State of Washington – Eviction Help

In June 2021, **Governor Inslee announced a "bridge" proclamation** between the eviction moratorium and the housing stability program in place by the Legislature. The bridge is effective July 1 through September 20, 2021 in the State of Washington.

For past rent due from Feb. 29, 2020 through July 31, 2021, landlords are prohibited from evicting a tenant until there is an operational rental assistance program and eviction resolution program in place in their county. Additionally, landlords are prohibited from treating past unpaid rent or other charges as an enforceable debt until the landlord and tenant have been provided with an opportunity to resolve nonpayment through an eviction resolution pilot program.

Beginning August 1, renters are expected to pay full rent, reduced rent negotiated with landlord, or actively seek rental assistance funding. Landlords may only evict a tenant if none of those actions are being taken but must offer the tenant a reasonable re-payment plan before beginning the eviction process. Tenants must also be provided, in writing, the services and support available.

See attached Washington Law Help "Coronavirus (COVID-19): Can my landlord evict me now?" - summary by Northwest Justice Project regarding particulars of bridge protections.

See attached Spokane WA eviction help flyers (one in Spanish)

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) (in cooperation with USDA, HUD, Treasury and VA) has a toolkit for mortgage and housing assistance at this link: https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/?utm source=Toolkit&utm medium=Email&utm campaign=COVIDtoolkit

The toolkit has lots of information and links to resources:

- 1. To help *homeowners* (learn about forbearance, avoiding foreclosure, protections for reverse mortgage borrowers)
- 2. To help *renters* (learn about rental assistance programs, CARES act protection, tenant and debt collection rights, conversations with landlord about payment agreements, facing eviction)
- 3. To help landlords (learn about recovering back rent, explore options and forbearance)
- 4. Locate local legal aid agencies
- 5. Locate local HUD approved housing counselors

If an eviction or foreclosure is alleged to be discriminatory under federal or state law based on a protected class, contact the FHIPs and FHAPs:

FHIPS:

(Eastern Washington) - Northwest Fair Housing Alliance; http://nwfairhouse.org/ 800-200-FAIR (3247)

(SW Washington) - Fair Housing Center of Washington; https://fhcwashington.org/ 844-557-6322

<u>FHAPs</u>

(State of Washington) - Washington State Human Rights Commission; https://hum.wa.gov; 1-800-233-3247

(Tacoma, Washington) - City of Tacoma Office of Equity and Human Rights; https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/equity_and_human_rights; 253-591-5045

<u>HUD approved housing counseling agencies</u>: see attached list, or visit https://apps.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA

Other Agencies:

Resolution Washington's Eviction Resolution Pilot program: <u>ERPP Status by County |</u>
<u>ResolutionWashington</u> (Note: this website is no longer supporting Internet Explorer, so you will need to open the link in another browser)

Legal Aid: https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/find-legal-help/directory

ACLU of Washington

Seattle, WA 98164

206.624.2180

https://aclu-wa.org/

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

Benefits Law Center

Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 686-7252

https://benefitslawcenter.org/

Benton Franklin Legal Aid Tenants/Eviction Assistance

5219 W. Clearwater Avenue Suite 5A Kennewick, WA 99336

```
(509) 221-1824
```

http://www.bflegalaid.org/tenantsevictions-assistance.html

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

• Blue Mountain Action Council Volunteer Lawyer Program

8 E. Cherry Street Walla Walla, WA 99362

(509) 529-4980

https://bmacww.org/

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

Chelan-Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services

18 S. Mission Suite 201 Wenatchee, WA 98801

(509) 663-2778

https://cdcvas.org/

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

Chelan-Douglas VAS Housing Justice Project

18 S. Mission Street Suite 201 Wenatchee, WA 98801

(509) 663-2778 option 6

https://cdcvas.org/HJP

Read this in:

Spanish / Español Russian / Русский

Clark County VLP Housing Justice Project

Vancouver, WA 98660

(360) 334-4007

```
https://www.ccvlp.org/
 Read this in:
 Spanish / Español
Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program
 1104 Main St., Plaza One Vancouver, WA 98660
 (360) 695-5313
 http://www.ccvlp.org/
 Read this in:
 Spanish / Español
Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Legal Aid
 1338 Commerce Avenue, Suite C Basement Floor Longview, WA 98632
 360-425-2579
 http://cwlap.org/
 Read this in:
 Spanish / Español
Disability Rights Washington
 315 Fifth Avenue South Suite 850 Seattle, WA 98104
 (206) 324-1521
 https://www.disabilityrightswa.org
 Read this in:
 Spanish / Español
Eastside Legal Assistance Program
 please contact via telephone Bellevue, WA 98005
```

