EightCAP, Inc.

Residential Rental Directory

Montcalm County

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Online version available at

www.8cap.org
Are you currently in need of shelter or housing?
If you are struggling to remain in your home, sleeping in your car or outside, Call EightCAP, Inc.’s Resource Navigation Line at

1-866-754-9315 x 3335

to learn about available shelter and housing assistance in Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella & Montcalm Counties.

You will be asked to leave a message. Please speak slowly and clearly, leaving your name, phone number, the county which you currently reside, and a brief message about why you are calling. Your call will be returned as soon as possible, within 2 business days. Please leave only one message. Calls are returned during EightCAP, Inc.’s normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, except for holidays and when offices are closed.

Please make sure your voicemail is set up and your mailbox is NOT full so a message can be left for you.

A staff person will speak with you about your situation. The call will take some time, so be sure you have minutes on your phone or use a phone that is not time limited.

For additional Community Resources (such as food, clothing, utility assistance, etc.) please visit www.8cap.org and click on the Community Resource Directory for your county.

Limited resources are available to help people who are behind in their rent or doubled-up with family or friends and can no longer stay. Call the Housing Hotline to learn of any programs that provide this assistance. Please note that demand for these services far exceeds the resources available.

HOMELESS is defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (otherwise known as HUD) as demonstrating a lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence meaning the household:

1. Has a primary night-time residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or,
2. Is living in a publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, and hotel/motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs, this does not include transitional housing).
INTRODUCTION

In this directory you will find valuable information for rental housing in your community. Names and phone numbers of local landlords and property managers who provide rental housing (such as apartments, mobile homes, duplexes, houses, etc.) and basic rental guidelines on those properties. At the time of this printing all information in the directory was accurate, but it can change at any time. We try to keep all contact information changes up-to-date, on our website at www.eightcap.org as we become aware of them.

EightCAP, Inc. HOUSING PROGRAMS – EightCAP, Inc. Housing Programs assist low-income households with rental assistance, deposit assistance, emergency shelter (hotel/motel vouchers) and limited utility payment assistance:

Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) services may include rental assistance, deposit assistance, emergency shelter stays, moving costs, emergency housing services, transportation assistance, and limited car repair assistance. These services are available to low-income households, who have served at least one-day active duty and were discharged under any other circumstances than dishonorable.

Covid Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) assists income eligible households with a limited number of months of back rent (rent arrearages), forward rent, utility arrearages, municipalities & internet stipends. Tenant must be able to document a Covid hardship to be eligible for programming, as well as being at or below 80% AMI for county of residence. Case management is also a part of these programs.

Rapid Rehousing Programs (RRP) are available to literally homeless households, with or without children. This program may pay for up to 18 months of rental assistance and security deposit. It is an intensive case management program where clients work to address present barriers, develop skills to retain housing, and become self-sufficient.

EightCAP, Inc., as the Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) in the county, registers and places homeless households on the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Waitlist with a Homeless Preference Code. This rental assistance voucher program is administered by Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSDHA) in conjunction with Community Management Associates, Inc. (CMA).

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Additional Links for Rental Search

https://thedailynews.cc/ (The Daily News)

https://www.sentinel-standard.com/ (Ionia Sentinel Standard)

http://www.ioniacountyshoppersguide.com/home.html (Ionia County Shoppers Guide)

https://www.showmetherent.com/

https://www.facebook.com/marketplace

https://www.zillow.com/

https://grandrapids.craigslist.org/

Rental Search Telephone Guide – Calling About a Rental Unit

REVIEW THIS GUIDE BEFORE YOU START MAKING CALLS
**Directions:** This worksheet is designed to help you determine whether a unit would be appropriate for you and, if applicable, your family. The questions about screening are important because many landlords charge an application fee to screen for criminal history, credit history, and rental history. If you know in advance the “tolerance level” of the landlord (that is, whether the landlord will rent to people in your situation), you can decide if it would be worth paying the fee and applying for the apartment or house.

