



HOLIDAYS OBSERVED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

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How do I Register to Vote?

Voter Information Who can register to vote?
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Registration Deadlines?



To be eligible to register to vote in Virginia a person must:

- Be a resident of Virginia (A person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes);
- Be a U. S. Citizen;
- Be 18 years old (Any person who is 17 years old and will be eighteen years of age at the next election shall be permitted to register in advance and also vote in any intervening primary or special election;
- Does not claim the right to vote in any other State;
- Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law;
- If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must have been restored.

Persons eligible to register can obtain a registration application at any of the following locations:

- Local voter registration office: **Newport News City Hall-2400 Washington Avenue-6th Floor-Newport News, Virginia 23607**. Telephone number: **757.926.8683**
- Online: **www.nngov.com/voter-registrar**.
- State or local government offices when applying or recertifying for Aid to Dependent Children, Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid, or Rehabilitation Services;
- Government offices in the State that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to person with disabilities;
- Armed forces recruitment offices;
- Public Libraries: **Pearl Bailey-2510 Wickham Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607**
Grissom-366 DeShazor Drive, Newport News, VA 23608
West Avenue-2907 West Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607
Main Street-110 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601
- State Board of Elections office;
- Department of Motor Vehicles offices;
- Voter Registration Drives.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. (in person)
If registering online, must be submitted by 11:59 p.m.



Information for Tenants

The U.S. Department of Treasury's ("Treasury") Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program makes funding available to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utilities. The funds were provided directly to states, U.S. territories, local governments, and (in case of the first program, ERA1) to Indian tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities, as applicable, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Grantees use the funds to assist eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs.

In guidance and FAQs, Treasury advised that participants in HUD-assisted rental programs (including the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), Public Housing, or Project-Based Rental Assistance programs) are eligible for the ERA program and may receive assistance for the tenant-owed portion of rent or utilities that is not subsidized. In FAQs for PHAs and HCV landlords, PIH clarified that this assistance can include rent arrearages and utilities owed over the utility allowance. The FAQs include additional guidance on interim reexaminations, income calculations, and additional considerations for private landlords participating in the HCV program.

To learn more about how to apply for ERA go to: **Virginia Rent Relief Program by visiting:**
<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp> or calling 703-962-1884

You may contact 2-1-1 Virginia to determine the availability of any additional rent relief programs by visiting: <https://211virginia.org> or calling 211.

You may wish to contact your local legal aid program for free legal assistance to low-income people by visiting: <https://www.valegalaid.org/find-legal-help> or calling 1-866-LEGALAID (1-866-534-5243).

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for temporary protection from eviction under the laws of your State, territory, locality, or tribal area, or under Federal law.
Visit <http://www.cfpb.gov/eviction> or call a housing counselor at 800-569-4287 to learn more.

State and local ERA grantees can also be accessed from Treasury's website using the link "Find rental assistance in your area."

Leases may not be terminated due to nonpayment of rent until at least 30 days have passed after a tenant receives this notice.

Get Your Child Tax Credit & Earned Income Tax Credit

File Your Taxes



Thanks to President Biden's American Rescue Plan, there is **more money available** to families and/or people with low to moderate incomes. Filing your taxes is how you can claim benefits like the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Whether or not you received stimulus checks or monthly payments in 2021, additional money may be available to you. While individuals who won't owe taxes have longer to file, filing by **April 18, 2022** is how you may get your full benefits the soonest.

A Historic Increase

Families can enjoy an increased Child Tax Credit (\$3,000 or \$3,600, depending on a child/dependent's age), and more people with low incomes can receive a larger Earned Income Tax Credit.

These Tax Credits Are Not Income

Receiving these benefits will not impact eligibility for other federal benefits such as UI, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, SDI, TANF, WIC, Section 8 or Public Housing.

Not a Frequent Tax Filer?

Even if you didn't earn enough to be required to file taxes, you are eligible for the Child Tax Credit and potentially thousands of additional dollars in benefits. See what you can receive by filing a 2021 tax return!

