



SOCIAL HOUSING

There are over 7,000 affordable rental and subsidized rental housing units in York Region operated by non-profit, co-operative and municipal organizations.

Non-Profit Housing is owned and operated by community-based, non-profit organizations such as faith groups and service clubs.

Co-operative Housing is owned and operated by its residents. Generally, co-operatives expect residents to actively participate in the operation of their housing community by being a member of a committee or getting involved in other activities.

Housing York Inc., York Region's housing company, owns and operates over 1,900 affordable rental and subsidized rental housing units across York Region.

For more information on Social Housing, contact the Regional Municipality of York, Community Services and Housing Department.

**55 Eagle Street West
Newmarket ON L3Y 8W5**

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Social Housing IN York Region



How Do I Apply for Social Housing?

All social housing providers in York Region use a common application form to apply for rent-geared-to-income assistance.

There are four ways to get an application form:

1. Have an application form mailed to you by calling **1-888-256-1112**.
2. Pick up an application form directly from York Region's Community Services and Housing Department at:
55 Eagle Street West, Newmarket
3. Contact any social housing provider within York Region.
4. Print one directly from our web site **www.york.ca**

The application form includes detailed instructions on how to complete it and where to send it once it is completed.

Who is Eligible for Social Housing?

To be eligible for social housing:

- ▶ All household members must be permanent residents of Canada or have Refugee Claimant Status.
- ▶ At least one person in your household must be 16 years of age or older.
- ▶ You must be able to live independently, with or without support services.
- ▶ For seniors' accommodation, at least one applicant must be 60 years of age or older. Applicants are eligible to be added to the waiting list for a seniors building as long as one member of the household is 58 years of age or older.
- ▶ No member of the household can owe social housing rental arrears to any former social housing landlord.

Modified Units

There are a number of social housing units that have been modified to accommodate people with physical disabilities. These modifications may include wheelchair/scooter accessibility, building architecture including the design and shape of rooms and size of doorways, and physical features such as doors, doorknobs and windows.

More information regarding modified units is available at:

55 Eagle Street West, Newmarket or by calling **1-877-464-9675, Ext. 2499** or on our web site **www.york.ca**.

Is There a Waiting List for Social Housing?

Yes, there is a waiting list. Housing is allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis, based on the date your application is received. Waiting times can vary greatly depending on the social housing community you apply to and the size of the rental unit you require.

There is a Special Priority Policy for victims of domestic violence.

Where is Social Housing Available in York Region?

Social housing is available in a variety of housing communities across York Region. To help you choose appropriate housing, a Housing Directory is available and can be viewed at:

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or on our web site **www.york.ca**.