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## CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT STAYING IN YOUR STORM DAMAGED HOME? TELL FEMA NOW

TRENTON, N.J. – Nearly six weeks after Hurricane Sandy ravaged New Jersey, survivors have a chance to reconsider a decision they made in the immediate aftermath of the disaster.

Thousands of New Jersey survivors answered “will not relocate” when FEMA housing inspectors asked what they planned to do while repairs are being made on their homes or apartments. That response made them ineligible for FEMA temporary housing assistance.

Some who would like FEMA help today may find the window still open.

Here’s what to do:

- If it has been less than 30 days since you received a FEMA determination letter, call **800-621-3362** and tell FEMA that your housing situation has changed and that you’d like temporary housing assistance.
- However, if it has been more than 30 days since you received a FEMA determination letter, you will need to reply in a letter to FEMA stating that you want to change your earlier response, explain how your circumstances have changed and that you’d like FEMA temporary housing assistance.

Survivors can follow up on previous applications online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov), or by web-enabled mobile device at [m.FEMA.gov](http://m.FEMA.gov). By phone or 711/VRS, call **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. Help is also available at FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers, which can be found at [www.fema.gov/DRClc](http://www.fema.gov/DRClc).

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