Find out how to get assistance and file your taxes for free at

ChildTaxCredit.gov



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WASHINGTON



Struggling to pay your rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

The Virginia Rent Relief Program may be able to help

Virginia is administering relief for renters experiencing a negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP). Through this state program, you can apply (or your landlord may apply on your behalf) to receive funds to pay delinquent rent arrear payments back to April 1, 2020, and up to three months of payments into the future to maintain housing stability. The total payments may not exceed a total of 15 months of rental assistance per household.



Eligibility

The Virginia RRP will provide financial help on behalf of renters who meet the following criteria:

- ☒ Have a valid lease agreement in their name or other documents confirming the landlord-tenant relationship, and live in the unit at time of application
- ☒ Have a rent amount that is at or below **150% Fair Market Rent**
- ☒ Have a gross household income at or below **80% of the area median income**
- ☒ Have experienced a financial hardship directly or indirectly due to the coronavirus pandemic including but not limited to:
 - Being laid off
 - Place of employment has closed
 - Reduction in hours of work
 - Loss of spousal/child support
 - Inability to find work due to COVID-19
 - Having to stay home with children due to distance learning / closure of day care or school
 - Increase in expenses due to COVID-19, such as child care, medical bills, etc.
 - Unwilling or unable to participate in previous employment due to the workplace's high risk of severe illness from COVID-19



Required documents

You'll need the following as proof of eligibility:

- ☒ Proof of income (for example: pay stubs, bank statements, letter from employer, Social Security documents, pension)
- ☒ Valid lease or other documentation of landlord-tenant relationship
- ☒ Rent ledger (landlord provides)
- ☒ Completed application and agreements
- ☒ Virginia W-9

Learn More & Apply:

Contact your landlord today to apply on your behalf. This is the quickest way to access rent relief.

Or apply for yourself. Get started on DHCD's website: **dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility**



The Virginia Rent Relief Program is administered through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Virginia Housing is the grantee for landlord-initiated applicants. For more information, visit **dhcd.virginia.gov/rrp**.



¿Luchando para Poder Pagar su Alquiler debido a la pandemia de COVID-19?

Usted podría ser elegible para recibir asistencia financiera a través del Programa de Alivio de Alquiler de Virginia.

Virginia está administrando fondos de alivio para inquilinos que estén experimentando un impacto financiero negativo debido a la pandemia de COVID-19 a través del Programa de Alivio de Alquiler de Virginia (RRP). A través de este programa, usted puede aplicar (o su arrendador puede aplicar a su nombre) para recibir fondos para cubrir los pagos atrasados de su alquiler a partir del 1 de abril de 2020 y hasta tres meses de pagos en el futuro para mantener la estabilidad de la vivienda. Los pagos totales no pueden exceder un total de 15 meses de asistencia para el alquiler por hogar.



Elegibilidad

El RRP de Virginia brindará ayuda financiera a nombre de los inquilinos que cumplan con los siguientes requisitos:

- ☒ Tener un contrato de arrendamiento válido a su nombre u otra documentación que confirme la relación entre el propietario y el inquilino y ocupar la unidad en el momento de la aplicación
- ☒ El pago total del alquiler del hogar es igual o menor al **150% del alquiler justo del mercado**
- ☒ Tener un ingreso familiar bruto igual o menor al **80% del ingreso medio del área**
- ☒ Haber experimentado dificultades financieras (directa o indirectamente) debido a la pandemia de coronavirus, incluyendo, entre otros:
 - Haber sido despedido
 - Su lugar de trabajo ha cerrado
 - Reducción de horas de trabajo
 - Pérdida de la manutención del cónyuge / hijos
 - Incapacidad para encontrar trabajo debido a COVID-19
 - Tener que quedarse en casa con sus niños debido al cierre de la guardería / escuela
 - Aumento en gastos debido a COVID-19, como cuidado de niños, facturas médicas, etc.
 - No estar dispuesto o no poder participar en su empleo anterior debido a que su enfermedad lo hace ser considerado de alto riesgo al contagio de COVID-19



Documentos requeridos

Necesitará lo siguiente como prueba de elegibilidad:

- ☒ Comprobante de ingresos (por ejemplo: recibos de pago, estados de cuenta bancarios, carta del empleador, documentos del seguro social, pensión)
- ☒ Contrato de arrendamiento válido u otra documentación que compruebe la relación propietario-inquilino
- ☒ Libro de contabilidad de alquiler
- ☒ Solicitud y acuerdos completados
- ☒ W-9 de Virginia

Aprenda Más y Aplique:

Comuníquese con su arrendador hoy para que presente una solicitud a su nombre. Esta es la forma más rápida de acceder al alivio del alquiler.