**TIPS TO HELP YOU WITH THE CALL**
- If possible, call from a quiet place so you can hear the landlord. It is also better if the landlord does not hear a lot of noise (like people yelling) in the background.
- Make sure to review the list of questions on the next page and write your answers down so you are prepared when you call the landlord. Be prepared, if asked about past issues with evictions or criminal records, to answer questions about your circumstances, explaining what changes you have made/are making to prevent similar problems again.
- Know when you can move.
- Write down the name of the person you talked to, their phone number, and the date you made the call in case you need to call back and ask more questions or to reschedule an appointment.
- Since you may have to contact several landlords to find housing, use the “Housing Search Tracking Worksheet” (below) to help you remember when you have scheduled an appointment to look at the unit, where you have submitted applications, and when and whom you need to follow up with about the unit.

**TELEPHONE SCRIPT**

“Hello, my name is ______. I’m looking for a (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) bedroom apartment/house for (this month, next month, two months from now). Do you have any available units?

If the landlord **does not** have any available units: “Do you have any other properties with a vacancy?”

If the landlord **does** have a vacancy, ask the following questions and be sure to write down the answers. If the landlord has two or more units, write down the answers for each unit.

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<td>If no, what was the reason provided?</td>
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The landlord may ask you to explain the circumstances if you have bad credit, a criminal history, or prior
evictions. They may want to know dates, places, and if you owe any money. The best response is to be truthful, take responsibility for your mistakes, and talk about what you are doing to make sure it never happens again. You may want to write some notes about your circumstances below to make sure you are prepared to answer the landlord’s questions.

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Here are things that might show a landlord how you are improving your life:

☐ employed for ___ months/years
☐ going to school (or job training)
☐ working with a credit counselor
☐ paying off money you owe
☐ established a savings account

☐ taking classes on budgeting your money
☐ completed treatment and sober
☐ working with a social worker
☐ ended a bad relationship
☐ taking classes about being a better tenant

If the landlord is willing to work with you:

• Is it possible to set up a time to see the apartment? When? ______________________

• Can you give me directions from [where you are living/staying]?

• May I have your name again, in case I need to call you back? _____________________

• And what is the best number to reach you at? _________________________________

• Additional notes: _____________________________________________________________________

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RESPONSIBLE TENANT GUIDE
➢ READ YOUR LEASE
A lease is a binding legal agreement. Read your lease word by word and understand it. If you have any questions, ask the landlord.

➢ DO NOT CHANGE THE RULES
Follow the rules listed in the lease. Do not change these rules unless you get written permission from the landlord. Make sure to keep a copy if written permission is obtained.

➢ MAINTAIN PROPERTY IN GOOD ORDER
Keep the property in good order and inform the landlord when repairs are needed, allowing him/her or others access to your unit.

➢ SUBMIT ALL MAINTENANCE REQUESTS IN WRITING
Put all maintenance requests in writing and submit to the landlord. Make sure to keep a copy for yourself.

➢ ALLOW THE LANDLORD TO DO ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

➢ ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE
If accidental damage happens, report it to the landlord immediately.

➢ INFORM THE LANDLORD OF CHANGES
Inform the landlord if there are any changes of who is living at the property.

➢ LANDLORD APPROVAL IS NEEDED BEFORE GETTING PETS

➢ DO NOT RENT OUT (SUB-LEASE)
Do not rent out or sub-lease any part of the property without the landlord’s permission.

➢ DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE DONE TO YOU
Be a respectful tenant and neighbor.

➢ BE AWARE OF NOISE LEVELS
Creating noise that is too loud to talk over will probably disturb others.

➢ STAY AWAY FROM ACTIVITIES THAT HARM THE PROPERTY, CAUSE NUISANCE, OR BREAK THE LAW

➢ RESPECT YOUR HOME
Keep your home clean and sanitary. This includes cleaning up dishes in a timely manner and taking out trash on a regular basis. If you have pets, pick up after them.

➢ ALWAYS KEEP FOOD PROPERLY STORED TO AVOID ATTRACTING INSECTS AND RODENTS

➢ “NO SMOKING” RESIDENCE
If you reside in a “no smoking” residence and you have been provided the rules related to no smoking, you will need to follow those rules or you will be breaking your lease agreement.

➢ PAY YOUR RENT ON TIME
Many leases have a “grace period” of a few days before a late fee is charged onto the monthly rent. After the grace period, late fees will be added to your monthly rent. Paying your rent on time not only saves you money but helps you maintain a trustworthy relationship with your landlord.

