

FEMA ENCOURAGES OCCUPANTS TO TAKE STEPS TO STAY SAFE THIS WINTER

NEW ORLEANS – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourages all occupants living in temporary housing units to take steps to stay safe and warm this winter.

“With the recent cold weather, FEMA is encouraging all occupants of temporary housing units to follow a few simple steps to stay safe and warm this winter,” said Mark Landry, Interim Director, Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office. “Over the last week FEMA has been actively reaching out to households in temporary housing units across Louisiana to ensure that heaters in the units are working properly and that safety precautions are being taken. Most important is that individuals only use the built in heaters in their temporary housing units. Additionally, we are reminding households that if they have any additional needs or maintenance requests, they should call 1-877-876-7774 immediately.”

To ensure the safety of all residents, here are some safety tips to follow:

- Anyone living in a temporary housing unit should use only the built in heater.
- Make sure the heater vent on the outside of the unit is not blocked or covered.
- Never run a generator indoors or even outdoors near an open window.
- Never use the gas oven in the kitchen to heat any type of home.
- Shut off all appliances before leaving home.
- Know where the propane shutoff valve is located and how to shut it off.
- Know where the fire extinguisher is located in the unit and learn how to use it.
- Learn how to use an emergency window opening device in the unit.

For maintenance or repairs, trailer residents should call 1-877-876-7774.

FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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