O aplique usted mismo. Comience visitando el sitio web de DHCD: dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility



El programa de alivio de alquiler de Virginia es administrado a través del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de Virginia. Virginia Housing es el administrador para las solicitudes iniciadas por el propietario. Para obtener más información, visite dhcd.virginia.gov/rrp.

REAC INSPECTIONS – COVID UPDATES AND INFORMATION



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development initiated a Return to Inspection Operations in the June 2021. The Department worked closely with CDC and stakeholders to develop and implement a flexible protocol with controls and parameters in place to adjust and respond to COVID-19 related constraints. The protocols include a 28-day notification period to property management before an inspection to provide more preparation time. Residents may opt out of having their unit inspected and an alternate unit will be selected. Additional details are provided below.

As a RESIDENT, what can I do if I have concerns with COVID-19 and have been notified of an upcoming REAC inspection?

- ✓ Residents should communicate any health or related concerns to their property representative. The inspector will work with the property representative to select alternate units.
- ✓ The inspector and property representative will practice safe distancing and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) consistent with detailed HUD safety protocols informed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) most recent guidance.
- ✓ Residents who are home may elect to leave or stay in the unit during the inspection in alignment with their preference.
- ✓ Please review HUD's "Residents Rights and Responsibilities" flyer on inspections for further information.
https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC_12162.PDF

As a PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVE, what can I do if my property has COVID-19 related cases and I have been notified of an upcoming REAC inspection?

- ✓ You may communicate COVID related concerns at the 28, 14, and 2-day notification intervals established in the 2021-01 Inspector Notice. Ideally, concerns are addressed ahead of the inspection date via these checkpoints.
- ✓ If you have any additional questions, please coordinate with your inspector or you may reach out to HUD's Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at 888-245-4860.
- ✓ PHAs/Owners & Agents may reference the REAC Inspector Notice No. 2020-01 for additional detail:
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/COVID19InspectorProtocolNotice2021-01.pdf>



REAC Inspection Postponement/Adjustment Process

REAC works with properties and inspectors to analyze postponement requests on a case-by-case basis as outlined below. The process emphasizes flexibility and balances the risks of COVID against the risk of not conducting inspections. HUD factors in items such as available alternate units, local conditions, property elements, property designation status, etc. when adjusting inspection dates. As may be needed throughout the process, please contact the TAC and REAC will help facilitate any needed changes factoring relevant concerns of all parties involved. Core steps include:

Step 1: The inspector will reach out to the property to provide date options for the upcoming inspections. Once the date is set, the inspector issues the 28-day notification to the property.

Step 2: At the 14- or 2-day protocol-based check-ins, COVID concerns should be discussed so that the date is maintained or adjusted as needed. REAC will work with the property and inspector as needed to help frame out schedule adjustments.

Step 3: As part of the evaluation process, REAC will coordinate with MF/PH leadership to ensure it evaluates all relevant factors.

Step 4: On the day of the inspection, the inspector is required to report to the TAC the relevant COVID cases.

Step 5: TAC reviews the number of COVID related cases and documents units/bldgs. impacted and coordinates with the property and inspector if additional discussions are warranted.

Additional REAC Information may be found at:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/reac

REAC INSPECTIONS – COVID-19 UPDATES AND INFO



- ✓ HUD resumed inspection operations in June 2021.
- ✓ HUD worked closely with the CDC and stakeholders to develop flexible protocols which included a 28-day notification period to property management before an inspection.
- ✓ Residents may opt out of having their unit inspected and an alternate unit will be selected.

RESIDENT CONCERNS

- ✓ Residents should communicate COVID-19 health or related concerns to their property representative. An alternative unit will be selected for inspection.
- ✓ The inspector and property representative will practice safe distancing and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) consistent with CDC guidance.
- ✓ Residents who are home may elect to leave or stay in the unit during the inspection.