(425) 747-7274

http://www.elap.org/

Read this in: Spanish / Español

Federal Civil Rights Legal Clinic - Seattle

700 Stewart Street Suite 2310 (Ground Floor) Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 267-7070

http://fba-wdwash.org/looking-for-help/

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

• Federal Civil Rights Legal Clinic - Tacoma

1717 Pacific Avenue Room 3230 Tacoma, WA 98402

(253) 572-5134

http://fba-wdwash.org/looking-for-help/

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

Housing Justice Project | King County

516 Third Avenue, Room-W314 Seattle, WA 98104

(253) 234-4204

https://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Free-Legal-Assistance/Housing-Justice-Project

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

• King County Bar Association, Kinship Care Solutions Project

1200 Fifth Avenue Suite 700 Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 267-7086

http://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Free-Legal-Assistance/Kinship-Care-Solutions

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

King County Bar Association Neighborhood Legal Clinics

call for location and times Seattle, WA 98101

https://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Free-Legal-Assistance/Neighborhood-Legal-Clinics

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

• King County Law Library

King County Courthouse, 516 3rd Avenue, Suite W621; Kent Location: 401 Fourth Avenue N., Suite 1N Seattle, WA 98104

Seattle: (206) 477-1305 | Kent: (206) 477-1316

http://kcll.org/

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

Read this in: Spanish / Español

• Kitsap Housing Justice Project

Kitsap County Courthouse 614 Division St Room 250 Port Orchard, WA 98366

(360) 479-6125

https://kitsaplegalservices.org

Read this in: Spanish / Español

Kitsap Legal Services

920 Park Avenue P.O. Box 1446 Bremerton, WA 98337

360-479-6125

https://kitsaplegalservices.org

Lavender Rights Project

2425 6th Ave S Seattle, WA 98134

(206) 639-7955

https://www.lavenderrightsproject.org/

```
Read this in:
```

Spanish / Español

LAW Advocates

1415 Commercial St. Bellingham, WA 98225

(360) 671-6079

https://lawadvocates.org/

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

Law Advocates - Tenant Clinic

Bellingham, WA 98225

(360) 671-6079

https://lawadvocates.org/programs

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

Legal Counsel for Youth and Children (LCYC)

P.O. Box 28629 Seattle, WA 98118

(206) 494-0323

http://lcycwa.org/

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

Northwest Consumer Law Center

936 North 34th Street Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98103

(206) 805-0989

https://www.nwclc.org/

Northwest Fair Housing Alliance

```
35 W. Main Suite 250 Spokane, WA 99201
```

(509) 325-2665

http://www.nwfairhouse.org/

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

• Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 587-4009 or 1-800-445-5771

https://www.nwirp.org

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

• Northwest Justice Project - CLEAR Intake Line

Seattle, WA 98104

1-888-201-1014 | 9:15 am - 12:15 pm M-F

https://nwjustice.org/get-legal-help

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

QLaw Foundation of Washington

101 Yesler Way #300 Seattle, WA 98104

206-235-7235

http://www.qlawfoundation.org/

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

Rural Resources Victim Services and Children's Advocacy Center

956 S. Main Street Colville, WA 99114

1-844-509-SAFE or 509-684-6139

https://ruralresources.org/

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

Read this in: Spanish / Español

Seattle Office for Civil Rights

810 Third Avenue Suite 750 Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 684-4500

http://www.seattle.gov/civilrights

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

Sexual Violence Law Center

101 Yesler Way Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 312-7852

http://www.svlawcenter.org/

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

Skagit County Housing Justice Project

205 W Kincaid St Mount Vernon, WA 98273

https://www.communityactionskagit.org/legal-aid

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

• Snohomish County Legal Services

2722 Colby Ave Suite #308 Everett, WA 98201

(425) 258-9283

https://snocolegal.org/

• Snohomish County Legal Services Housing Justice Project

3000 Rockefeller Ave Snohomish County Superior Court Everett, WA 98201

```
(425) 258-9283
```

https://snocolegal.org/housing-justice-project

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

SOUND Generations

2208 2nd Ave, Suite 100 Seattle, WA 98121

206-448-3110

https://soundgenerations.org/

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

• Special Education Legal Clinic

Seattle, WA 98104

206-707-7292

https://www.nwjustice.org/apply-online

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

• Spokane County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Program

1116 West Broadway Ave 4th Floor Annex County Courthouse Spokane, WA 99260

509-477-6032

https://www.spokanevlp.org/

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

Spokane VLP Eviction Defense Project

1116 W Broadway 4th Floor Annex Spokane, WA 99260

(509) 477-2674

https://www.spokanevlp.org/post/facing-eviction-apply-for-assistance-through-the-vlp-seviction-defense-project

```
Read this in:
```

