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**PAHOUSINGSEARCH.COM IS AVAILABLE  
TO HELP PEOPLE DISPLACED BY HURRICANE SANDY**

*As wind and rain from the hurricane batter the state, landlords are urged to list available rental units on this statewide service to quickly help identify housing for disaster victims*

HARRISBURG – Pennsylvanians who may be displaced from their homes due to damage from Hurricane Sandy are reminded that an online housing locator is available to help them quickly find affordable rental housing. Located on the web at [www.PAHousingSearch.com](http://www.PAHousingSearch.com), there is no cost for using this service. People without Internet access can call the toll-free number provided below for help using this service.

To ensure that displaced residents can find stable housing quickly, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency is urging all property providers to list available rental housing on PAHousingSearch.com. The process of listing an available unit takes about 10 minutes, is completely free and can be done online or through a toll-free call center.

“Having a comprehensive, centralized housing locator in place to help victims during a crisis is one of the key reasons we joined with other state agencies to launch PAHousingSearch.com 18 months ago,” said PHFA Executive Director and CEO Brian A. Hudson Sr. “It’s critical that as many housing options as possible be made available to victims, so we hope landlords will log on and take advantage of this free and easy way to promote their open units right away.

“Making sure our state’s residents can stabilize their lives quickly will help minimize the trauma that comes from being displaced from their homes. PAHousingSearch.com helped many families following Hurricane Irene last year, so it’s already proven its value in these kinds of situations.”

Landlords with available housing are asked to log on to [www.PAHousingSearch.com](http://www.PAHousingSearch.com) or contact the toll-free call center to add properties at 1-877-428-8844. Listing and searching for rental units is always completely free. If property owners have rentals listed on PAHousingSearch.com that sustain damage from the storm, they are asked to update their status as soon as possible.

People who have been displaced from their homes due to Hurricane Sandy can work with emergency management officials as Disaster Resource Centers are established in order to identify replacement housing. They also can go directly to [www.PAHousingSearch.com](http://www.PAHousingSearch.com), or call 1-877-428-8844 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. to find safe housing.

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### About PHFA

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency works to provide affordable homeownership and rental apartment options for older adults, low- and moderate-income families, and people with special housing needs. Through its carefully managed mortgage programs and investments in multifamily housing developments, PHFA also promotes economic development across the state. Since its creation by the legislature in 1972, it has generated \$10.7 billion of funding for more than 149,200 single-family home mortgage loans and 83,000 rental units, while saving the homes of more than 45,350 families from foreclosure. PHFA programs and operations are funded primarily by the sale of securities, not by public tax dollars. PHFA is governed by a 14-member board.

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