

## FACT SHEET

## Manufactured Housing Options

- **Temporary Housing options including Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs) and Travel Trailer or Recreational Vehicles (RVs)** may be available for Texans recovering from Hurricane Harvey.
- The use of manufactured housing units, travel trailers or RVs is one of several housing solutions for Texans after Hurricane Harvey. **FEMA determines if applicants are eligible and pairs them with the best available housing solution** to meet their individual needs. **Not everyone will be eligible, but it will provide needed support to those survivors who do qualify.**
- MHUs and RVs are provided as a **temporary housing solution** by FEMA at the request of the state and is **not intended to be a permanent housing option** for flood survivors.
- The first step to be considered eligible for direct housing assistance is to be **registered with FEMA** by visiting [www.fema.gov/apply-assistance](http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance), [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov), calling 1-800-621-3362/TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visiting a nearby disaster recovery center.

### Eligibility

- Applicants may be eligible if they are:
  - Homeowners with **\$17,000 or more damage** to their home based on the FEMA **inspection.**
  - Renters whose home received **major damage or has been destroyed** based on the FEMA inspection.
- Direct Temporary Housing participants must reside **in a county designated for Direct Housing.**
  - **Designated counties are:** Aransas, Austin, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton.
- **If applicants meet the criteria, they may be contacted by FEMA, the Texas General Land Office (GLO), the Council of Governments or local government regarding their next steps.**

## **Installation**

- Applicants approved for an MHU, RV or travel trailer **will sign right of entry agreements** relating to access and installation for the manufactured housing unit, RV or travel trailer. **The potential MHU, RV or travel trailer site will be inspected for feasibility** by FEMA, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) or local government.
- **Utilities including sewer, power and water must be available and in proper working order at the site.** Payment of the utilities are the responsibility of the applicant.
- Homeowners whose site cannot accommodate a unit, **the unit may be placed in a rented space** in a commercial MHU or RV/travel trailer park. Renters will be placed on a commercial MHU or RV/travel trailer park.
- **A unit cannot be occupied until the contractor has installed the MHU, RV or travel trailer, made appropriate utility and septic connections** and, if necessary, a separate electrical meter pole has been installed. Individuals will need to contact their power company to request an additional meter drop.
- The MHU, RV or travel trailer will be placed at the approved location. **Contractors will coordinate with local government officials to administer all necessary permits.** The recipient will need to establish electric service with a local provider.
- Once utilities are connected, permits are issued and the unit has been inspected and is ready for occupancy, the recipient will sign necessary occupancy agreements and documents and may occupy the unit.
- An occupant's need for housing assistance **will be re-evaluated on a regular basis** to determine continued eligibility for the entire period of assistance and is subject to the occupant meeting eligibility requirements.

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