Spanish / Español

• Tacoma-Pierce County Housing Justice Project

Tacoma, WA 98402

(253) 572-5134

http://www.tacomaprobono.org/hjp

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

TACOMAPROBONO

621 Tacoma Ave South Suite 303 Tacoma, WA 98402

(253) 572-5134

http://www.tacomaprobono.org

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

TeamChild

1225 South Weller St. Suite 420 Seattle, WA 98144

(206) 322-2444

http://www.teamchild.org/

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

Tenant Law Center

100-23rd Ave. South Seattle, WA 98144

(206) 324-6890

https://ccsww.org/get-help/specialized-services/tenant-law-center

• Thurston County Housing Justice Project

P.O. Box 405 Olympia, WA 98507

```
(360) 705-8194
```

https://tcvls.org/free-legal-help/housing-justice-project

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

• Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services

P.O. Box 405 Olympia, WA 98507

(360) 705-8194

https://tcvls.org/

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

• Unemployment Law Project

1904 Third Ave Suite 604 Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 441-9178

https://unemploymentlawproject.org/telephone-helpline/

University Legal Assistance

721 N. Cincinnati Street P.O. Box 3528 Spokane, WA 99220

(509) 313-5791

https://www.gonzaga.edu/school-of-law/clinic-centers/law-clinic

Read this in:

Spanish / Español

WSBA Moderate Means Program

Seattle, WA 98122

https://www.moderatemeanswa.org

Service members can consult with their local JAG Legal Assistance Office.

This listing is current as of **08/01/2021**.

Agencies located in WASHINGTON

Agency Name: NEIGHBORWORKS OF GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY (ABERDEEN NHS)

Phone: 360-533-7828
Toll Free: 866-533-7828
Fax: 360-533-7851
Email:

Address: 710 E Market St

Aberdeen, Washington 98520-3430

Counseling Services: - Fair Housing Pre-Purchase Education Workshops

- Financial Management/Budget Counseling

- Home Improvement and Rehabilitation Counseling- Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling

Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops
 Pre-purchase Counseling
 Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

- Predatory Lending Education Workshops

- Rental Housing Counseling

Languages: - English

Affiliation: NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORP. DBA NEIGHBORWORKS AMERICA

Website: Agency ID: 80229

Agency Name: KULSHAN COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Phone: 360-671-5600-101

Toll Free:

Fax: 360-853-2370 Email: david@kulshanclt.org Address: 1303 Commercial St, Suite 6

BELLINGHAM, Washington 98225-4349

Counseling Services: - Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English

Affiliation: WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION

Website: http://www.kulshanclt.org

Agency ID: 83736

Agency Name: AMERICAN FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

Phone: 888-864-8699
Toll Free: 888-864-8699
Fax: 888-282-5495

Email: housing@myfinancialgoals.org

Address: 500 Pacific Avenue

Suite 550

BREMERTON, Washington 98337-1944

Counseling Services: - Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling

- Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English

- Spanish

Affiliation: WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION

Website: www.myfinancialgoals.org

Agency ID: 84617

Agency Name: COMMUNITY FRAMEWORKS

Phone: 360-377-7738-8059

Toll Free:

Fax: 360-377-7740

Email: heatherw@communityframeworks.org **Address:** 500 Pacific Avenue, Suite 360 BREMERTON, Washington 98337-1904

Counseling Services: - Home Improvement and Rehabilitation Counseling

- Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops

- Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English

Affiliation: COMMUNITY FRAMEWORKS

Website: http://www.communityframeworks.org

Agency ID: 90371

Agency Name: RURAL RESOURCES COMMUNITY ACTION

Phone: 509-685-6055

Toll Free: Fax: Email: N/A

Address: 956 S Main St

Colville, Washington 99114-2505

Counseling Services: - Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling

- Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English

OtherSpanishUkrainian

Affiliation: WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION

Website: http://www.ruralresources.org

Agency ID: 83907

Agency Name: OPAL COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Phone: 360-376-3191

Toll Free:

Fax: Email: office@opalclt.org Address: 286 Enchanted Forest Rd

Eastsound, Washington 98245-9714

Counseling Services: - Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops

- Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English - Spanish

Affiliation: WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION

Website: https://www.opalclt.org/

Agency ID: 81936

Agency Name: EL CENTRO DE LA RAZA

Phone: 206-957-4634 Toll Free:

oll Free: Fax: 206-329-0786

Email: receptionist@elcentrodelaraza.org

Address: 2524 16th Ave S

Seattle, Washington 98144-5104

Counseling Services: - Financial Management/Budget Counseling

- Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling

- Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English - Spanish Affiliation: UNIDOS US

