

Housing Resources – Steele County

If you are homeless or staying with friend or family due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason:

- Individuals and families with children, contact Semcac at 507-451-7134
- Victims of domestic and sexual violence, contact the Crisis Resource Center at 507-451-1202
- Unaccompanied you who are 24 years old and younger, contact Luther Social Services at 507-316-8273
- Veterans contact MN Assistance Council for Veterans at 507-345-8258
 - Ask about a coordinated entry assessment.
 - Once the assessment is complete, The assessor adds your name to a priority list for homeless services, including assistance finding a home.
 - Keep your contact information current with the assessment site.
 - If you have a child enrolled in the public school system, contact the school and ask to speak to the homeless liaison.

If you need help with housing costs, contact:

- Owatonna Housing and Redevelopment Authority at 507-444-4351
 - You can apply for Section 8 Rental Assistance.
 - They will place you on a waitlist if you meet the eligibility criteria.
 - If given a voucher, you will need to locate housing that meets their criteria.
 - Keep your information up to date with them.
- Visit <https://www.housinglink.org/Streams/> to locate properties with income-based rent. You will need to be placed on a waiting list for each individual property.
- Semcac at 507-451-7134 about Energy Assistance (EAP). This program runs September-May.
- MNPrarie at 507-431-5600 to see if you are eligible for income assistance programs.
- Salvation Army at 507-455-1444

Are you being evicted?

- Talk to the landlord and 1) pay past due rent, 2) set up a payment plan, 3) ask for time to contact agencies for assistance, or 4) arrange for a date to move out.
- Contact Southern MN Regional Legal Service Intake Hotline 888-574-2954
- Contact Home Line for free legal help at 866-866-3546
- Look for assistance to stay in your current housing
 - Semcac 507-451-7134
 - Emergency Assistance through MNPrarie 507-431-5600
 - Transitional Housing of Steele County 507-446-9315

Prepare for renting:

- Visit Housing Benefits 101, **hb101.org** to:
 - Develop a budget and explore options for paying your next place
 - Prepare for a rental tour/interview
 - Visit lawhelpmn.org for information about overcoming criminal or credit barriers
- Prepare for what you will say on the rental interview
 - Ask for the screening criteria from the landlord.
 - If you do not meet the screening criteria, tell the landlord before you pay them the application fee.
 - What has changed or how there will not be any issues with your tenancy
 - Talk about how you will be a good tenant.
 - Ask the landlord to be flexible with their rental criteria if needed.
 - If you need an exception to the screening criteria only pay the application fee if the landlord clearly states, they will make that exception.
- Read about Landlord and Tenant Rights
- Look for rental properties and contact them. Some suggested websites are:
 - Craigslist, <https://rmn.craigslist.org/>
 - Rad Renter, <http://www.radrenter.com>
 - <https://www.apartments.com>
 - Talk to your friends, family, and people in the community about possible rental properties.

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Sample Rents

Apartment	Owatonna	Kasson/Dodge Center	Waseca
Studio	\$574	\$610	\$437
1 Bedroom	\$663	\$720	\$517
2 Bedroom	\$876	\$936	\$681
3 Bedroom	\$1182	\$1235	\$937

Other Information:

- If you are being hurt or abused, the Minnesota Day One Crisis Hotline can assist you in getting help, getting safe, and getting support. Contact them a 1-866-223-1111 <http://www.dayone services .org>.
- Search for resources in your area, <http://www.minnespotahelp.info>, or 1-866-223-1111.
- Crisis Housing Fund provides money to pay for housing costs while you are not able to work due to inpatient treatment for a serious mental illness or substance use disorder. You can call 651-649-1709 or go to, <http://www.mhponline.org/>.
- United Way 2-1-1 provides free and confidential health and human services information for people in Minnesota 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To connect you with the resources and information you need. Whether you are in crisis or need a little support, they are there to help. Call 800-543-7709, text 898-211, or see the website at <https://www.211unitedway.org/>.
 - This includes low-income housing, market-rate rental housing, and senior housing information and referral.

Mankato Area Resources:

- The REACH Drop-In Center is for youth ages 24 or younger. It provides a safe place to gather, food, showers & case management. 125 East Liberty St., Mankato. 507-381-6670. Agency is a Coordinated Entry Homeless access site.
- Theresa House/Welcome Inn Shelters (families & single women) operated by Partners for Affordable Housing. Call to get on their contact list for access, 507-387-6670. Agency is a Coordinated Entry access site.
- Connections Ministry Shelter is an overnight shelter (October-April) church shelter that services all (priority is given to women & families). Intake at Holly grounds 501 2nd Street in Mankato. Intake between 9-11 AM or by appointment, 507-995-4954. Breakfast & showers available at Holy Grounds from 8:15-11 AM.
- Salvation Army Men’s Shelter, open November 1 through the end of March, overnight only. There are showers & laundry facilities. A noon meal is available to anyone. 700 S. Riverfront Dr., Mankato, 507-345-7840.

Rochester Resources:

- Rochester Community Warming Center provides emergency shelter for Rochester area homeless adults, 18 and older, during the winter months. Located at 200 4th Street, SE in downtown Rochester. The season will run from November 1- March 31. The center opens at 9:00 AM and closes at 7:00 AM and is open seven days a week, including holidays. More information at <https://www.ccsomn.org/> or 507-287-2047 EXT.33.
- Women's Shelter and Support Center provides shelter and services to abused women, individuals, and families. If you or a loved one needs immediate assistance, please call the crisis line at 507-285-1010 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For non-emergency inquiries, call 507-285-1938 or visit the website at <https://www.womens-shelter.org/>.
- Rochester Youth Street Outreach with Lutheran Social Services helps youth under 24 without a stable place to stay, you don't have to go it alone. To contact the 24-hour Runaway & Homeless Youth Emergency Hotline, call or text 507-316-8273.
- Family Promise provides shelter, meals, and comprehensive assistance to homeless families in the Rochester area. Contact them at 507-281-3122 or visit their website, <http://familypromiserochester.org/>.