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FRANKFORT (November 14, 2002) – Many of Kentucky's neighbors are reeling from the effects of the severe storms that occurred Veteran's Day weekend. A natural reaction during times like these is to want to help, however, Dave Boyer, Donations Coordinator for the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, advises potential donors to be patient and be organized. "Make sure you know what's needed before you make a donation or launch an appeal."

Kentuckians wishing to organize an effort to collect money or donations for Tennessee tornado victims should contact the Tennessee Donations Coordinator Bill Cooper at 800-258-3300/3400 extension 2912/2907 to get a current list of the donated items needed.

The Tennessee Disaster Relief Fund has been established by the Tennessee Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster with all funds raised going to help disaster victims. Donations to that fund can be made payable to the Tennessee Disaster Relief Fund and can be mailed care of Bank of America, 133 Franklin Rd., Brentwood Tennessee 37024.

Donations always need to be made through a reliable relief organization. Often unsolicited donations of goods become part of the garbage that must be removed during the cleanup phase of disaster response.

More guidelines for donations during times of disaster can be found on the Division of Emergency Management's web site at <http://kyem.dma.state.ky.us>. Donations may always be made through organizations such as the American Red Cross (1-800-HELP NOW) or the Salvation Army (1-800-SAL ARMY.)