Website: http://www.elcentrodelaraza.org/

Agency ID: 82273

Agency Name: HOMESIGHT Phone: 206-723-4355

Toll Free: Fax: Email: N/A

Address: 5117 Rainier Ave S

Seattle, Washington 98118-1928

Counseling Services: - Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English - Spanish

Affiliation: MON VALLEY INITIATIVE **Website:** http://homesightwa.org

Agency ID: 81252

Agency Name: URBAN LEAGUE OF METROPOLITAN SEATTLE

Phone: 206-461-3792

Toll Free: Fax: Email: N/A

Address: 105 14th Ave Ste 200

Seattle, Washington 98122-7308

Counseling Services:

- Financial Management/Budget Counseling

- Financial, Budgeting, and Credit Workshops
- Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling
- Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops
- Pre-purchase Counseling
- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops
- Predatory Lending Education Workshops
- Rental Housing Counseling
- Rental Housing Workshops
- Resolving/Preventing Mortgage Delinquency Workshops
- Reverse Mortgage Counseling
- Services for Homeless Counseling
- Languages: ASL
 - English
 - Spanish
- Affiliation: NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE Website: http://www.ulms.org
- **Agency ID: 80415**
- Agency Name: WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION
 - **Phone:** 206-287-4480 Toll Free: 800-767-4663 Fax: 206-287-4456
 - Email: rich.zwicker@wshfc.org Address: 1000 2nd Avenue Suite 2700 SEATTLE, Washington 98104-3601
- Counseling Services: Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops
 - Languages: English
 - Affiliation:
 - Website: http://www.wshfc.org
 - **Agency ID: 81205**
 - Agency Name: PARKVIEW SERVICES
 - Phone: 206-542-6644
 - **Toll Free:**
 - Fax: 206-542-6608
 - Email: marnie@parkviewservices.org
 - Address: 17544 Midvale Ave N
 - Suite LL
 - Shoreline, Washington 98133-4921
- Counseling Services: Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling
 - Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops
 - Pre-purchase Counseling
 - Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops
 - Languages: Cantonese
 - Chinese Mandarin
 - Enalish
 - Other
 - Affiliation: WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION
 - Website: https://www.parkviewservices.org
 - **Agency ID: 83737**
 - Agency Name: COMMUNITY FRAMEWORKS
 - Phone: 509-484-6733
 - **Toll Free:**
 - Fax:
 - Email: N/A
 - Address: 907 W Riverside Ave
 - Spokane, Washington 99201-1006
- Counseling Services: Home Improvement and Rehabilitation Counseling
 - Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops
 - Pre-purchase Counseling
 - Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops Languages: - English
 - Affiliation: NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORP. DBA NEIGHBORWORKS AMERICA
 - Website: http://www.communityframeworks.org **Agency ID: 83828**
 - Agency Name: CREDIT.ORG SPOKANE
 - **Phone:** 855-494-4719
 - Toll Free:
 - Fax: 951-328-7728 Email: info@credit.org
 - Address: 601 W 1st Ave Ste 1400
 - Spokane, Washington 99201-3813

Counseling Services: - Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling

Pre-purchase CounselingRental Housing Counseling

- Reverse Mortgage Counseling

Languages: - English

- Spanish

Affiliation: CREDIT.ORG

Website: http://www.credit.org/

Agency ID: 90590

Agency Name: SPOKANE NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PARTNERS

Phone: 509-456-7106

Toll Free: Fax: Email: N/A

Address: 500 S Stone St

Spokane, Washington 99202-4150

Counseling Services: - Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling

- Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops

- Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English - Russian

- Ukrainian

Affiliation: WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION

Website: http://www.snapwa.org

Agency ID: 80417

Agency Name: TACOMA/ PIERCE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Phone: 253-627-5626x120 Toll Free: Fax: 253-284-2805

Email: N/A

Address: 4824 S Tacoma Way

Tacoma, Washington 98409-4447

Counseling Services: - Financial Management/Budget Counseling

- Financial, Budgeting, and Credit Workshops

- Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling

- Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops

- Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English

Affiliation:

Website: https://www.tpc-habitat.org/

Agency ID: 90581

Agency Name: CATHOLIC CHARITIES OREGON

Phone: 503-688-2678

Toll Free: Fax:

Email: neal@savefirstfinancial.org

Address: 505 Omaha Way

Vancouver, Washington 98661-7556

Counseling Services: - Financial Management/Budget Counseling

- Financial, Budgeting, and Credit Workshops - Home Improvement and Rehabilitation Counseling