➢ GIVE PROPER NOTICE WHEN ENDING YOUR LEASE AGREEMENT AND CLEAN THE RENTAL UNIT
Check your lease for the required amount of notice needed by landlord. Leave the unit in the same, if not better condition than it was in when you moved in.
# INVENTORY CHECKLIST

**COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION INVENTORY CHECKLIST FORM**

“YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST NOTING THE CONDITION OF THE RENTAL PROPERTY AND RETURN IT TO THE LANDLORD WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER OBTAINING POSSESSION OF THE RENTAL UNIT. YOU ARE ALSO ENTITLED TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE A COPY OF THE LAST TERMINATION INVENTORY CHECKLIST WHICH SHOWS WHAT CLAIMS WERE CHARGEABLE TO THE LAST PRIOR TENANTS.”

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* Remember! Be specific. Describe any conditions in detailed terms rather than saying “fine” or “acceptable.”

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**Signature of Tenant(s)**

**Address of Unit**

**Signature of Landlord**

**Landlord's Address**

**Phone Number (Landlord)**

**Date**

***Use additional pages as necessary for added rooms and notes***

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### Local Cities by County & Zip Codes

#### Gratiot County
- Alma 48801
- Ashley 48806
- Bannister 48807*
- Breckenridge 48615
- Elm Hall 48830
- Elwell 48832
- Ithaca 48847
- Middleton 48856*
- North Star 48862
- Perrinton 48871*
- Pompeii 48874
- Riverdale 48877*
- St. Louis 48880
- Sumner 48889
- Wheeler 48662*

#### Isabella County
- Blanchard 49310*
- Mt. Pleasant (PO Box’s) 48804
- Mt. Pleasant 48858
- Mt. Pleasant (CMU) 48859
- Rosebush 48878*
- Shepherd 48883*
- Weidman (Lake Isabella) 48893
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*Addresses for this city may be in more than one county*
Housing Vouchers/Rental Assistance Information

**HCV Project Based Voucher (PBV)/Public Housing/Section 811**

Overseen and funded federally through HUD, administered locally by Public Housing Authorities/Agencies (PHA’s), this program provides affordable apartments & houses for low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

- Household income must fall within allowable limits set forth by HUD.
- Most assisted individuals/families will pay no more than 30% of their income towards rent.
- PHA’s can choose to require residents to pay a minimum rent of $50 even if it is more than 30% of their income, and tenants can opt to pay a flat rent based on local Fair Market Rent (FMR) regardless of their income.
- The rental voucher or reduced rental rate is only valid at that particular housing unit.
- To apply, contact your area PHA (see directory for contact information of local PHA’s).

PBV waiting lists MAY remain open and county residency is not a requirement. You cannot apply online to a project-based voucher waiting list, only a Lead Agency assigned to the property can determine your initial eligibility for placement.

**Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)/Section 8 Program**

Administered state-wide through MSHDA and locally by PHA’s. MSHDA receives federal funds from HUD to administer the voucher program. The number of vouchers vary per county and per agency. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses, and apartments.

- Household income must fall within allowable limits set forth by HUD.
- A Household who is issued a voucher is responsible for finding suitable housing, where the owner agrees to rent under the program.
- Units do not have to be located in subsidized housing projects.
- The housing unit chose must meet Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspection and rental limits set forth by HUD.
- Monthly rent is based upon income, 30%, with minimum rent being $50.
- Can only apply to open waiting lists and must be able to prove residency at the time of pull.

**MAINSTREAM VOUCHER PROGRAM**

Overseen and funded federally through HUD, administered locally by Public Housing Authorities/Agencies (PHA’s), Public housing agencies (PHAs) can apply for Mainstream Vouchers when HUD issues a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). These are tenant-based vouchers must assist non-elderly persons with disabilities. Mainstream vouchers can be either tenant-based or project-based rental assistance.

To apply for the HCV wait list in your county, go to [www.michigan.gov/mshda](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda) and click on [Check], then [click]. Check to see if your county is listed as open. If so, you can apply. Follow the instructions to do so. If it is not open, you will have to check back periodically and apply when it does open up. If you have already applied to a MSHDA waiting list and have a change of address, phone number, income, or family size, you must log in to Applicant Portal to update your information. If you are “literally homeless” (see
Housing Vouchers/Rental Assistance Information (continued)

HUD definition on page 1 of this directory please contact the Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) in your area (EightCAP is the HARA for Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, Montcalm Counties) Only a State approved homeless agency can qualify an applicant for the homeless preference.

