Housing Resources

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Login with PASSPORT YORK to find information on accommodations around York, roommates and more.

Begin your Search for Off-Campus Housing

4Stay Marketplace partners up with universities to provide students with multi-location specific housing options to choose from.



CoStar Listing

CoStar Group^{**}

CoStar Listings is a resource for finding off-campus housing options. CoStar lists nearby residences for rent, catering to students who need alternatives to on-campus housing.

Students create an account for free and look for properties in Toronto. Services are free for students.







Long Term Rental Options

RE/MAX°

<u>RE/MAX</u>

RE/MAX is short for Real Estate Maximums. You can search for places to rent. The website is user friendly and easily accessible. RE/MAX is also votes as #1 most trusted real estate agents for six times in a row.



<u>Zolo</u>

You can find houses to rent in Toronto and get connected with landlords and realtors.

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<u>Rentola</u>

You can see properties listed by several landlords and even compare different prices.

Condos.ca

<u>Condos.ca</u>

Condos.ca is known for its largest database for houses across Greater Toronto Area. They provide users with historical price ranges of a building. Users are connected with a realtors after creating an account for free.

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<u>Zumper</u>

A website where you can search accommodations both long term rentals and short term rentals specific to your needs.

REALTOR.ca[°]

<u>Realtor</u>

Realtor provides both places to live both in and around Greater Toronto Area and the list of registered real estate agents to help and guide people to find their home away from home.



Liv.rent

It is a website that provides people with trusted listings around Toronto and across Canada. You can search for accommodations specific to your preferences.



Applications

kijiji KIJIJI



Facebook Marketplace

Kijiji is used for many different purposes including selling and renting items. It is available on both iOS and Android. Facebook Marketplace is used to buy or sell anything and also to look to rent a room or house.

Places at walking distance from York University

It offers many first-class amenities whether it is gym or a mini grocery store. There are many room types available for one year lease and subleasing is also available.





The Village



It is an affordable option for students. Students can get a private or shared accommodation based on their preferences. A lease can vary from a couple of months to a year depending upon the landlord.

Other Areas to consider near York University



VAUGHAN

Vaughan is located 20 minutes from York University Subway Station. It offers a variety of accommodation types like condos, apartments or houses.



YORKDALE

Yorkdale has many newly constructed condos and a nearby subway station. It takes 30 minutes to commute from Yorkdale Subway Station to York University's Keele campus.



Tips for Renting in Ontario

*DISCLAIMER: These are some tips listed that a tenant should know before renting accomodations off campus. However, York International does not hold any responsibility of any given points. <u>The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006</u> provides the rights of renters in Ontario.

Note: This version of the e-Laws website will be upgraded in the coming weeks

Before moving-in

- Fixed-term leases are automatically renewed month to month at the end of the term if no notice is given by the tenant.
- Lardlords cannot limit the payment options for the tenants.
- Make sure to sign the lease and check the nature of lease, whether it is fixed term lease or a monthly basis lease. An agreement can be oral or written, tenants can request for a written lease from the landlords. If the landlord refuses to provide one, a tenant is free to exit the lease.
- View a rental unit before you move in, or have a friend view it.
- Take detailed pictures of the condition of the unit when you move in or out and let the landlord know about damages.
- Make sure that the terms you require are mentioned in the lease, for example: parking services.
- Gather information like landlord's legal name, address, contact information, banking information.
- Tenants may be required to buy or have tenant insurance.
- Landlord can ask for a deposit in the form of last month's rent including the first month rent which is typically referred to as "First and Last Month" at the time of signing lease agreement and a key deposit.





Tips for Renting in Ontario

***DISCLAIMER:** Many realtors will encourage/pressure students to pre-pay rent for up to a year. It is the will of the students if they want to pay that amount or decline the offer.

During your Stay

- Have all communications with the landlord in written and keep them safe with you.
- Landlords cannot enter the accommodation without giving a minimum of 24-hour notice period.
- Landlords cannot threaten tenants after they have tried to enforce tenant rights.
- House maintenance is landlord's responsibility . However, keeping the place clean should be the tenant's priority.
- Know all emergency contacts in case of any emergency.
- Make sure essential equipment in the living space is working like fire alarms at all times during the stay.
- In case of any pest infestation, contact your landlord immediately.
- A landlord cannot ask for any form of damage/safety/cleaning deposits or any post-dated cheques.