- Pre-purchase Counseling

Rental Housing Counseling
Rental Housing Workshops

Languages: - English - Russian

- Russian - Spanish

Affiliation: CATHOLIC CHARITIES OREGON **Website:** https://savefirstfinancial.org/

Agency ID: 90629

Agency Name: COLUMBIA VALLEY HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Phone: 509-888-6784

Toll Free: Fax:

Email: sherri@cvhousing.org **Address:** 1555 Methow Street

WENATCHEE, Washington 98801-9417

Counseling Services:

- Pre-purchase Counseling

- Resolving/Preventing Mortgage Delinquency Workshops

Languages: - English

- Spanish

Affiliation: WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION

Website: n/a Agency ID: 82142

Agency Name: CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOUSING SERVICES

Phone: 509-853-2800

Toll Free:

Fax: 509-853-2805

Email: efreeborn@catholiccharitiescw.org

Address: 5301 Tieton Dr

Suite G

Yakima, Washington 98908-3479

Counseling Services: - Financial Management/Budget Counseling

- Home Improvement and Rehabilitation Counseling

- Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English

- Spanish

Affiliation: CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA **Website:** http://www.catholiccharitiescw.org

Agency ID: 84577

Agency Name: OIC OF WASHINGTON

Phone: 509-765-9206

Toll Free: Fax: Email:

Address: 815 Fruitvale Blvd

Yakima, Washington 98902-1467

Counseling Services: - Pre-purchase Counseling

- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Languages: - English

- Spanish

Affiliation: WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION

Website: http://yvoic.org

Agency ID: 82711





Coronavirus (COVID-19): Can my landlord evict me now?

- Read this only if you live in the state of Washington.
- ❖ You can find all the fact sheets we link to here at WashingtonLawHelp.org.

Eviction law continues to change.

- ➤ The **federal eviction moratorium** continues until **July 31, 2021**. If you meet certain financial requirements and you are behind on rent, you cannot be evicted this month.
- ➤ Although the state eviction moratorium ended June 30, the Governor continued some protections for tenants with unpaid rent due to COVID-19.
- ➤ Evictions for things **other than rent** are allowed again. Landlords must follow the rules to give proper notice.
- ➤ The legislature also made major changes to housing law. Visit <u>Washington State New 2021 Landlord/Tenant Legislation.</u> Check back for updates.

If your landlord is threatening to evict you, use our <u>Eviction Defense Helper</u>, or apply for legal help by calling our Eviction Defense Screening Line at 1-855-657-8387 OR apply online at <u>nwjustice.org/apply-online</u>.





The federal eviction moratorium remains in place through July 31, 2021.

The governor's eviction moratorium ended (expired) June 30, 2021. In its place, the governor created a housing stability "bridge" program. It lasts through September 30, 2021. Under the bridge program, landlords must take several steps before they can try to evict a tenant who is behind on rent for COVID-19-related reasons. The bridge also lifts other moratorium restrictions on landlords.

I am a residential tenant in Washington. I owe back rent. Am I eligible for any of these protections?

Maybe. To be protected from eviction through July 31, 2021, you must have financial hardship and cannot pay your full rent.

But to get this protection, you must fill out this form, sign it (if everything is true), and give a copy to your landlord: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/EvictionDeclare d508.pdf?v=1. Keep a copy for yourself.

If you do not qualify for eviction protection under the federal moratorium, or it is after July 31, 2021, you may qualify for protection under the state bridge program. You must be a residential tenant living in Washington who **owes rent due between February 29, 2020 and July 31, 2021 because of COVID-19. There are no financial requirements.**

In this case, your landlord cannot send you a 14-Day Notice to Pay or Vacate until:

- **1.** Your landlord gives you the chance to take part in your county's Eviction Resolution Pilot Program (ERPP);
- **2.** There is rental assistance available in your county and your landlord gave you information about it; **and**
- **3.** The landlord offered you a reasonable repayment plan and you rejected it or didn't answer within 14 days.

You must respond to an offer of a reasonable repayment plan within 14 days. You can choose to accept it, reject it, or counteroffer with a plan you think is more reasonable.





If you have not yet received a repayment plan from your landlord, you also can request one using Form 1 below. You also can propose your own repayment plan using Form 2 below. In court, it is a defense to eviction if you can prove the landlord did not propose a reasonable repayment plan.

If your county does not have an Eviction Resolution Pilot Program yet or there is no available rental assistance, your landlord cannot start the eviction process for unpaid rent until either of these programs are running or October 1.

What is a "reasonable" repayment plan?

