



Panther Fast Facts: Off Campus Housing

Q: Where can I find off-campus housing?

A: You can find off-campus housing information on the Canadore College website under the Support tab by selecting Housing. Canadore partners with [Places for Students](#), a trusted online platform for student housing listings. Students can search detailed listings, post sublets, and find roommates—all for free. Create a free account (no credit card required) to browse listings and message landlords directly. Unlike general rental sites, *Places for Students* caters to students, offering short-term leases, furnished rooms, and proximity to campus. Other resources include Facebook Marketplace and Kijiji for rentals, and Airbnb or Vrbo for short-term stays (though these tend to be more expensive).

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

A: Costs vary by accommodation type:

- Shared accommodation (room in a house or basement apartment): \$800–\$1,000/month
- Bachelor or studio apartment: \$1,100–\$1,800/month
- One-bedroom apartment: \$1,800 and up
- Two-bedroom apartment: \$2,500 and up

Shared housing is generally more affordable and offers opportunities to build friendships. Start your search early to avoid limited and costly options.

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

A: Common scams include:

- Phantom listings: Properties that don't exist or aren't available. Watch for unrealistic photos (e.g., ocean views in North Bay).
- Too-good-to-be-true pricing: Extremely low rent compared to local averages.
- Upfront payments without a lease: Never send money before signing an agreement or viewing the unit.
- Unavailable for viewing: Legitimate landlords allow viewings.
- High-pressure tactics: Urgency to pay immediately.

To protect yourself:

- Learn your rights under Ontario's Residential Tenancies Act.
- Avoid paying with cash or gift cards.
- Verify listings using Google Street View or reverse image search.
- Research landlords and ask questions.

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

A: Contact Canadore's Housing Support Team at housing.support@canadorecollege.ca. They can guide you through finding listings, provide reliable resources, and help you understand your rights and responsibilities. While they can't guarantee housing, they offer tools and advice to improve your chances of finding safe, affordable accommodations.



Q: What happens if I have a disagreement with my landlord?

A: Housing Support can provide talking points and resources to help resolve issues, but the landlord-tenant relationship is ultimately the student's responsibility.

Q: Is commuting from Toronto realistic, or should I move?

A: Commuting from Toronto is not recommended. The distance to Canadore's College Drive campus is about 350 km (4-hour drive), not including traffic or winter conditions. Canadore requires students to confirm housing in North Bay before registering for classes, so securing local housing is essential.