

Where to Find Online Apartment Listings

Most popular:

- [Kijiji](#): Free local classifieds searchable by city and keywords.
- [Gotta Rent](#): Lists everything from suites to townhouses across Canada.
- [Pad Mapper](#): A free tool to help you find an apartment or sublet to rent.
- Social media platforms, such as [Facebook](#), help you find housing in your region. There are multiple Facebook groups that deal with housing options, as well as Facebook marketplace that has a rental section.

Others:

- [24/7 Apartments](#): Search apartment classifieds and houses for rent by selecting a city.
- [Rentboard](#): Listing of private market rental housing featuring rentals of high-rise apartments, walk-up apartments, townhouses, etc.
- [4rent.ca](#): Apartment rental directory
- [www.realtor.ca](#): Also known as MLS, a realtor website that lists spaces available for rent.
- [GSC Rentals](#): Listings of rental properties by city/town.

Abbreviations and Common Terms

Rental advertising often includes abbreviations or common terms, which will let you know what the unit has to offer. This guide will help you make sense of the terms you might come across. The following are the most common abbreviations or terms followed by an explanation:

- **Incl or inclusive** — All utilities (water, electricity, and heat) are included with the rent.
- **A/C** — Air conditioning, probably central air, meaning it comes through the heat vents; otherwise, it could mean air conditioning units that fit in the windows.



- **Appl** — Appliances. All apartments must have a refrigerator—fridge—and stove. Some also have a dishwasher, clothes washer and clothes dryer.
- **Bachelor/Studio** — A type of apartment that has one room for the bedroom, living area and kitchen with a separate room for the bathroom.
- **BR or bdrm** — A bedroom, or an enclosed room for sleeping. In Ontario a two-bedroom apartment with a bathroom is a “2BR” or “2 bdrm.”
- **Cable** — Refers to cable TV. Some apartments offer “free” cable. That means the rent includes the monthly cable fee.
- **Furn** — A furnished apartment. It could include bed(s), table(s), chairs, lamps, curtains, fridge, stove, and basic kitchen utensils. Furnished apartments may be more expensive than unfurnished apartments. Ask the landlord to clean the furniture and carpets before you move in.
- **NS or non-smkr** — No smoking or non-smoker. Some landlords will not rent to people who smoke, especially in shared apartments.
- **Sq. ft.**— Square feet. A 500 sq. ft. apartment is an average 1-bedroom apartment.
- **Util** — Utilities. These include electricity (hydro), water and heat.

Examples of Rental Advertisements

What the Ad Says	What the Ad Means
2 BR furn w/o, 4 appl, util incl.	Two-bedroom furnished apartment with a walk-out; four appliances; utilities are included in the rent.
Lge. 1 bdrm. bsmt., sep entrance, Indry, prkg, transit, \$1200+, no pets	Large one-bedroom apartment in a basement with a separate entrance, laundry facilities, parking and close to transit. Rent is \$1,200 a month and you pay extra for utilities. The owner wants no animals or pets.

