Weather Emergency

Links to Free Legal Help After a Weather-Related Emergency.

This page provides information on how to find local, state, and national resources if you need legal help after a flood, wildfire, tornado, or other weather-related emergency. Looking for information on the coronavirus? Click here.

Statewide Resources

Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA)

Find information about the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and available resources after a disaster hits.

Tennessee Attorney General - Protecting Consumers Page

Following a natural disaster, victims may come across predatory home repair ripoffs. The Tennessee Attorney General's Office protects consumers and businesses from those who engage in unfair or deceptive business practices. Find consumer information or file a complaint at the link above.

National Resources:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Find information about natural disasters from FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, at the above resource.

Apply for Government Disaster Relief Benefits

You can apply for assistance and government disaster relief benefits at the above link. Enter your city and state or ZIP code to see if your area has been declared for

Individual Assistance.

Currently Open Red Cross Shelters Nationwide

If you have been affected by a disaster, you can find open Red Cross Shelters near you using this resource. Find out if you are eligible, what you can bring, and the services offered.

National Disaster Legal Aid Assistance

Pro Bono Net and Lone Star Legal Aid developed this resource to create a public network of legal advocates working on disaster legal aid. If you have been affected by a disaster, you can find general information helpful to disaster relief on housing, insurance claims, insurance, employment, and more. You can also find organizations in your state that may be able to provide free legal help to you if you qualify.

Free Legal Advice:

TN Free Legal Answers

If you are in Tennessee, the website, <u>TN Free Legal Answers</u>, allows you to ask a lawyer for help with a legal issue at no cost. It is fast and easy, and all you need is a computer. This is a FREE service for people who cannot afford a lawyer.

How it works:

- 1. You will answer a few questions to see if you qualify for their service. If you qualify, you will have the option to create an account.
- 2. If you qualify, you will then ask their volunteer attorneys your non-criminal legal question.
- 3. Once your question receives a response, you will get an email. You will need to sign into the website to read your response and ask any additional questions.

Additional Statewide Resources

Standard Court Forms for all of Tennessee

This resource contains standard court forms that are approved for all counties of Tennessee. If you need help filing one of these forms, you can ask a lawyer in your area.

Statewide Directory

The Statewide Directory provides information about Legal Aid Attorneys and other agencies by county in Tennessee.

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