

Pop-In Drop-In: Off Campus Housing

Where can I find off-campus housing?

Off-campus housing information is available on the <u>Canadore College website</u> under the Support tab by selecting <u>Housing</u>. Canadore partners with <u>Places4Students</u>, a trusted online platform used by students, landlords, and institutions for over 20 years. Students can browse listings, post sublets, and find roommates for free. The platform is student-focused, often featuring short-term leases, furnished rooms, and listings close to campus. Other popular resources include Facebook Marketplace and Kijiji.

What is the average cost of off-campus housing in North Bay?

Costs vary depending on the type of accommodation. Shared housing (e.g., a room in a house or basement apartment) typically ranges from \$600 to \$1000 CAD. Bachelor or studio apartments range from \$1100 to \$1800 CAD. One-bedroom apartments start around \$1800 CAD, two-bedrooms from \$2000 CAD, and three-bedrooms from \$2300 CAD and up. Shared housing is generally more affordable and can also help students build a support network.

What are some common housing scams and how can I avoid them?

Common scams include phantom listings (properties that don't exist), unusually low rent prices, requests for upfront payments without a lease, and landlords who refuse in-person viewings. Warning signs include high-pressure tactics and listings that seem too good to be true. To avoid scams, students should:

- Know their rights under Ontario's Residential Tenancies Act
- Avoid paying with cash or gift cards
- Only send payments after signing a lease and verifying the unit
- Use traceable payment methods
- Research landlords and use tools like Google Street View or reverse image searches to verify listings

Who do I contact if I'm having trouble securing housing?

Students can contact Canadore's Housing Support at housing.support@canadorecollege.ca. The team can help with navigating partner sites, social media groups, rental platforms, and even short-term options like hotels or Airbnb. They also provide guidance on tenant rights, red flags, and scam awareness. While students are responsible for securing their own housing, Canadore offers resources and support to help them succeed. Students must sign a housing attestation confirming they've arranged housing before registering for classes.

How far from campus is too far to live and still make it to class on time?

This can depend on your transportation options. Many students aim for a 15–30 minute commute by car, bike, bus, or walking. If you're using public transit, check routes and schedules before signing a lease. Winter weather and early classes can make long commutes challenging, so plan accordingly.

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