PROPERTY CONCERNS

- ✓ PHAs/Owners & Agents may communicate COVID-19 related concerns at the 28, 14, and 2-day notification intervals.
- ✓ If you have any additional questions, please coordinate with your inspector or you may reach out to REAC's Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at 888-245-4860.
- ✓ PHAs/Owners & Agents may reference the REAC Inspector Notice No. 2020-01 for additional detail:
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/COVID19InspectorProtocolNotice2021-01.pdf>

REQUESTS TO POSTPONE

- ✓ All requests to postpone inspection must be communicated to the Technical Assistance Center (TAC): 888-245-4860.
- ✓ REAC works with properties and inspectors to analyze postponement requests on a case-by-case basis, balancing COVID-19 conditions with the risks of not inspecting.
- ✓ REAC will coordinate with Multifamily and Public Housing leadership to ensure it evaluates all relevant factors.
- ✓ On the day of the inspection, the inspector is required to report to the Technical Assistance Center property-level COVID cases.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/reac

ATTENTION! **THE FAMILY INVESTMENT CENTER
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TO MARSHALL COURTS RECREATION CENTER**

**FREE TRAINING
PROGRAMS**

The Family Investment Center offers free training in the following courses:

CNA;
Self-Paced Typing;
Employability Skills Workshops;
Resume and Interviewing Prep;
Job Lead Assistance;
Homeownership.

Call 757-928-3680 if you have questions

PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

Centro de Trabajo Para la Familia ofrece los Cursos que sigue:

- Mecanografía;
- Habilidades de obrero;
- Ayuda con su resumen y su entrevista;
- Como se encuentra trabajo;
- Como encontrar y poseer una casa.

Centro de Trabajo
Para La Familia

Lunes - Viernes
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757.928.3680 ingles
757.928.6146 español

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**Marshall Courts Recreation Center
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Monday thru Friday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm**

757.928.3680



New phone rules start in April



Hampton Roads residents are reminded that the Virginia State Corporation Commission has approved a new 948 area code for the Hampton Roads region. Beginning May 6, 2022, new telephone lines or services may be assigned numbers using the new 948 area code. The new code, or overlay does not require customers to change their existing area code or telephone number, but it will require using a new dialing procedure to complete calls.

Area residents are encouraged to practice dialing phone numbers using all 10 digits (area code and phone number), and to reprogram telephone contact lists, life safety systems, medical monitoring systems, and other devices so they include both the phone number and the area code. You will still be able to dial just three digits to reach 911 and similar numbers.

Beginning April 9, all local calls made in the 757 area code will not be connected if only seven digits are dialed.

Gov2Go: Virginia Rent Relief Program's New Landlord and Tenant Portal



Dear RRP Stakeholders:

As noted in previous communications, the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP) will be transitioning to a combined landlord and tenant portal for rent relief applications on December 1, 2021. The new portal, Gov2Go, will offer an updated, secure and user-friendly portal that will allow you to access RRP on virtually any web-enabled device. Landlords and tenants now have the ability to apply for rent relief – and confirm their eligibility – quickly and easily. The new platform will improve communications for both landlords and tenants on applications initiated by each party, as well as streamline and expedite the processing of rent relief applications.

Please note in order to protect your privacy, all landlords will need to securely upload their W-9 and banking information into the new application platform, Gov2Go. If you have any issues uploading your W-9, please contact the RRP Support Center at 1-833-RENT-RELIEF or 1-833-736-8735(433).

Coronavirus Update from the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank

During times of crisis, the Foodbank plays an important role in meeting community needs. In response to the coronavirus, the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank has been working to provide food to people who might otherwise go hungry.

The Foodbank's Mobile Food Pantry Program is distributing food in high-traffic spots across the peninsula and they are working with partner agencies to ensure people receive the food they desperately need. The team from the Foodbank's Culinary Training Program is preparing breakfast and lunch grab-and-go bags for children throughout our local area. The Foodbank has also hosted several large-scale public food distribution events to help individuals and families struggling to locate healthy meals. During a distribution event in Newport News last week, they provided food to support 500 households.

