

Finding Housing

1. Determine Your Housing Needs

Housing Type	
Housing Size	
Housing Location	
Rental Budget	
Accessibility	
Other Needs	

2. Put Together a Rental Application

*A blank application is at the back of this package. Fill out what you would like to include and attach any other supporting documents such as a credit check, employment letter, landlord reference, proof of income, etc.

3. Begin Looking For Housing

- Community Boards, “For Rent” Signs in windows, Newspapers, Online, Word of Mouth

Online:

www.kijiji.com

www.facebook.com

www.craigslist.ca

www.remax.ca

www.padmapper.com

www.gottarent.com

If you do not have access to a computer or internet, try visiting:

-The Library, Krasman Centre, CONTACT Community Services, Bradford Works, ask a friend or family member.

4. Connect With Potential Landlords

Once you find an ad, read the ad thoroughly to ensure it meets your housing needs.

When you find an ad that meets your housing needs, connect to the landlord via phone, email, or text. Some landlords specify how to contact them in their ads.

When phoning a landlord:

- Introduce yourself
- Identify the rental you are asking about
- Ask to view the unit
- Be polite and confident
- If leaving a voicemail, leave your contact information as well

When texting or emailing a landlord:

- Introduce yourself
- Identify the rental you are asking about
- Ask to view the unit
- Read over the text/email before sending it to ensure there aren't spelling mistakes and that it makes sense
- In an email, leave your phone number as well if you'd like

5. Go To Viewings

- Be on time
- Firmly shake landlord's hand
- Introduce yourself

- Be polite
- Bring your rental application package
- Dress appropriately
- Be prepared to ask any questions you may have about the unit

6. Follow Up With the Landlord

If the landlord states you will hear from them on a certain day, and you don't hear from them by that day, phone, email, or text the landlord to inquire about you being a tenant.

If the landlord does not state when you will hear from them, follow up with them a few days after the viewing.

7. Sign The Lease

Once a landlord agrees to have you as a tenant, arrange to meet to have the lease signed.

Ensure you thoroughly read the lease and are in agreeance with it before signing. Don't be afraid to ask the landlord any questions you may have!

8. Pay First and Last Month's Rent

Almost all landlord's require first and last month's rent upon signing the lease or on the move in date.

It is important to try your best to budget to save for first and last month's rent.

If you need assistance with first and/or last month's rent, or moving expenses, please contact the County of Simcoe's Housing Retention Program to apply for financial assistance: 705-722-3132 ext. 1833

CONTACT Community Services

39 Victoria St. East, Alliston

705-435-4900