

Hurricane Florence Displaced Household Fact Sheet

- Persons in declared disaster counties in North Carolina who have been displaced from their housing by Hurricane Florence may be able to obtain housing in USDA Rural Development financed apartment throughout North Carolina and other states.
- Persons with USDA issued Letters of Priority Entitlement (LOPE) letters OR with FEMA registration numbers may be entitled to priority treatment ahead of normal waiting list procedures when applying for apartments in the USDA Rural Development Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program.
- Because actual vacancies in RD properties across North Carolina and other states vary and are subject to change on a daily basis, people seeking priority treatment are encouraged to contact properties directly to see what vacancies actually exist. All properties may be found by following this link to the USDA Multi-Family Housing Rentals site: https://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select_state.jsp
- The link to the USDA Multi-Family Housing Rentals site is also located on the USDA RD North Carolina Website at this address: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/nc>. Just look under the banner for "North Carolina Highlights."
- Persons seeking priority application processing for a vacancy should contact the individual property and let them know that they either have a USDA LOPE letter or that they have a FEMA registration number.
- Persons should understand that in the event of competing LOPE or FEMA applicants, consideration will be given to housing applicants in the most appropriate sized apartment for the household, i.e. a 2 bedroom apartment would be more appropriately assigned to a household of 3 than a household of 1, etc.
- If there is any question or confusion at the property concerning the appropriate priority for a LOPE holder or FEMA registration, persons should contact the USDA RD State Office, Multi-Family Housing Division in Raleigh at 919-873-2050. In addition should interested persons have any other questions concerning the USDA RD Section 515 Program housing, they may call the same number.