Privately Owned Subsidized Housing
Overseen and funded federally through HUD and helps apartment owners offer reduced rent to low-income households.

- Apply directly to the apartment complex.
- Household income must fall within allowable limits set forth by HUD.
- The assisted individual/family will pay 30% of their income towards rent, with a minimum rent determined by the apartment complex.
- See the listings in this directory (income-based, tax credit/LIHTC, subsidized) for more information.

HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
Combines HCV rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at VA Medical Centers and community based outreach clinics.

- Families select and rent units that meet program housing-quality standards. The PHA contracts with the owner to make payments directly to them on behalf of the individual/family.
- The assisted individual/family will pay no more than 40% of their income towards rent. You can not apply for this program on-line; you must contact your local VA or call the Section 8 office at 517-373-9344 for more information.
- The VASH program operates similarly to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program, but is only available to homeless Veterans. Household income must fall within allowable limits set forth by HUD.
- This waiting list is open indefinitely.
*This directory is intended as a guide for assisting in finding rental housing and providing resources on such. It does NOT depict a complete list of ALL properties for rent in the community.

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES

(PHA’s)

Greenville Housing Commission

(616) 754-7179

308 Oak St, Greenville, MI 48838

www.greenvillehousing.org

- Low-Income Public Housing (1-4 bedroom apartments & houses) in Greenville
- Income restrictions apply, based on income
- Elderly, disabled, individual & family housing available
- Credit, criminal, & background screenings
- All active & future Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers, as well as current waiting list applicants for Greenville now being handled by MSHDA, effective January 1, 2021.
- Accept applications on-line ONLY, (follow the website shown above, works on any device capable of accessing the internet). Resources available at the office as well.

Montcalm County Housing Commission

(231) 937-4241

120 Mulberry St, Howard City, MI 49329

www.montcohsgcomm.org

- Low-Income Rental Public Housing (1-3 bedroom units) in Howard City
- Voucher Section 8 Program is low-income rental assistance with a private landlord.
- Voucher Section 8 Program: Anyone can apply; if the waitlist is open, Voucher’s jurisdiction is Montcalm County, or 30 mile radius of the agency office in Howard City.
- NED; Non Elderly Disabled applicants are encouraged to apply under the voucher program
- Income restrictions apply, based on 30% of the household income
- Elderly (62+), Disabled (any age), individual & family housing available under Public Housing; screening is completed on the applicants
- Credit & background screenings on both programs
- Applications available by mail or in person 24/7 in the lobby of Mulberry Estates
- Contact the office for more information at 231-937-4241, address is 120 Mulberry Street, Howard City, MI 49329 or email seg@mchcommission.org
APARTMENT COMPLEXES

CARSON CITY

Carson City Senior Apartments
510 N Second St, Carson City, MI 48811
(989) 307-4680

- Income based elderly (62+) & disabled (any age) housing
- 1 bedroom
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Credit & background screenings
- Application fee - $10/application
- Handicap accessible
- No public transportation

Carson Place Apartments
430 E Grove St, Carson City, MI 48811
(989) 584-3741
www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based individual & family housing (100% rental assistance available)
- 2-3 bedrooms
- No section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed (unless otherwise specified by doctor)
- Credit & background screenings-Some criminal history accepted
- No application fee
- Handicap accessible
- No public transportation

Linden Apartments
320 E Linden St, Carson City, MI 48811
(989) 584-3741
www.kmgprestige.com

- Individual & family housing
- Rental assistance may be available (based on income)
- 1-2 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted on Fair Market Rate units only
- No pets allowed (unless otherwise specified by doctor)
- Credit & background screenings-Some criminal history accepted
- Application fee-$15/adult
- Handicap accessible
- No public transportation
CRYSTAL

Crystal Apartments
311 & 315 Smith St, Crystal, MI 48818
(517) 420-4949
https://propertymanage.biz/genevainvestments/rentals/listings

- Individual & family housing
- 1-3 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Credit & background screenings
- Handicap accessible
- No public transportation

EDMORE

Village Crossings
409 N First St, Edmore, MI 48829
(989) 427-2081
www.kmgprestige.com