• A new Washington state law says a "reasonable repayment plan" can require you to pay no more than 1/3 of your monthly rent to pay back rent that you owe due to COVID-19.

For example, if you pay \$900 each month in rent, the repayment plan can't require you to pay more than an extra \$300 per month. If your income went down (or expenses went up) due to COVID-19, a "reasonable" repayment plan in your case may be even less than 1/3 of your monthly rent.

- Repayment plans cannot require you to pay for rent owed due to COVID-19 until 30 days after the repayment plan is offered.
- Repayment plans only include repayment for rent. They cannot include late fees or other charges.
- Your landlord cannot ask you to waive your rights as a tenant in any repayment plan.
 - You are still responsible to pay your rent. If you can pay all or part of it, pay it!

If your landlord is trying to evict you, get legal help right away. See below.





I may not be able to make August or September rent. What will happen?

Your landlord must apply any rent you pay on or after August 1, 2021 to that month's rent—not to unpaid rent you owe from previous months. That unpaid rent is supposed to be addressed in a reasonable repayment plan.

For August and September rent, your landlord cannot evict you for nonpayment of rent if at least one of these applies to you:

- You make full payment for both August and September; or
- Your landlord agreed to accept a partial payment (they do not have to agree);
 or
- You have applied for rental assistance and are waiting for your application to be processed; or
- You live in a county where the rent assistance program expects more funding, but has not yet started their program; **or**
- You live in a county where the rent assistance program is not yet accepting new applications.

To find rent assistance and legal help in your county, visit WashingtonLawHelp.org/resource/eviction. Choose your county from the dropdown box.

I own the mobile home I live in. I rent the lot. Do these new protections apply to me?

Yes!

What if my living arrangement is different than a typical housing rental situation?

The Governor's bridge program no longer protects people living in non-traditional housing arrangements, such as:





- You are in a transitional housing program, such as for homeless or addiction recovery.
- You live in a campground.
- You live in an Airbnb or VRBO.
- You live in a hotel or motel. You use the hotel or motel room as your residence.
- You are renting a room from a roommate.
- You live at a commercial property as a caregiver or security.
- You are living in an emergency shelter that is conditioned on participation in supportive services.
- Long-term care (such as a nursing home).

The bridge protections also do not apply if your name is not on the rental agreement, and you stay after the tenants on the rental agreement have left **unless** your landlord knew you were living there. This is called a "hold over."

I live in public housing or other type of government housing. Am I protected from eviction?

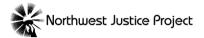
Yes. These protections still apply to you.

I rent on tribal land. Am I protected from eviction?

If you live in tribal housing, the federal moratorium likely applies to you until it expires July 31, 2021.

If you live on privately owned land not held in trust on an Indian reservation ("fee land"), both the state bridge program and federal moratorium may apply. If your landlord threatens you with eviction, fill out this form:

<u>www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/EvictionDeclare_d508.pdf?v=1</u>. If everything in that statement is true, sign it, and give it to your landlord. And right away, get legal help. See below for how to apply.





I rent a commercial space. Do I have any protections?

The housing stability bridge program does not apply to you. But the City of Seattle eviction moratorium for small commercial tenants and non-profit organizations was also extended to September 30, 2021.

Are there other eviction protections for me?

Maybe. It depends on where you live. Some cities in Washington also have their own temporary protections from evictions. If you live in any of these cities below, read the information that applies to you:

- **Burien**: Eviction moratorium extended through September 30, 2021 for tenants whose failure to pay is due to a substantial reduction in household income or substantial increase in expenses related to COVID-19. A landlord must include this statement in any notice: "You may not be evicted for rent that became due during the public health emergency if the rent was unpaid because of a substantial reduction in household income or a substantial increase in expenses related to the Coronavirus pandemic. This does not relieve you of the obligation to pay back rent in the future."
- **Seattle**: Eviction moratorium extended through September 30, 2021. When that expires, a new city law will provide a defense against evictions due to hardship from COVID-19 for another six months.
- **Kenmore and Kirkland**: Eviction moratoria extended through September 30, 2021 for tenants whose failure to pay is due to a substantial reduction in household income or substantial increase in expenses related to COVID-19. A landlord must include this statement in any notice: "You may not be evicted for rent that became due during the public health emergency if the rent was unpaid because of a substantial reduction in household income or a substantial increase in expenses related to the Coronavirus pandemic. This does not relieve you of the obligation to pay back rent in the future."

There may be others. Check your city's website.





My landlord is trying to evict me anyway

Get legal help right away.

