

Housing



Temporary Housing

When you first arrive in Manitoba, you may need a temporary place to stay. Hostels cost less than hotel rooms. To find temporary housing, check tourism websites in your area or buy a tourist guidebook where you can find lists of accommodation options.

Non-Profit Housing Co-op

Housing co-ops are owned and managed by members or residents. Residents do not own their unit. You must apply to live in these types of housing. Rent is usually lower than renting an apartment or house, so the wait lists can be long.

- More information:
<http://chdgmb.com/what-is-a-housing-co-op-2/>
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/progs/>

Government-Assisted or Subsidized Housing

If you cannot afford to pay your rent, there are programs called government assisted or subsidized housing. Subsidized housing means you pay your rent based on how much money you have. The wait time to get subsidized housing can be long. Sometimes you need to wait years. If you need more information about subsidized housing in your area, talk to your settlement counsellor.

- More information:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/index.html>
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/news/news.html>
<http://www.whrc.ca/>

Shelters

A shelter is emergency housing for people who do not have a home and need a place to go in a crisis. You can only use shelters for a short period of time.

- Find a shelter in your area:
<https://www.winnipegrentnet.ca/help-links/help-emergency.cfm>

Housing for Seniors

There are many types of housing for seniors in Manitoba.

- More information:
<https://www.aosupportservices.ca/resources/seniors-resource-finders/>



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Post-Secondary Student Housing

If you are a student, you can live in housing provided by your university or college. You need to pay to live there. On-Campus housing often includes your meals. Contact the housing department of the university or college you plan to attend for more information. Student residences are sometimes available to people that are not students in the summer.

Renting an Apartment or Home

The Residential Tenancies Act (RTA) contains all the rules that landlords and tenants must follow.

■ Learn more about RTA:

<https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/r119e.php>

Your landlord might ask you to:

- sign a lease – a legal contract to rent for a set period, usually a year
- pay your last month's rent before you move in
- pay a security deposit - this should be returned to you when you move out if you did not damage anything in the apartment
- pay your rent on the first day of every month
- pay your utilities (heat and electricity) separately or as part of your rent

■ Learn more about your rights as a tenant or landlord at Residential Tenancies Branch:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/cca/rtb/>

More information at the Landlord and Tenant Board:

Call 204-945-2476

New Journey Housing can train, help, and support you to find good, affordable housing in Manitoba.

■ Learn more:

<https://www.newjourneyhousing.com/>

Finding Rental Housing

If you want to rent a house, check the classified ads in your community's newspaper. You can also find house rentals in the Yellow Pages:

www.yellowpages.ca

Buying a Home

If you want to buy a house in Manitoba, here are some tips:

- You must have good credit if you want a bank loan or mortgage. Speak to your bank about how you can show your credit history.
- When you make an offer on a house, it should be conditional on passing the home inspection. You need to pay for a home inspection, but it protects you. If a licensed home inspector finds big issues with the house, you can cancel or change your offer.
- More information in the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's guide for newcomers: www.cmhc.ca