



## Housing Resources

- [Ramsey County Financial Services Emergency Assistance](#)
  - **NEW!** Saint Paul Public Housing waitlist opens 9/17-9/23. Visit [www.stpha.org](http://www.stpha.org) for more information or to complete an on-line application.
  - **NEW!** Any families who are in need of rent help there is a Families First housing pilot which if any family has a child in grade PreK-3 and attending a participating school they can get rent help **\$300 per month for 3 years.** To get more information email Cindy Torguson at [cindy.torguson@spps.org](mailto:cindy.torguson@spps.org).
  - [Housing Link resources for renters](#)
  - View the [Housing Services and Support page](#) for homeless assistance information
  - Visit [Heading Home Ramsey](#) for additional community partner resources.
  - **Suspending Evictions** - Through July 13th Governor Walz signed Executive Order 20-14 to suspend eviction proceedings during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency. Loss of housing is catastrophic at any time, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, this loss endangers the health and well-being of all Minnesotans. While this order clarifies that tenants who can continue to pay rent during the peacetime emergency should continue to do so, landlords and financial institutions cannot begin eviction proceedings that would remove tenants from stable housing. If you believe your landlord is violating this order, complete this [on-line complaint form](#). What is Suspended During This Order?
    - Filing residential evictions
    - Lease terminations
    - Carrying out a Writ of Recovery: Enforcing an eviction through forcible removal of a household by a sheriff or other officer
    - The order also requests that lenders suspend foreclosures.
    - Tenants and homeowners continue to be responsible to pay rent and mortgage payments on time.
- For Tenants:
- *Rent is not reduced or waived during this suspension.* Once the suspension has ended, owners can file for evictions and removals can be enforced.
  - If you do not pay your rent, it could cause credit problems that will impact future housing options and those payments are critical for landlords/owners to pay their bills.
  - Having trouble making rent? First, be in touch with your landlord right away. Reach out early to discuss potential payment plans or accommodations. Second, you may be eligible for assistance.
- **HOME Line** - HOME Line provides free and low-cost legal, organizing, education, and advocacy services so that tenants throughout Minnesota can solve their own rental housing problems. We work to improve public and private policies relating to rental housing by involving affected

tenants in the process. [HOME Line's](#) tenant hotline remains open during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, our physical office is closed. Please call or email for legal advice about your tenancy. General rental housing information regarding COVID-19 is available here.

- For English, call 612-728-5767 or email your question to one of our housing attorneys.
  - Toll-free from Greater Minnesota: 866-866-3546
  - HOME Line ofrece servicios en español. Para Español, llame al 612-255-8870.
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- **Neighborhood House** is suspending our housing crisis clinics, instead offering phone support, triage and then clear next steps to prevent eviction so families can stay stably housed. We are focusing on the homeless to get people in housing asap as well. We will meet families minimally if needed. Please call 651-789-3602 if there are any questions or needs.
  - **St. Andrews Resource Center** has rental assistance (with eligibility requirements) for areas of suburban Ramsey and Washington County. If people are needing rental assistance, please call 651-762-9124 and we will screen them for preliminary eligibility.
  - [The Safe Space](#) operated by Model Cities is open and accepting shelter guests under relatively normal service. Capacity is slightly reduced for social distancing recommendations.
  - **YMCA** - all programs are continuing as usual, just virtually. Putting a hold on in person programming but doing intakes with youth and providing assistance virtually as much as possible. They are continuing street and community based outreach and moving unstably housed youth into housing where possible including hotels/when if we can.
  - **CDC Interim Guidance** for Homeless Assistance Providers on Covid-19 (Issued March 9, 2020): <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/materials-posted-infectious-disease-preparedness-guidance-for-homeless-assistance-providers/>