- Individual & family housing, tax credit property, income guidelines apply
- 1-3 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees
- Credit & background screenings-Some criminal history accepted
- Application fee-$25/adult
- Handicap accessible – barrier free may be available
- No public transportation

GREENVILLE

Cambridge Court Apartments
305 S Walnut St, Greenville, MI 48838
(616) 754-0235
www.pkhousing.com

- Individual & family housing, rental assistance may be available
- 1-3 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed
- Credit & background screenings-Some criminal history accepted
- Application fee - $20/adult
- Handicap accessible
- Public transportation available
GREENVILLE (continued)

Century Place Apartments  (616) 754-5948
1200 E Washington, Greenville, MI 48838  www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based individual & family housing
- 1-2 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees (no dogs & Support/service animals only)
- Credit & background screenings-Some criminal history accepted
- Screening fee - $15/adult
- Handicap accessible
- Public transportation available

Fairway Glen I & II  (517) 599-2167
719 Industrial Park Dr, Greenville, MI 48838  www.mthmgt.com

- Individual & family housing
- 2-3 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees
- Credit & background screenings-Some criminal history accepted
- Application fee-$20/adult
- Handicap accessible
- Public transportation available

Greenbriar Apartments  (616) 754-7628
1112 Wellington Ct, Apt #102, Greenville, MI 48838  www.hopenetwork.org

- Income based individual & family housing
- 1-3 bedrooms
- No section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed (Service animals only)
- Credit & background screenings-Some criminal history accepted
- No application fee
- Public transportation available
Hidden Pines Apartments
(616) 754-9605
1201 S Cedar St, Greenville, MI 48838
www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based family housing
- 2-3 bedrooms
- No section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed (some exceptions with approval)
- Credit & background screenings
- No application fee
- Public transportation available

Lafayette Arms Apartments
(616) 894-8902
808-815 S Lafayette St & 809-815 S Clay St, Greenville, MI 48838

- Individual & family housing
- 2 bedroom units with garage
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed
- No credit screening; Background screening - Some criminal history accepted
- No application fee
- Public transportation available

Oakwood Apartments
(616) 262-0800
908 E Oak St, Greenville, MI 48838

- Individual & family housing
- 2 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed
- Application fee - $28.50 (for background/credit/criminal screening processing)
- Public transportation available

Pine Knoll Apartments
(616) 754-8715
700 E Fairplains St, Greenville, MI 48838
www.fourmidable.com

- Income based elderly (62+) & disabled (any age) housing
- 1 bedroom
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (on market-rent units only)
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees
- Credit & background screenings - No felonies accepted
- Application fee - $15/adult
- Handicap accessible
- Public transportation available
GREENVILLE (continued)

Pine Manor
1201 S Cedar St, Greenville, MI 48838
(616) 754-9605
www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based elderly (62+) & disabled (any age) housing (minimum rent & income restrictions)
- 1-2 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees
- Credit & background screenings
- Application fee - $15/adult
- Handicap accessible
- Public transportation available

River's Edge Apartments
718 N Hillcrest, Greenville, MI 48838
(616) 754-6169
www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based individual & family housing
- 2-3 bedrooms
- No Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers
- No pets allowed (service animals only)
- Credit & background screenings - Some criminal history accepted
- No application fee
- Public transportation available

HOWARD CITY

Shaw Lane Apartments
727 Shaw St, PO Box 247, Howard City, MI 49329
(231) 937-5886
www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based individual & family housing
- 1-3 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed
- Credit & background screenings - No felonies accepted (can appeal)
- Application fee
- Handicap accessible
- No public transportation
Tamarack Creek Apartments
710 W Edgerton, Howard City, MI 49329
(800) 225-7982
www.stratfordgroupltd.com

- Very low/Low income Elderly (62+) & disabled (any age) housing (rent based on income or rental assistance may be available)
- 1 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees
- Credit & background screenings-No felonies accepted
- No application fee
- Handicap accessible
- No public transportation

Cloverlane Apartments
208 Cloverlane, Lakeview, MI 48850
(989) 352-5051
www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based individual & family housing
- 1-2 bedrooms
- No Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed
- Credit & background screenings-No felonies accepted
- Application fee-$15/adult
- Handicap accessible
- No public transportation