If you are struggling to get the food you and your family need, please visit the Get Help page on the Foodbank's website to locate a mobile food pantry or partner agency that can help. Please call (757-596-7188) prior to visiting to confirm hours of operation, as distribution plans change quickly and without much notice.

Due to the increased demand for food in grocery stores, the Foodbank has seen a significant decrease in food pick-ups and store donations, which means personal donations are even more important. You can still drop food donations off at their Hampton headquarters at 2401 Aluminum Avenue. All donations are quarantined for 72 hours before they are available to be distributed. You can make a monetary donation to help purchase truckloads of supplies, donate through YouGiveGoods or purchase through online retailers to ship items directly to the Foodbank's doors. For additional information on any of these options, you can contact Tracy Hansbrough at thansbrough@hrfoodbank.org.

NEWPORT NEWS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

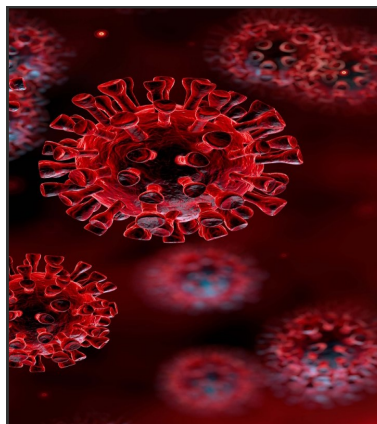
Call center is open 8 AM - 6 PM

Please call 757-594-7069

If you have questions about where
to

get tested if you are experiencing

COVID-19 symptoms.



We encourage you to self-report illness or quarantine if you are not feeling well. This will prevent spreading COVID 19 to your loved ones and friends.

Coronavirus:
Keeping you informed

The Apprentice School of Newport News Shipbuilding



The Apprentice School of Newport News Shipbuilding offers four, five, and eight year, tuition-free apprenticeships in 28 occupations to qualified men and women. Apprentices work a regular 40-hour week and are paid for all work, including time spent in academic classes.

An apprenticeship is a formal training program which allows a worker to receive thorough instruction and experience-both theoretical and practical-in the various aspects of a skilled trade. Today's apprentices are fully trained, well paid men and women acquiring skills and knowledge that will serve them well throughout their careers.

Please visit the website or call for additional information:
www.as.edu or (757) 380-3809.

The Apprentice School-Newport News Shipbuilding -
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TIRED OF PAYING HIGH TAX PREPARATION FEES?

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**BETWEEN 18-24?
NEED YOUR GED?
WANT TO LEARN A TRADE?**

PLEASE CALL 757-386-6113 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Newport News YouthBuild is a program of Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas, with grant funding provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration. The total cost of the Newport News YouthBuild program is \$1,760,090. \$1,408,072 (80%) is funded through a U.S. Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration grant. The other \$352,018 (20%) is funded through State and Local resources.



REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE



We all know the heartache and devastation that drugs can bring to our families.

If you or anyone you know and love is affected by substance abuse help is available.

Program Name	Services	Payment
Tidewater Area Hot Line 459-8467	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
Narcotics Anonymous VA Regional Hot Line 1-800-777-1515	Support group for recovering substance abusers.	No fees
Hampton Roads Clinic Reflections 827-8430	Outpatient Counseling I.V. Methadone Maintenance 30-45 day Residential Facility	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
Project Link 245-0217	Case management and coordination services for prenatal abuser	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
AI Anon/Alateen 1-888-425-2666 AA Hotline 595-1212	Support group Alcoholism-friends/relatives and teens. 12 Step Program	No fees No fees
Peninsula Area Help Line 875-9314	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
Advanced Recovery Systems 1-888-338-1433	Alcohol, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse	Private Insurance



Important Numbers



Marshall	(757) 928-6181
Ridley	(757) 928-2690
Spratley House	(757) 928-2680
Ashe Manor	(757) 928-6187
Aqueduct	(757) 833-5700
Pinecroft	(757) 269-4300
Orcutt Townhomes	(757) 928-6187
Community Resources	(757) 928-6063
Family Investment Center	(757) 928-3680
Facilities East	(757) 247-0484
Facilities North	(757) 247-0585



