

Beginning your Housing Search

When planning your housing search, you may want to consider:

- Where you want to live.
- Using online resources to search for housing.
- Asking friends or family already living in the community if they know of any available rental units.
- Checking social media for postings and bulletin boards in the areas you are looking to move to.
- Checking the [Apply for Housing](#) page on www.durham.ca

Tips on finding rental housing when you are in immediate need:

- Some private landlords offer short-term accommodation or may not require that you commit to a certain length of time. Search rental advertisements under the “temporary” or “short-term” accommodation listings. Be prepared to spend more on temporary accommodation than if you agreed to sign a 12-month lease on a comparable unit.
- Consider renting a motel room temporarily while you are looking for something more permanent. Some motel operators offer weekly and monthly rates at a reduction and can include kitchenettes.
- You might wish to consider renting a room in shared accommodation, while you search for your own apartment. In some cases, landlords may be willing to rent a room for a shorter term. Remember, if you share a room, you do not have tenant rights under the Residential Tenancies Act.
- Ask family or friends if you can stay with them while you search for housing.
- If in immediate need, then reach out to a [housing support service](#) for connections to an emergency shelter.