Sheridan Apartments
421 & 423 Balderson, Sheridan, MI 48884
(517) 420-4949
https://propertymanage.biz/genevainvestments/rentals/listings

- Individual & family housing
- 1-3 bedrooms
- No section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Credit & background screenings
- Handicap accessible
- No public transportation
STANTON

Mainville Apartments  (989) 831-5455
650 W Main St, Stanton, MI 48888  www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based individual & family housing
- 1-2 bedrooms
- No section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed (Service animals only)
- Credit & background screenings
- Application fee-$15/adult
- Handicap accessible
- No public transportation

Sunshine Canyon (989) 831-5455
650 W Main St, Stanton, MI 48888  www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based individual & family housing
- 2-3 bedrooms
- No section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed (Service animals only)
- Credit & background screenings
- No application fee
- Handicap accessible
- No public transportation
MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES

Creekview Mobile Home Park  
400 N Walnut St, Greenville, MI 48838  
(616) 232-8576
- Owner occupied-Lot rental only  
- Senior (55+) Community  
- Application fee-$50/person  
- Public transportation available

Edmore Mobile Home Park  
525 W Gilson St, Edmore, MI 48829  
(989) 427-3857
- Owner occupied-Lot rental only  
- Application fee-$40/Adult  
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees  
- Credit & background screenings  
- No public transportation

Greenbriar Estates Mobile Home Park  
11345 SW Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838  
(616) 794-3576  
www.discoverpropertiesllc.com
- Owner occupied-Lot rental only  
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees  
- Application fee - $35/adult  
- Public transportation available

Lakeside Mobile Home Community  
12205 Hart St NE, Greenville, MI 48838  
(616) 303-1485  
www.lakesidevillage55plus.com
- Homes for rent or sale  
- Senior (55+) Community  
- No public transportation available

Pondview Estates MHC  
621 N Walnut St, #30, Greenville, MI 48838  
(616) 232-2222  
www.pondviewestatesmhc.com
- Mobile Home & lot rentals (mainly owner-occupied)  
- Application fee may apply – contact manager  
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees  
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted  
- Credit & background screenings  
- Public transportation available
MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES

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Stanton Mobile Home Park
410 Marjorie Dr, Stanton, MI 48888

- Owner occupied-Lot rental only
- Application fee-$40/Adult
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees
- Credit & background screenings
- Public transportation not available

The Pines
9555 Maple Hill Rd, Howard City, MI 49329

- Mobile Home & lot rentals
- No section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees
- Public transportation not available

Village Trails Mobile Home Park
518 Hickory Ln, Howard City, MI 49329

- Owner occupied-Lot rental only
- No section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees
- Credit & background screenings
- Application fee-please inquire (specials often)
PRIVATE LANDLORDS/PROPERTY MANAGERS

Appleland Realty & Rentals
(616) 754-3100
108 S Lafayette St, Greenville, MI 48838

- Apartments & Houses in Belding, Greenville, Carson City & surrounding areas
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted on some properties
- Application Fee - $30/application per adult
- Public transportaion may be available at some properties

DCH Properties
(616) 754-7665
5976 S Greenville Rd, P.O. Box 341, Greenville, MI 48838
www.lookinsidehome.com

- Apartments & Houses in Crystal, Greenville, & surrounding areas
- 1-5 bedrooms
- Text 616-302-5533 for more information
- Public transportaion may be available at some properties

Lilac Lanes Properties
(989) 493-1222
Sheridan, MI 48884

- Apartments & Houses in Ionia & Montcalm Counties
- 1-3+ bedrooms
- No section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions & fees, at most properties (maximum 2)
- Public transportaion may be available at some properties

Michigan Home & Land
(989) 352-8314
PO Box 262, Lakeview, MI 48850

- Individual, family, & multi-family housing in Lakeview area
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed
- No application fee
- Background, credit, & criminal screenings
- For more information, email: clarks.auto1@gmail.com

Northgate Properties LLC
(616) 794-0561
9111 W Belding Rd, Belding, MI 48809

- Apartments & Duplexes in Belding & Greenville area
- 1-2 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers possibly accepted
- No pets allowed
- Background screenings
- No application fee
PRIVATE LANDLORDS/PROPERTY MANAGERS
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On The Mark Companies
(616) 293-9867
PO Box 26, Sidney, MI 48885
www.onthemarkcompanies.com

