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|  |  **Georgia** **Eviction Prevention Toolkit** |  |



**As the eviction moratorium comes to an end, thousands of Georgia 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.

[**Georgia Rental Assistance Program**](https://georgiarentalassistance.ga.gov/check-eligibility/tenant)

If you're a Georgia renter who has fallen behind on rent payments as of March 13, 2020, you may qualify for assistance. Click on this link to find out if you’re eligible for assistance.

**[Emergency Voucher Program](https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/emergency-housing-voucher-program)**

The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). To apply for the Emergency Voucher Program, click on the link**.**

**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 of Georgia?**

* **[Rental Help Georgia](https://www.hud.gov/states/georgia/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 [here.](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 Georgia](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHA_Contact_Report_GA.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://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 Georgia Resources**

[**Assisted rental housing in Georgia**](https://www.georgiahousingsearch.org/)

**[Find units for rent in rural Northern Georgia](https://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select_county.jsp?st=ga1&state_name=Northern%20Georgia&st_cd=13)**

**[Find units for rent in rural Southern Georgia](https://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select_county.jsp?st=ga2&state_name=Southern%20Georgia&st_cd=13)**

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

**[Housing resources for seniors](https://www.hud.gov/states/georgia/homeownership/seniors)**

**[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

[**Georgia State Housing Programs**](https://georgia.gov/assistance-programs-guide)

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

[**Support Services in Georgia**](https://www.unitedwaycg.org/2-1-1)- contact the United Way Helpline by **calling 211** directly or visit the agency’s website

**[Georgia Alliance to End Homelessness](https://www.gahomeless.org/)** - if you are experiencing homelessness and need emergency shelter

[**Continuums of Care**](https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care) - coordinate housing and services for homeless families and individuals