

# East Kentucky Flood Relief Efforts

## Tips to Organizing Donations in Your County

### First Steps:

- Decide where to donate, contact location, and agree to delivery date and time.
  - Location Options:
    - Location A (Name, Address, Contact Name, Cell Number)
    - Location B (Name, Address, Contact Name, Cell Number)
    - Location C (Name, Address, Contact Name, Cell Number)
- Determine if event is single county or multi county effort.

### Determine who County Contact(s) will be.

- Consider having two contacts:
  - Farmer/Agriculture Contact – to handle questions on materials and trailers.
  - Recordkeeping Contact – to take donation forms and track/input on spreadsheet.

### Consider having a staging location for donations.

- Helpful for those interested in donating but can't haul.
- Hay and supplies can be stored and put on empty trailers prior to delivery date.

### If having staging location:

- Coordinate with farmer or ag retailer to have tractor on-site to unload/load trailers.
- Consider working with local police for night security of donations and trucks/trailers at staging area overnight before departure.

### Why utilize donation forms?

- Filling out a form forces people to finalize donation decision.
- This makes trailer coordination easier.
- Forms can be collected via text or paper copy.

### Promotion of donation effort:

- Create flyer (template available)
- Announce at in-person meetings (Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's, Soil Conservation, etc.)
- Post and encourage sharing on social media.
- Request inclusion in County Extension Newsletter.

### On Donation Delivery Day consider:

- Organizing a caravan to ensure any truck issues can be handled by the group if needed.
- Coordinating a police escort if any concern of load size/roads on route

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When determining how many trailers are needed utilize these cheat sheets:

- Be aware that the maximum height of loads is 13.5 ft.
- Calculations in cheat sheets below are only approximations and are intended to simply aid in determining trailer needs as donations are collected.

**\*Always ask drivers quantity and weight they are comfortable hauling before assigning load. \***

<b>Trailer Weight Cheat Sheet</b>	
<b>Trailer Type</b>	<b>Load Weight Max (lbs.)</b>
Single Tandem	14,000
Dual Tandem	22,000
Tractor Trailer	80,000

<b>Hay Weight Cheat Sheet</b>	
<b>Round Bale Size</b>	<b>Weight (lbs.)</b>
5x4	800
5x5	1,100
5x6	1,500

<b>Trailer and Hay Loading Cheat Sheet</b>		
<b>Trailer Type</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>5x5 Rolls Max</b>
Tractor Trailer	53 ft	28
Gooseneck	24 ft	14
Gooseneck	20 ft	11

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