♦ Individual, family, & multi-family housing in Montcalm County
♦ 1-5 bedrooms
♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
♦ Pets negotiable with restrictions & fees (no cats)
♦ No application fee
♦ Credit & background screenings-Most criminal history accepted

Rydan Investments
(616) 243-9352
Grand Rapids, MI 49516

♦ Apartments & Houses in Greenville area
♦ Income requirements
♦ No section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
♦ Pets allowed with restrictions & fees, no cats or dogs
♦ Application fee
♦ Credit & background screenings-Some criminal history accepted
♦ For more information, email: dholwalsh@yahoo.com

Small Town Rentals
(231) 937-5888
5555 Amy School Rd, Howard City, MI 48829

♦ Apartments, duplexes, houses in Amble, Coral, & Howard City areas
♦ 1-5 bedrooms
♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
♦ Pets allowed with restrictions/fees
♦ No application fee
♦ Credit & background screenings-Most criminal history accepted
♦ Some handicap accessible

Tickle Properties, LLC
(616) 425-5833
2815 Michigan St NE, Suite D, Grand Rapids MI, 49506

♦ Apartments & houses in Montcalm & Ionia Counties
♦ Pets allowed with restrictions & fees
♦ No application fee
♦ For more information, email: office@targetrealtymi.com
PRIVATE LANDLORDS/PROPERTY MANAGERS
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Winfield Real Estate, LLC (616) 304-3056
PO Box 8, Coral, MI 49322
- Rentals throughout Montcalm County

Wisinski Properties (616) 460-0628
PO Box 51, Greenville, MI 48838
- Apartments & Houses in Belding, Greenville, & Ionia areas
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets accepted with restrictions & fees
- Application fee - $40/adult
- Background/credit/criminal screenings- Some criminal history accepted
## EMERGENCY SHELTER INFORMATION

**Type of Shelter:**  
- **M** = Men  
- **W** = Women  
- **C** = Children  
- **F** = Families  
- **DV** = Domestic Violence  
- **VA** = Veteran

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For further shelter information  
Dial 2-1-1  
or go to [www.mi211.org](http://www.mi211.org)  
or **TEXT** your zip code to **898211**
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR HOUSING NEEDS
Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, & Montcalm Counties

2-1-1 Referral & Resource Line

Michigan www.mi211.org
 robbed Resource Specialists available 24/7 via phone, text, or web
 robe For Gratiot & Isabella Counties dial 2-1-1 or 1-888-636-4211 or visit www.211nemichigan.org.
 For Ionia & Montcalm Counties dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-887-1107 or visit www.hwmuw.org/211.
 From any County text your zip code to 898211.

Gratiot Emergency Housing Corporation (GEHC) (989) 466-0709
PO Box 611, Alma, MI 48801 www.gratiotemergencyhousingcorporation.com
 robe Serves Gratiot County residents ONLY.
 robe Assistance may be available for housing, utilities, heating, equal access - No emergency shelter
 Applications available online to print, call the phone number above, or email:
 info@gratiotemergencyhousingcorporation.com

Michigan Department Health and Human Services (MDHHS) (855) 275-6424
333 S Grand Ave, Lansing, MI 48909 www.michigan.gov/mdhhs
 robe Visit www.michigan.gov/mibridges to apply or contact one of the offices below.
 robe Gratiot County: 201 Commerce Dr, Ithaca, MI 48847, (989) 875-5181
 robe Ionia County: 920 E Lincoln Ave, Ionia, MI 48846, (616) 527-5200
 robe Isabella County: 1919 Parkland Dr, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, (989) 772-8400
 robe Montcalm County: 609 N State St, Stanton, MI 48858, (989) 831-8400
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR HOUSING NEEDS – Legal Help
Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, & Montcalm Counties

Elder Law of Michigan
_Lansing, MI_  
(866) 400-9164

_www.elderlawofmi.org_

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Free legal advice and information over the phone for senior citizens and people with disabilities. For housing issues, call the Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors and specify that you have a Landlord-Tenant related problem, housing in foreclosure, etc.