Manager's Corner

Requested Work Orders

Public Housing

Marshall	(757) 928-6154
Spratley House	(757) 928-6187
Ashe Manor	(757) 928-6187
Aqueduct	(757) 833-5700
Pinecroft	(757) 269-4300
Orcutt Townhomes I	(757) 928-6187



*Marshall (757) 928-6181

Tax Credit Properties

Oyster Point/Brighton	(757) 269-4307
Brighton	(757) 591-3280
Cypress Terrace	(757) 833-5720
Orcutt Townhomes III	(757) 928-6187
Lassiter Courts	(757) 928-2690
Great Oak	(757) 592-7448
Jefferson Brookville	(757) 928-2690

***USE ONLY AS AN ALTERNATE NUMBER**

**Please use this number ONLY after
5:00 pm (757) 247-0484**

General Overtime Guidelines

Maintenance staff will respond to the following calls:

1. Gas Leaks;
2. Electrical Problems;
3. Smoke Detector;
4. Power Outages (only at Pinecroft, Ashe Manor, Spratley House, Ridley and Marshall);
5. No Heat between 5:00 pm on Friday and 8:00 am on Sunday or holidays if the next day is a working day. If the next day is not a working day, accepts calls until 6:00 p.m.;
6. Floods and Sewer Problems;
7. Broken Windows;
8. Collapsed ceiling or damaged roofs;
9. Commode stopped up (if two in apartment hold to next day if that is a normal business day);
10. Lock Out/Lock Change;
11. Damaged Exterior Doors;
12. Fire.

Note to Residents: If you believe the situation can wait until the next day, call first thing in the morning.



MISSION STATEMENT



The mission of the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is to create affordable housing, viable neighborhoods, and opportunities for self-sufficiency that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Newport News.

FILING A COMPLAINT...



Here is the Customer Service

Hotline Number:

757-928-6060 or 757-928-3680

A TENANT HOTLINE IS A FREE SERVICE FOR TENANTS LIVING IN PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. WHEN FILING A COMPLAINT, YOU MUST STATE YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND SPEAK AS SLOWLY AND CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

WE WILL CALL YOU BACK WITHIN 48 HOURS REGARDING YOUR CONCERNS.



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OPEN

The waiting list for housing assistance at the Warwick SRO is open for single room occupancy only.

Please call (757) 928-6060, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment.



APRIL IS STD AWARENESS MONTH

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes April as Sexual Transmitted Diseases (STD) Awareness Month, an annual observance to raise awareness about the impact of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) on the health of Americans and the importance of individuals discussing sexual health with their healthcare providers and, if sexually active, their partners.

STDs affect people of all races, ages, and sexual orientations, though some individuals experience greater challenges in protecting their health. People who struggle financially may end up in circumstances that increase their risk for STDs. For example, those who can't afford the basic necessities may have trouble accessing and affording quality health care, making it difficult to receive STD testing and other prevention services.

Regardless of community affiliation, personal decisions and actions regarding condom use, partner choice, and drug or alcohol abuse also affect a person's risk for STDs. When risk behaviors are combined with barriers to quality health information and STD prevention services, the risk of infection increases. To ensure that individuals have the opportunity to make healthy decisions, it is essential to address both the individual and social dynamics that contribute to their risk for STDs.

Should you have any safety or security questions or concerns please contact Safety & Security at 757-928-2660.



ADDITIONAL COVID-19 INFORMATION

More FREE COVID-19 At-Home Tests are Now Available from USPS!



The tests are completely FREE. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order two sets of four free at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests.

If families in your community have already ordered their first set, they can order a second today at <http://COVIDtests.gov>.

The tests available for order:

- Are **rapid antigen** at-home tests, not PCR
- Can be taken anywhere (no drop-off required)
- Provide results within 30 minutes or less
- Work regardless of any COVID-19 symptoms

Multilingual **phone support** is available from 8am to Midnight ET: [1.800.232.0233](tel:18002320233).

A Text Telephone (TTY) line is available for hearing impaired callers: [1.888.720.7489](tel:18887207489).

You can view [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and find [FREE local testing resources](#).