- Call the Eviction Defense Screening Line: 1-855-657-8387
- Apply with <u>CLEAR*Online</u> <u>nwjustice.org/get-legal-help</u>
- **Deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired callers** can call the Eviction Defense Screening Line at 1-855-657-8387 using a relay service of your choice.

These programs provide free interpreters.

This publication provides general information concerning your rights and responsibilities. It is not intended as a substitute for specific legal advice.

© 2021 Northwest Justice Project — 1-888-201-1014.

(Permission for copying and distribution granted to the Alliance for Equal Justice and to individuals for non-commercial purposes only.)



Form #1 - You can use this form to propose a payment plan:

Dear:	
My name is	I am your tenant, living at:
everything I can to find financial as	[address]. ave lost income due to the coronavirus. I am doing sistance. I have done all of the following [include what you sent, looking for other work, applied for other government
But I am still struggling right now. I coming months.	may not be able to pay my rent in full or on time in the
rent payments and I will keep my hor through email) to discuss the op	me up with a reasonable payment plan so you will get nousing. I would be happy to meet (by phone or video call, ptions for payment. You can reach me at this phone
-	become available to landlords and tenants. I will apply for me. I hope you are willing to do the same.
I really hope we can work together Sincerely,	on this. I look forward to hearing back from you.
Tenant Signature	 Date signed

Form #2 - You can use this form to make your repayment plan

Date

s:						
; \$						
	Amount Due		Α		mount Due	
\$	\$		August		\$	
\$	\$		September			
\$		October		\$		
\$		November		\$		
\$		December		\$		
Amount	Amount Due		А		ount Due	
\$	\$		uly \$			
\$	\$		gust \$			
\$			September S			
\$	*		October			
y \$		November		\$		
\$	\$		ecember \$			
tal by date:						
Amount					Amount	Date Due
\$			7		\$	
\$			8		\$	
\$			9		\$	
\$			10		\$	
\$			11		\$	
\$			12		\$	
orofit organizat	ions, gover	rnment e	entities, ar	nd chui		
	Amount \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Amount Due \$ Augus \$ Septer \$ Octob \$ Nover \$ Decen Amount Due \$ July \$ Augus \$ Septer \$ Octob \$ Nover \$ Decen \$ Decen \$ Septer	\$ August \$ September \$ October \$ November \$ December \$ August \$ August \$ August \$ August \$ August \$ August \$ September October \$ November \$ December \$ December \$ 100 \$ 11 \$ 12	Amount Due \$ August \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Amount Due S

Date

NAVIGATING COVID RENTAL RELIEF IN SPOKANE

HOW TO COLLECT WITHOUT EVICTING

LANDLORDS

Do you want your rental property functioning as a stream of income, again?

Do you want your tenants to stay housed? Here are some steps you can take to keep families safe and secure while still being able to keep your business profitable, maintain ownership, and successfully manage your rental property.



TALK TO YOUR TENANT

If you can do so comfortably, talk to your tenant. Talk to them about supports to pay for rent, your timeline for next steps or steps they can take to access Rental Relief funds through a housing portal. Communication can help!

MEDIATION

Mediation is free. Contact a Mediator before eviction!

Safely communicate and make an agreement. During the moratorium, certificate from mediator is required before filing in court.

NW Mediation 509-456-0103 www.nwmediationcenter.com

Fulcrum Institute 509-838-2799

3 USE A PORTAL

This is how you access Rental Relief funds, find the right program, upload your documents & follow your case!

OPEN Now!

Family Promise Portal 509-747-5487 www.familypromise.org

OPEN Now!

LiveStories Portal 800-819-9785 x0 www.livestories.com **ELIGIBILITY TOOL**

Here's where you can find all of the eligibility criteria for each funding source and portal. You'll also find the documents and verification needed to apply for rental relief.

City of Spokane webpage Linked below!

5

TOOLS FOR STABILITY

Resources for other housing assistance including foreclosure counseling & morgage assistance

SNAP (509) 456-SNAP www.snapwa.org

OPEN YOUR CAMERA AND POINT AT THE CODE YOU WANT

SNAP

Fulcrum

NW Mediation

Eligiblity

Family Promise Portal

LiveStories Landlord Portal













HOW TO AVOID EVICTION

TENANTS

Do what you can to keep your family housed. Here are some useful tips and trusted sources to support you in keeping your record clear of eviction, repaying your rent, and taking steps to keep your family secure. Funding for Covid Rental Relief will run out, so take action and get help!



Get connected with other resources!

TALK TO YOUR LANDLORD

If you can, talk to your property manager and landlord. Tell them you are working to access housing relief funds & that they should be expecting an agency to contact them about repayment. Listen and write down what the landlord has to say. Communication can help! MEDIATION & LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Mediation is free. Contact a Mediator before eviction! Safely communicate and make an agreement.

