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# How To Find Affordable Housing

Finding affordable housing in NYC is difficult. This is a guide for how to start.

**1. Tell your friends, family, co-workers, community members that you are looking for an apartment.** Spread the word in case anyone knows of a place.

## **2. Get on the affordable housing lottery**

Go to [www.nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://www.nyc.gov/housingconnect)

Click Sign In and Create a New Account. Spend some time filling out your profile and then apply to as many buildings as you would like. To be selected, you must be chosen in the random lottery AND qualify for the income requirement for that building.

## **3. Use the NY Housing Search**

Go to

[www.nyhousingsearch.gov/NYCD.html](http://www.nyhousingsearch.gov/NYCD.html)

Click on a borough. Then click on a district. Enter the min and max rent you can pay. Then click "Click Here to Search." Contact the listings you are interested in.

## **4. Check out the NYC Housing Development Corp**

Go to [www.nychdc.com](http://www.nychdc.com)

Click on Now Renting under Apply for Housing. Click on Download Advertisement for instructions on how to apply to each of the buildings.

## **5. Apply for HCR financed units**

Go to [www.nyshcr.org/RentalHousing-renters.htm](http://www.nyshcr.org/RentalHousing-renters.htm)

Click on Apply for HCR Financed Affordable Rental Units. View Advertisement to see details about each building, and for instructions on how to apply to each building.

## **6. Log into Mitchell-Lama connect**

Go to [www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/mitchell-lama-rentals.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/mitchell-lama-rentals.page)

Sign in to Mitchell-Lama Connect with your Housing Connect information. Then apply.

## **7. Find organizations**

Go to [www.furmancenter.org/about/links](http://www.furmancenter.org/about/links)

Scroll through the list. Call or email organizations that seem relevant.

## **8. Surf the web to find a place**

There are MANY websites where you can search for an apartment. Be sure to visit an apartment before sending anyone a deposit. Here are some examples:

[streeteasy.com](http://streeteasy.com)

[craigslist.com](http://craigslist.com)

[apartments.com](http://apartments.com)

[padmapper.com](http://padmapper.com)

[citihabits.com](http://citihabits.com)

[zillow.com](http://zillow.com)

[nakedapartments.com](http://nakedapartments.com)

[apartmentlist.com](http://apartmentlist.com)