



Quick Tips for Finding Rental Housing

Strategies for getting “leads” on potential available rental units:

- Ask friends or family already living in the community if they know of any available rental units.
- Search the classified ads in community newspapers, daily and weekly newspapers, and those serving particular cultural communities or groups of interest.
- Make sure to buy a newspaper first thing in the morning and check the rental/classified ads; apartments are often rented by 9 a.m. on the first day of advertising.
- Check bulletin boards in grocery stores, laundromats, health clinics, thrift stores, community centres and service clubs.
- Put up your own notices on bulleting boards asking for an apartment or room for rent in an area you like.
- Go from building to building and ask building superintendents if there are apartments for rent now or if one will be available soon and fill out an application to go on the waiting list.
- Ask about apartments and houses to rent at the local library and at local schools.
- If you are a member of a local church, mosque or synagogue or other place of worship put the word out among fellow members; they may be aware of unlisted opportunities.
- Universities and community colleges list rooms and apartments for rent for students and there may be inexpensive apartments available during the summer while students are away.
- Find out from the public library or community agencies if there is a registry of rooms and apartments for rent; check the registry often.

In urgent need of accommodation?

- Some private landlords offer short-term accommodation or may not require that you commit to a certain length of time by signing a lease; look online in search tools such as Kijiji and/or Craigslist or in the local newspaper rental advertisements under “temporary” or “short-term” accommodation.





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- Consider renting a motel room temporarily while you are looking for something more permanent; some motels include rooms with kitchenettes and some independent motel operators offer weekly and monthly rates at a reduction.
- Be prepared to spend more on temporary accommodation than if you agreed to sign a 12-month lease on a comparable unit.
 - You might wish to consider renting a room in shared accommodation while you search for your own self-contained unit that is for a longer term. In some cases landlords may be willing to rent a room for a shorter term, particularly if it's close to the end of the month and they have not secured a tenant for the beginning of the next month.
 - Again, online search tools such as Kijiji allow you to narrow your online search by type of rental unit including room rental.

Need more help? In Waterloo Region, these organizations are available to assist you in problem solving:

- [Lutherwood Housing Support Services](#) are offered on a drop-in basis with locations in Kitchener at 41 Weber St W and in Cambridge at 35 Dickson St. Drop-in hours are between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. To speak with staff directly call 519-749-2450 in Kitchener or 519-623-9380 in Cambridge.
- [The Working Centre's](#) Housing and Money Matters Hub is open weekdays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at 58 Queen Street South in Kitchener. You can reach their team by phone at 519-743-1151 ext. 117.
- [Thresholds Homes and Supports](#) compiles a list of bachelor, 1, and 2 bedroom units, as well as rooms in shared accommodation that are more affordable. The list is available in PDF format at www.thresholdssupports.ca (select Our Services & Programs, then Housing, and scroll to bottom of page).