



# Did you recently come from Puerto Rico? You may be able to find housing in Massachusetts



## Can FEMA help with temporary housing?

Yes. FEMA can help with short-term housing, including hotels. FEMA may also help with longer term rental assistance.

## How can I get housing help from FEMA?

- Contact the nearest Family Resource Center
  - By phone dial 2-1-1
  - Online at [frcma.org](http://frcma.org)
- Online at [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov)
- Telephone FEMA Helpline toll free at 800-621-3362

## If I had a Section 8 voucher in Puerto Rico, can I use it in Massachusetts?

Yes. Ask the Family Resource Center (dial 211) to help you find a housing agency to use your Section 8 voucher in Massachusetts.

## Will I have priority for public or subsidized housing in Massachusetts?

Yes. As a disaster victim you have priority for state public housing and *some* subsidized housing. Ask the Family Resource Center to help you find a state or federal public housing authority in the area where you want to apply.

## Can I stay with family or friends?

Yes. But *Only* if the landlord agrees and in most cases only temporarily.

## To talk to an advocate

Contact your local legal services program.

Go to Massachusetts Legal Resource Finder - [MassLRF.org](http://MassLRF.org) - or contact a program listed below.

If you live in	Your local legal services is	Phone	Web address
Greater Boston or Eastern Massachusetts	Greater Boston Legal Services	617-371-1234	GBLS.org/Get-Legal-Help
Framingham Metro West region Southern Norfolk County	MetroWest Legal Services	508-620-1830 800-696-1501	MWLegal.org/GetLegalHelp/FAQs
Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire or Worcester Counties	Community Legal Aid	855-252-5342	CommunityLegal.org/Apply-Online
Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket Plymouth Counties, Avon or Stoughton	South Coastal Counties Legal Services	800-244-9023	SCCLS.org/Contact.asp
Essex or Northern Middlesex Counties– Northeastern Massachusetts	Northeast Legal Aid	978-458-1465 800-336-2262	NortheastLegalAid.org/request-legal-services

## Helpful Websites

- FEMA Hurricane Maria site: [fema.gov/hurricane-maria](https://fema.gov/hurricane-maria)
- Family Resource Centers: [frcma.org/](https://frcma.org/)
- FEMA hotels in Massachusetts: [femaevachotels.com/index.php](https://femaevachotels.com/index.php)
- Massachusetts housing authorities: [hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/](https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/)
- Massachusetts regional housing agencies:  
[mass.gov/service-details/regional-administering-agencies-contact-listing](https://mass.gov/service-details/regional-administering-agencies-contact-listing)
- General Information about assistance for disaster victims:  
[masslegalservices.org/content/massachusetts-housing-resources-hurricane-maria-survivors](https://masslegalservices.org/content/massachusetts-housing-resources-hurricane-maria-survivors)