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|  |  **Florida** **Eviction Prevention Toolkit** |  |



**As the eviction moratorium comes to an end, thousands of Florida renters are finding themselves at risk of losing their home due to:**

 Inability to pay arrears rental payments

 Increased rental rates

**Resources to assist in the event of eviction:**

**[Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)](https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/renter-protections/find-help-with-rent-and-utilities/)**

Allows renters and landlords to find rental assistance programs in their area.

[**Opportunities for Utilities and Rental Assistance**](https://www.ourflorida.com/) **(OUR) Florida Program** is the State’s emergency rental assistance relief program. To apply, click on this link: or call 833-493-0594.

 [**Florida Housing Finance Corporation**](https://www.floridahousing.org/)

Was created to assist in providing a range of affordable housing opportunities for residents.

Click the link to learn more.

Contact the [**United Way of Central Florida**](https://uwcf.org/) website by clicking the link or by **calling 211** for their Helpline.

If you are experiencing homelessness and need emergency shelter, contact the Florida Coalition to End Homelessness.  Click this link to learn more:[**Florida Coalition to End Homelessness**](http://fchonline.org/)

 **Fair Housing**

 If you feel that you have been evicted on the basis of your: Race, Color, National Origin, Religion, Sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), Familial Status, Disability, then we encourage you to file a fair

housing complaint.

You can file a complaint with FHEO online in[**English**](https://portalapps.hud.gov/FHEO903/Form903/Form903Start.action) or[**Spanish**](https://portalapps.hud.gov/AdaptivePages/HUD_Spanish/Espanol/complaint/complaint-details.htm).

You can speak with an FHEO intake specialist by calling 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-877-8339.

**Did you know that HUD has affordable housing resources throughout the state Florida?**

* **[Rental Help: Florida](https://www.hud.gov/states/florida/renting)**

**Subsidized Apartments**

HUD helps apartment owners offer reduced rents to low-income tenants. To apply, contact or visit the management office of each apartment building that interests you.

* Search for a subsidized apartment by clicking this link: [**HUD Resource Locator**](https://www.hud.gov/resources)

**Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8)**

To apply for either type of help, visit your local Public Housing Agency (PHA).

* **[Public Housing Authorities in Florida](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHA_Contact_Report_FL.pdf)**

* + Some PHAs have long waiting lists, so you may want to apply at more than one PHA. Your PHA can also give you a list of locations at which your voucher can be used.

**Need Help Locating Housing and Other Resources?**

* [[Contact a housing counseling agency](https://www.hud.gov/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor)](https://hudgov-answers.force.com/housingcounseling/s/)
* [**HUD Resource Locator**](https://www.hud.gov/resources)- search for HUD offices, public housing agencies, multifamily and public housing locations, and homeless coordinated entry system points of contacts.

**Other Florida Resources**

**[Assisted rental housing in Florida](https://floridahousingsearch.org/)**

**[Find units for rent in rural Florida](https://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select_county.jsp?st=fl&state_name=Florida&st_cd=12)**

**[Help with your utility bills](https://www.hud.gov/states/florida/renting/energyprgms)**

**[Housing resources for seniors](https://www.hud.gov/topics/information_for_senior_citizens)**

**[Information for disabilities](https://www.hud.gov/topics/information_for_disabled_persons)**

[**Independent living centers**](https://www.seniorhousingnet.com/care-types/independent-living)– for seniors and people with disabilities

**[Local tenant rights, laws, protections](https://www.hud.gov/groups/tenants)**

  [**Continuums of Care**](https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/homelessness/docs/CoC%20Contact%20Table.pdf) - coordinate housing and services for homeless families and individuals