

VERNON HOUSING GUIDE

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The Social Planning Council for the North Okanagan is located on the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Okanagan Syilx Nation. We acknowledge and give thanks to the land on which we live and work and to the Syilx people who have cared for the lands since time immemorial.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Rental Assistance Program (Families):
For parents with at least one child, who are working and earn \$40,000 or less (before-tax).

Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters Program (SAFER): For low income seniors 60+.

Canada-BC Housing Benefit Program:
For people who do not qualify for BC Housing Rental Assistance Programs.

For more information on these programs visit:
bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-assistance-programs

EMERGENCY LOAN RENTAL PROGRAM

North Okanagan Rent Bank: A one-time loan available to renters (with low- to moderate incomes) who experience a short-term financial challenge (eg. dental bill, car repair) that puts them at risk of being evicted or having essential utilities being cut off.

For eligibility and more information contact the Canadian Mental Health Association - Vernon:
www.cmhavernon.ca or call 250-542-3114

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

For more information on your rights and responsibilities as a tenant please visit:
gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies

For legal information on tenancy laws & support with appeal processes please contact Okanagan Advocacy & Resource Society Services at 778-475-0808



Apply for Affordable Housing in Vernon:

BC Housing Registry:

1. Get the Housing Registration Service Application form
 - Request a Housing Registry application form by mail by calling 1-800-257-7756, print one from the BC Housing website, or fill in a form online.
 - housingapplication.bchousing.org
2. Complete the application form.
3. Submit your completed application:
 - Online: Upload using the BC Housing's Program Upload Form
 - By mail: The Supportive Housing Registry, BC Housing, 101-4555 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 4V8
 - By fax: 604-439-4729

Local Housing Non-Profits:

Most non-profit organizations with housing have their own application forms. It is best to register through the BC Housing Registry as well as directly to local housing non-profit agencies.

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Vernon Amalgamated Shelter (2506 37th Street, Vernon, BC)

- For people over the age of 19 who are unhoused or face barriers to housing
- Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and is dependent on bed availability
- Contact Turning Points Collaborative Society at (250) 241-2217

Transition House Program

- Emergency shelter for women (with or without children) who need immediate safety from abuse in their relationship and for recent survivors of sexual assault
- Contact Archway Society for Domestic Peace at 250-558-3850

Vernon Youth Safe House (#206-2905 28th Ave, Vernon, BC)

- For youth aged 13 – 18 who are unhoused, at risk of becoming homeless, or are at risk of being in an unsafe environment.
- Contact North Okanagan Friendship Center Society at 250-260-7077



LOCAL RESOURCES

Archway Society Society for Domestic Peace

- Emergency shelter for women (with or without children) who need immediate safety from abuse in their relationship and for recent survivors of sexual assault
- Contact: 250-558-3850 or www.archwaysociety.ca

Canadian Mental Health Association Vernon & District (CMHA-Vernon)

- Housing for single adults, couples, families, seniors and persons with disabilities
- Address: 3100-28 Ave, Vernon, BC
- Contact: 250-542-3114 or www.cmhavernon.ca

Vernon Native Housing Society

- Housing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals, families, Elders & seniors
- Address: #41 - 4305 19 Ave, Vernon, BC
- Contact: 250-542-2834 or www.vernonnativehousing.ca

Okanagan Village Housing Society

- Housing for individuals, families, seniors, and people with disabilities
- Address: #100 3502 27 Ave, Vernon, BC
- Contact: 250-545-6475 or www.okvillage.ca

Turning Points Collaborative Society

- Housing for individuals, families, seniors, and people with disabilities.
- Homeless prevention programming and services, emergency shelters and more.
- Address: #102 3301 24 Ave, Vernon, BC
- Contact: 250-542-3555 or www.turningpoints.ngo

North Okanagan Friendship Center Society

- Housing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth (ages 19-29) who are homeless or at risk of being homeless because of a physical, social, or mental condition or disability
- Address: ; 2905 28 Ave, Vernon, BC
- Contact: 250-542-1264 or www.nofcs.ca

NexusBC

- Senior Housing Guide & Connect Program
- Support to people **applying** for housing, problem-solving and referrals to resources
- Address: #102, 3201 30 Street, Vernon, BC
- Contact: 250-545-0585 or www.nexusbc.ca

Vernon & District Immigrant & Community Services Society

- Support to immigrants, refugees, temporary workers, and newcomers **applying** for housing
- 3003 30 Street, Vernon, BC
- Contact: 250-542-4177 or www.vdicss.org

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO FIND HOUSING

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Kijiji provides a variety of apartment, house or condo rentals: Kijiji.ca

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Castanet provides a comprehensive list of rentals available in Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon and Kamloops: Castanet.net

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Facebook groups are a great resource for finding housing. Some groups include: [Vernon BC Places for Rent](#), [For Rent in Vernon, BC](#), [Vernon Home & Suite Rentals](#), and [Pet Friendly Okanagan House, Apartment, and Suite Rentals](#)

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Other great websites include: [Rentals Vernon](#), [Zumper](#) and [Happipad](#)