NW Mediation 509-456-0103

Volunteer Lawyers Program 509-477-2674 **Fulcrum Institute** 509-838-2799

USE A PORTAL

This is how you access Rental Relief funds, find the right program, upload your documents & follow your case!

OPEN Now!

Family Promise Portal 509-747-5487 www.familypromise.org **OPEN June 1st**

LiveStories Portal 800-819-9785 x0 www.livestories.com

GET HELP WITH THIS

Community Partners are staging events to help tenants access services. Get help with translating, interpreting, access to computers & technology. People are available to help you navigate.

The ZoNE at NECC 509-487-1603 zone@necommunitycenter.com **NW Mediation 509-456-010**3

See City of Spokane Webpage for more partners who can help!

ELIGIBILITY TOOL

Here's where you can find all of the eligibility criteria for each funding source and portal. You'll also find the documents and verification needed to apply for rental relief.

> City of Spokane webpage Linked below!

TOOLS FOR STABILITY

Resources for other types of housing assistance, skill building, or basic needs to stay secure as a family.

SNAP Utilities, Rent/Mortgage, financial planning snapwa.org

Spokane Resource Center Employment, justice, insurance, basic needs www.SpokaneResourceCenter.org 509-867-8188

OPEN YOUR CAMERA AND POINT AT THE CODE YOU WANT

6

Volunteer Lawyers Program



Fulcrum

NW Mediation





Eligiblity







Spokane Resource LiveStories Portal

NAVEGANDO LA ASISTENCIA DE ALQUILER POR COVID

COMO EVITAR EL DESALOJO DE VIVIENDA

INQUILINOS

Haga lo que pueda para que su familia no pierda su vivienda. Aquí hay algunos tips útiles y fuentes confiables para ayudarle a mantener su récord limpio de desalojos, a pagar su renta, y tomar los pasos para mantener a su familia segura. Los fondos de la asistencia de alquiler por COVID se acabarán, así que tome acción y busque ayuda.



HABLE CON SU ARRENDADOR

Si puede, hable con la persona que maneja la propiedad o con el/la arrendador(a). Dígale que usted está trabajando en obtener fondos de asistencia de vivienda y que pronto una agencia les contactará acerca del pago de la renta. Escuche y escriba lo que el/la arrendador(a) le dice. ¡La comunicación puede ayudar!

MEDIACIÓN & ASISTENCIA LEGAL

La mediación es gratis. Contacte a un(a) mediador(a) antes de un desalojo. Comuníquese con seguridad y haga un acuerdo. Conéctese con otros recursos.

NW Mediation 509-456-0103

Volunteer **Lawyers Program** 509-477-2674

Fulcrum Institute 509-838-2799

USE UN PORTAL

Esta es la forma en la que puede tener acceso a la asistencia de alquiler. Encuentre el programa adecuado, suba sus documentos al portal y monitoree su caso.!

¡Ya Abierto!

Family Promise Portal 509-747-5487 www.familypromise.org **Abre junio 1**

LiveStories Portal 800-819-9785 x0 www.livestories.com RECIBE AYUDA CON ESTO

Las agencias comunitarias hacen eventos para ayudar a inquilinos a obtener estas ayudas. Obtenga ayuda con traducción, interpretación, acceso a computadoras y tecnología. Hay personas disponibles para ayudarle a navegar estos recursos.

The ZoNE at NECC 509-487-1603 zone@necommunitycenter.com

NW Mediation 509-456-0103

Vaya a la página web de la ciudad de Spokane para buscar más agencias que le puedan ayudar.

HERRAMIENTA DE ELEGIBILIDAD

Aquí es donde encuentra el criterio de elegibilidad para cada fuente de fondos y cada portal. También encontrará los documentos y verificación necesaria para aplicar a la asistencia de alquiler.

> La página web de la ciudad de Spokane está abajo.

HERRAMIENTAS PARA ESTABILIDAD

Recursos para otros tipos de asistencia de vivienda, desarrollo de destrezas, o necesidades básicas para mantener su familia segura.

SNAP Utilidades, Renta/Hipoteca, planificación financiera. snapwa.org

Spokane Resource Center Empleo, justicia, aseguranza, necesidades básicas www.SpokaneResourceCenter.org 509-867-8188

ABRA SU CÁMARA Y APÚNTELA AL CÓDIGO QUE DESEE

2. Volunteer Lawyers **Program**



2.Fulcrum

2. NW Mediation

5. Eligiblity

6. SNAP

6



Portal











6. Spokane Resource Center