-621-3362 from 7 a.m. to midnight local time every day, visit a Disaster Recovery Center or use the <u>FEMA mobile app</u>. If you use a relay service such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.

To view information about how to apply for FEMA disaster assistance in American Sign Language with captioning and a voiceover, please check the YouTube link.

. The deadline to apply for FEMA Individual Assistance is Sept. 22, 2024.

In-Person Assistance Available in 9 Disaster Recovery Centers

- Clay County (Mobile DRC): Clay County Community Center, 311 Highway 638, Manchester, KY 40962. Working hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Saturday, Aug. 19-24.
- Caldwell County (DRC): Caldwell County Emergency Operations Center, 102 Northfield Drive, Princeton, KY
 42445. Working hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Central Time, Monday through Saturday.
- Calloway County (DRC): Calloway County Fairground, 211 Fairground Road, Murray, KY 42071. Working hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Central Time, Monday through Saturday.



- Greenup County (DRC): Flatwoods Senior Center, 2511 Reed St., Flatwoods, KY 41139. Working hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Saturday.
- Hopkins County (DRC): 114 Madison Square Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Working hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m.,
 Central Time, Monday through Saturday.
- Muhlenberg County (DRC): Muhlenberg County Training Center, 61 Career Way, Central City, KY 42330. Working hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Central Time, Monday through Saturday.
- Simpson County (Mobile DRC): Simpson County Health Department, 1131 South College Street, Franklin, KY 42134. Working hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Central Time, Monday through Saturday, Aug. 19-24.
- Todd County (Mobile DRC): Todd County Dispatch Center, 813 South Main Street, Elkton, KY 42220. Working hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Saturday, Aug. 19-24.
- Trigg County (DRC): Trigg County Emergency Operations Center, 39 Jefferson Place Cadiz, KY 42211. Working hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Central Time, Monday through Saturday.

It is not necessary to go to a center to apply for FEMA assistance. Survivors can go online to <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, call 800-621-3362 or use the <u>FEMA mobile app</u> to apply. If you use a relay service, such as video relay, captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

Child Care Assistance Is Available for Kentuckians Affected by May 21-27 Severe Weather

Kentucky disaster survivors may be eligible for FEMA Child Care Assistance even if they did not have property damage.

FEMA may award payment for Child Care Assistance under its Other Needs Assistance program to those with disaster-caused childcare expenses following the May 21-27 Kentucky severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides.

Child Care Assistance covers standard childcare service fees and personal assistance services that support activities of daily living for individuals with disabilities. Assistance may be available for up to eight weeks per child or household. The maximum amount for childcare for Kentuckians is \$1,260 per child.

Displacement Assistance Available for Kentuckians Affected by May 21-27 Severe Weather

FEMA's Individual Assistance program has recently implemented significant updates, including Displacement Assistance. If you were affected by the May 21-27 severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides you may be eligible for this new type of assistance.

Displacement Assistance is money survivors can use to stay in a hotel or motel, stay with family and friends, or stay in any other available housing option.

FEMA generally provides one Displacement Assistance award per household to assist all members of the household.

Renters Affected by May 21-27 Severe Weather Can Apply for FEMA Assistance

FEMA Individual Assistance is available to Kentucky renters, including students, as well as homeowners who experienced damage or losses caused by the May 21-27 severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides.

Federal grants may help pay for temporary housing. The initial rental grant is for a one-month or two-month period and can be reviewed for further assistance.

Renters may also qualify for a grant under FEMA's Other Needs Assistance program for uninsured essential personal property losses and other disaster-related expenses. These may include:

- Replacement or repair of necessary personal property, such as clothing, textbooks, or school supplies as well as furniture or appliances renters purchased. FEMA will not cover furniture or appliances provided by the landlord.
- Replacement or repair of tools and other job-related equipment required by the self-employed.
- Replacement or repair of primary vehicles.
- Disaster-related uninsured or out-of-pocket medical, dental, childcare, moving and storage expenses.

How To Appeal FEMA's Decision

If you receive a letter from FEMA saying you are ineligible for assistance, you can appeal the decision and provide more information. It is possibly something as simple as missing documentation or information.

It is important to include documentation to support your reason for appeal. Provide any documents FEMA has requested, such as documents from your insurance company and documents that prove occupancy or ownership.

Be sure to write your FEMA application number and the disaster number (DR-4782-KY) on each page of your appeal to FEMA and on any documents that are submitted. FEMA receives numerous documents with every appeal; writing your application number on each page submitted helps to organize your case.

Mail your appeal within 60 days from the date on your FEMA decision letter to:

FEMA - Individuals & Households Program National Processing Service Center

P.O. Box 10055

Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055

You can also upload your appeal documentation to your account on DisasterAssistance.gov, or fax to 800-827-8112.

American Bar Association Offers Free Legal Aid to Kentucky Storm Survivors

Free legal assistance is available to disaster survivors who were affected by the April 2 and/or the May 21-27, severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides throughout Kentucky. The legal assistance team may also help survivors to write FEMA appeal letters.

Kentuckians who need help can call 859-993-0300, 8:30 a.m. -- noon; 1:00 -- 4:30 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. If after business hours, survivors can leave a message and calls may be returned on the next business day. The hotline is available to connect survivors to free legal services in qualifying counties who cannot afford an attorney.

More Information About DR-4804-KY

More Disaster Survivors May Get Free Legal Aid from American Bar Association

How Public Assistance Is Different from Individual Assistance

FEMA Supporting Multiple Disasters in Kentucky

FEMA Crews Hit Streets in Kentucky To Help Those Affected by May 21-27 Severe Weather

FEMA May Contact You by Text To Schedule Inspection

Information For Kentuckians Affected By April 2 Incident (DR-4782-KY)

Understanding Your FEMA Letter

What to Expect After You Apply for FEMA Assistance

Be Aware of Potential Fraud and Scams

Vehicle Repair and Replacement Assistance

Citizenship and Immigration Status Requirements for FEMA Assistance

FEMA Speaks Your Language

FEMA May Be Trying to Reach You