Emergency Living Conditions with another Family

Many families generously offer their own home and food to neighbors and friends who have lost their homes during a disaster. The situation can become tense and unnerving. To avoid this happening try to remember these points if you are a guest in someone else's home:

* Don't insist on being in on everything.
* Don't interfere with the discipline of someone else's children.
* Try to live your own life regardless of how difficult that is in the present situation.
* Don't overstay your welcome. A week is long enough to be living with another family.
* Your insurance may pay for temporary living arrangements (e.g. hotel or rental home). If so, use the funds as soon as possible.

If you are the host:

* Help your guest find a way to contribute to the running of your household.
* Be patient and understanding. A person experiencing disaster is usually filled with fears and may be very upset and tense.
* Help each person retain a feeling of independence.