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (Gratiot & Isabella Counties)
_Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (Gratiot & Isabella Counties) _  
_320 S Washington, Third Floor, Saginaw, MI 48607_  
(800) 322-4512

_www.lsem-mi.org_

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- Eviction defense
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- Challenging unfair housing practices

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Free help, referrals, and accurate legal information on a variety of matters, including housing issues.

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SER (State Emergency Relief): Home, Utilities & Burial

Immediate help may be available if you are facing conditions of extreme hardship or emergencies threatening your health and safety. State Emergency Relief and the Weatherization Assistance Program combine financial assistance and contracts with a network of nonprofit organizations to help low-income households.

Emergency support is designed to maintain low-income households that are normally able to make ends meet but occasionally need help when unexpected emergency situations arise. Emergency support is not an appropriate solution to ongoing or chronic financial difficulties. For ongoing reductions to your energy expenses, be sure to check out the Weatherization Assistance Program.

Relocation Assistance

If you need help with rent, rent arrearage, security deposits or moving expenses, and one of the following circumstances exists for your household, you may be eligible for relocation assistance.

- Homeless, living in a shelter, a car, or on the street.
- Living temporarily with other persons following a fire or natural disaster that occurred not more than 60 days before the date the group files an application for emergency relief.
- Living with other persons to escape a domestic violence situation.
- A court summons or judgment was issued which will result in the family group becoming homeless.
- Your family group needs adequate housing to avoid a foster care placement or before a child(ren) can return home from foster care.
- A MDHHS employee determines the family must be relocated from unsafe housing or for the protection of the children.
- The group receives final written notice to vacate condemned housing from a local public agency authorized to issue such an order.

Relocation housing must be affordable (total housing costs cannot exceed 75 percent of the group’s net income). Applicant(s) must have good cause for non-payment of their shelter obligation during the last six months, regardless of the reason they are in need.

SER assistance may also be available for:
- Home repairs (furnace, water heater, septic)
- Burial/cremation needs
- Home Ownership assistance (property taxes, mortgages/Land Contract payments, lot rent)
- Heat/electric payments
- Weatherization
- Home heating credit

Contact DHHS for more information and apply to MI Bridges to see if you qualify.
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HUD EQUAL ACCESS RULE FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND

HUD's final rule on Equal Access in accordance with an individual's gender in Community Planning and Development Program's was published on September 21, 2016. Its purpose is to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and families from discrimination in Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs and to set an example to the private market.

Note: This rule is not a law, or an amendment to the federal Fair Housing Act, which protects against discrimination in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status (whether or not you have children). It is simply a new regulation applied to HUD-funded housing and housing providers.

DEFINITIONS

Sexual Orientation: Refers to whether a person identifies as homosexual, heterosexual, or bisexual.

Perceived Gender Identity: Refers to the gender with which a person is perceived to identify based on that person's appearance, behavior, expression, or gender-related characteristics, sex assigned at birth, or identification in documents. This includes types of gender expression not stereotypically associated with the sex a person was assigned at birth.

THE RULE:

EQUAL ACCESS PROVISION

The rule establishes a new Equal Access Provision

- Housing that is financed, insured, or assisted by HUD must be made available without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

- Types of HUD funding the rule covers: HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) Programs, including the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA), Shelter Plus Care (S+C), Supportive Housing Program and any other HUD-assisted programs. Private housing providers with no FHA loan are not subject.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION LOANS

The rule adds sexual orientation and gender identity to the existing FHA equal access provision

- Prohibits lenders from determining eligibility for FHA-insured loans on actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity.

DEFINITION OF FAMILY

The rule clarifies the definition of “family” and “household” to include LGBT inclusive language

- “Family” now includes persons regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

- This is crucial because the definition of family determines who is eligible to participate in a HUD program.

- Applies to certain programs only: Emergency Solution Grant (ESG), Section 8, Public Housing, FHA, Community Development Block Grants, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), 202/811 (elderly and disabled assisted housing).

PROHIBITION OF INQUIRIES

The rule prohibits inquiries about sexual orientation and gender identity

- Prohibits owners and operators of HUD-funded housing, or HUD insured housing (FHA loans), from inquiring about an applicant or occupant's sexual orientation or gender identity, or denying an applicant housing on that basis.

- Any mortgage lender that provides FHA loans must follow this provision, even if an individual is seeking a non-FHA loan.
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