

The Winter Storm Housing Support Docket

What is the purpose of the Winter Storm Housing Support Docket?

The purpose of this docket is to provide support to renters who are facing eviction with application support for community-based rental assistance in order to keep as many people in their homes as possible.

When will the docket meet?

The docket will meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30pm.

Who is eligible to be on the Winter Storm Support (RETURN) Docket?

If a person's inability to pay rent between February 1 and March 31 is related to the winter storm, this person shall be referred to the first available court date on the Winter Storm Support Docket. Litigants facing eviction based on a nonmonetary reason, usually related to safety issues, are not eligible.

If the person is referred to the Winter Storm Support Housing Docket, what should the litigant expect?

The litigant will receive the first available court date. At that initial appearance, the litigant will receive assistance. The services include help with completing applications and developing a plan to pay back and future rent. The Court will set a second date, at this time, a final hearing will be held regarding the detainer warrant. This will give the litigant in some cases more than 7 days to resolve the case.

What if there is a dispute about the person being eligible to be on the Winter Storm Housing Support Docket?

The judge will conduct a hearing to determine the person's eligibility.

How long will the Winter Storm Docket be in session?

The docket will remain open between March 1 and April 30. If the court finds that it necessary to extend beyond this date, the docket will be extended.

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE: Winter Storm Housing Support Docket

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Upon the unanimous approval of the General Sessions Court Judges, there is hereby created the Winter Storm Housing Support Docket. The purpose of this docket is to provide support to tenants who are facing eviction in the aftermath of the winter storm which struck Nashville and Davidson County on January 24 and 25, 2026. The docket will begin on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, and will remain open until April 30, 2026. If the court finds it necessary to extend the docket past this end date, a subsequent order will be entered.

If a person's inability to pay rent between February 1, 2026, and March 31, 2026, is related to the winter storm, that person is eligible for and will be referred to the Winter Storm Support Docket. Tenants facing eviction based on a non-monetary reason are not eligible for this docket.

The Winter Storm Support Docket will operate as a "return" docket meaning that the tenant who is named as a defendant in a detainer action shall initially appear on the regular docket on the original court date at which time the court will determine whether the tenant is eligible for the Winter Storm Support Docket, or the court may continue the case as allowed by law if extra time is needed to determine eligibility. If ultimately deemed eligible, the tenant's case shall be placed on the first available court date of this new temporary docket.

So long as the Winter Storm Support Docket program remains in existence, the docket will be held each Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Courtrooms 1A and 1B. The judges assigned to Courtrooms 1A and 1B for the regular morning dockets will preside over the afternoon 1:30 p.m. docket.

If any judge assigned to the regular morning docket in either Courtroom 1A or 1B determines on any given day that they are not available for the afternoon Winter Storm Support Docket, that judge will contact the Presiding Judge who, in turn, will assign another judge to cover the docket.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 13th day of February, 2026.



Robin Kimbrough Hayes, Division V
Presiding Judge