

Winter 2022

COVID-19 Update

The Ontario government has temporarily moved the province into Step Two of its Roadmap to Reopen. We continue to encourage tenants to follow the advice from Public Health and practice social distancing, handwashing and wearing a mask in public places. It is advised to get a COVID vaccine booster if possible. Please reference Public Health website at:

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

If you require a copy of your vaccine receipt, you can obtain it by visiting: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/get-proof/>

The following libraries will assist in printing, but cannot laminate:

- Southgate Public Library
- Grey Highlands Libraries
- Meaford Public Library
- Hanover Public Library
- The Blue Mountains Libraries
- West Grey Libraries

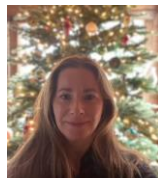
****Please note that Grey County Housing does not require vaccine status from Tenants.**

Common Room Closures

All common rooms have been closed due to the rising number of COVID cases locally and to help reduce the risk of exposure to COVID.

New Staff

Sherry Rehkopf has joined the Housing team as Community Relations Worker. Sherry will provide support for tenants and act as a resource for tenants and staff. Sherry will assist at-risk tenants who require additional supports, including counselling, health support, and/or community assistance to access formal and informal community and government resources.



Amy Young joins housing as the Affordable Housing Program Administrative Coordinator. Amy will be covering a 12-month maternity leave contract and will provide administrative assistance and support for housing programs and community homelessness prevention initiatives.



Paige Cutting has taken on the role of Applicant Assistant and will provide housing applicants with support and information as well as receptionist, clerical, and accounting services.



Caitlin Currie joins the team as the Homelessness Response Coordinator. Caitlin is responsible for coordinating and maintaining the Grey-Bruce By-Name list and the coordinator of the Homelessness Response Steering Committee.



Responsible Pet Owner

- Keep your pet on a leash at all times
- Don't let your pet use balconies as washrooms
- Clean up after your pet
- Vaccinate your pets
- Spay/neuter your pets

By-Name List

The By-Name List is an up-to-date list of all people experiencing homelessness in our community. The list aims to connect people experiencing homelessness to available housing resources and supports.

If you know of someone experiencing homelessness and require assistance, please contact our office.

Bed Bug Information



Bed bugs are oval and are about 3/16th of an inch in length. Prior to feeding, they are brown and flat. After feeding, bed bugs become redder in colour, swollen, and elongated. Bed bugs have six legs and two antennae. Bed bugs cannot fly.

Bed bugs can be found everywhere, even in the cleanest houses and hotels. They can move in very narrow and inaccessible places, such as a gap the thickness of a credit card. Here are some tips to prevent a bed bug infestation:

- Avoid clutter to reduce the number of places bed bugs can hide
- Inspect second-hand clothing and clean using dryer heat
- Avoid bringing in items that are used or second-hand such as mattresses, bedsprings, wood or upholstered furniture
- Take precaution when travelling and use luggage racks or the bathtub in hotels to store suitcases and inspect luggage after travelling
- Inspect your dwelling using a flashlight and if bugs are found contact Grey County Housing immediately so appropriate measures can be taken in a timely manner

Severe Weather

In the event there is a severe weather statement and tenants are asked to take shelter, the best course of action is to go to the lowest floor, center of the room (like a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Individuals should crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down and cover your head and hands.

Charge Back Garbage/Keys

Tenants are responsible for the disposal of large garbage items. If you are unable to dispose of these large items yourself, please contact the Maintenance department.



Tenants are given two keys and one key fob at lease sign in. No additional keys will be provided unless there is a legitimate reason. If a key is lost or stolen, a charge back will be applied to the tenant.

Tenant Insurance

All renters need Tenant Insurance for protection in the event of a fire, theft and/or water damage and in the event that they are sued for causing property damage to others. Grey County Housing residents are required to have a valid Tenant Insurance Policy in effect for the entire duration of their tenancy. If you require assistance in obtaining Tenant Insurance, please contact your Community Relations Worker.

Maintenance Issues

Maintenance issues can be reported by completing a maintenance request form or sending an email to 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.