



# Housing Newsletter

Fall 2021

## COVID-19 Update

The province entered step three of the Roadmap to reopen on July 16, 2021.

We continue to encourage tenants to follow the advice from Public Health and practice social distancing, handwashing and wearing a mask in public places.



The COVID-19 vaccine clinic schedule and additional information can be found on the Public Health website at [publichealthontario.ca](https://publichealthontario.ca)

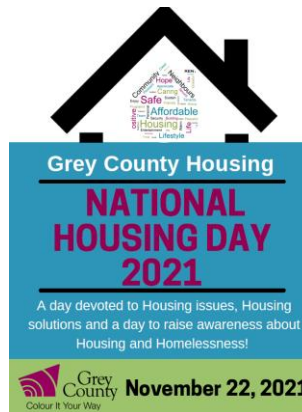
If you require a copy of your vaccine receipt, you can obtain it by visiting:

<https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/COVID-19/Vaccines/Getting-Your-COVID-19-Vaccine>

**\*\*Please note that Grey County Housing does not require vaccine status from Tenants.**

## National Housing Day

National Housing Day takes place on November 22 every year. It is a day devoted to Housing issues, Housing solutions and a day to raise awareness about Housing and Homelessness! To help celebrate, there will be apples and granola bars in the buildings, along with posters and information. There will also be a coloring



contest for kids. Please help yourself to the snacks and help us celebrate National Housing Day.

## Enumeration - October 18

On October 18 Grey County asked anyone experiencing homelessness to participate in a one-day anonymous survey. Hubs sites were located through Grey county. All eligible participants received a gift card for taking part. The information received will help the County better understand the current scope of homelessness in the area and data will be used to inform future decisions around needed supports and services.



## Facebook Account

Did you know that Grey County Housing has a Facebook account? You can find the Facebook page at:

[facebook.com/greycountyhousing](https://facebook.com/greycountyhousing)

Follow us to receive up-to-date information, event details and much more.

## Headlice Treatment and Prevention

- Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, camp). Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons, or barrettes. Do not share combs, brushes, or towels.
- Coconut, tea tree oil, lavender, eucalyptus, rosemary, lemon grass, and peppermint are scents popularly believed to repel lice. Using any coconut scented shampoo and conditioner is an easy way to increase your defense. Self-screen before entering the common room
- Wash any lice-infested item in hot water that is at least 130°F (54°C), put it in a hot dryer for 15 minutes or more, or placing the item in an air-tight plastic bag and leaving it for two weeks to kill the lice and any nits. You can also vacuum floors and furniture where lice may have fallen.
- Treat hair with recommended products from the drug store and use a lice comb to remove nits.



## Maximum RGI Rent

Effective January 1, 2022 tenants who are currently paying maximum rental amounts will be subject to a rental increase as passed by Grey County Council on October 7, 2021. This increase will not affect any tenants who are paying less than maximum rent. Maximum rent tenants won't see the increase until February 1, 2022. Please contact our office with any questions.

## Fire Safety

- Do not charge E-Bikes indoors. The batteries when over charged can emit Hydrogen sulfide Gas which can set off your Carbon Monoxide Alarms. Hydrogen Sulfide Gas can have the same symptoms as Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- Do not overload outlets
- Ensure proper storage of flammable materials
- Keep barbecue lighters and matches out of sight and reach of children
- Use battery operate candles instead of real flame candles

## Maintenance Issues

Maintenance issues can be reported by completing a maintenance request form or sending an email to [housingrepairs@grey.ca](mailto:housingrepairs@grey.ca). If there is an emergency after hours, such as a flood, fire, lockout, plumbing or electrical issue, please call the housing after hours line at 519-376-5744

## Importance of AR's

We are mailing out Annual Reviews (AR) and will continue to do so by area over the coming months. As you receive your package you will also see dates that Staff will be onsite for those who would like assistance. Grey County Housing calculates your rent annually. Please complete the forms provided in order for your Tenancy to remain eligible each year. Your Notice of Assessment helps to determine your rent amount. Personal assistance will be provided by Grey County Housing for each property/area for Tenants that are interested.