

# Haliburton and Area Student Housing Guide



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# Welcome Home

Haliburton is a great place to live while you study at Fleming College!

## Housing

For many of you, this will be your first time away from home. Living off-campus offers the opportunity to belong to a larger, more diverse community. You will venture into the rental world and you will be responsible for your own actions, as well as those of your guests. The rental market can be complex and there is always lots to learn. We want you to succeed as a student AND as a citizen of our community. The tips found in this resource will help you to become a successful tenant.

## Exploring Haliburton

Moving to a new community is exciting and there's a lot to learn about and explore. Haliburton offers a place where the people are down-to-earth, the area is breathtaking, and the activities are diverse. We want you to be able to find a great place to live and engage in our community.

So, once you are settled, we want to make sure that you get out into the community to explore everything Haliburton has to offer. Come visit us at the Haliburton Welcome Centre at Head Lake Park for more information.

## Student jobs

The [Fleming College Career Services](#) team can help you explore career options by identifying your skills, values and interests, getting information about the labour market, and researching related college programs. They will also help you with the process of applying for jobs, including critiquing a resume and cover letter and advise you on Networking strategies and Interview preparation.

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# Municipal Services

The [Municipality of Dysart](#) et al has several services to help you understand and support you within our community:

## Transportation

When looking for a place to live, you will want to take into consideration the location and if transportation is required. Haliburton County does not have a public transportation system. Having your own vehicle or access to a vehicle is an asset in this area.

If you are without a vehicle, you will want to choose a location that is within walking or cycling distance of the campus and the downtown core. Taxi services is offered through Highland Taxi services Haliburton County.

[The Haliburton County Community Transportation Hub](#) provides current information about transportation opportunities.

If you are planning a trip out of Haliburton, there is a bus service to Toronto via Lindsay: [TOK Coachlines](#)

## Parking

The Municipality has specific [rules around parking](#) and a violation of those rules can result in a parking ticket, some of the common rules students face are; ensure that your car is never parked on a portion of the sidewalk, there is no overnight parking in any municipal parking lot, there is no overnight parking on roads or in parking lots from November 1 – April 15, 12 midnight to 7 a.m.

## Garbage and recycling

Living in a rural community means making a trip to the landfill to dispose of your garbage and recycling. If you do not have your own transportation, you should check with your landlord to see if they provide a garbage removal service. Depending where in Haliburton County you live, will determine which landfill(s) you can use:

[Dysart et al](#) (Haliburton, Kennisis Lake, Harcourt, West Guilford, West Bay)

[Minden Hills](#) (Scotch Line, Ingoldsby, Iron Mine, Little Gull)

[Algonquin Highlands](#) (Maple Lake, Hawk Lake, Pine Springs, Dorset Transfer Station, Oxtongue Lake)

[Highlands East](#) (Bicroft, Highway 28, Mumford Rd., Glamorgan Transfer Station, Monmouth)

Access the [Waste Wizard](#) to learn how to properly dispose of your garbage and recycling.



# Explore Haliburton

[#MyHaliburtonHighlands](#)

## Trails & Parks

Throughout Haliburton County there are many [parks and outdoor spaces to enjoy](#). There are multiple [hiking trails](#) and [mountain biking](#) opportunities to enjoy. Get out and explore Haliburton County.

## Arts & Culture

Many artists call Haliburton County home, which is evident by the large arts and culture community. We are fortunate to have Fleming College School of Art + Design located in the Village of Haliburton. There are numerous galleries and studios located throughout the county. There is a historical society and museums which provide access to historical facts about the area. At the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion you can take in theatre productions and concerts. For a county with a year-round resident population of 18,000 people and a seasonal population of over 45,000 people there are endless opportunities to take in Arts & Culture.

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## Attractions that may interest you

[Haliburton Sculpture Forest](#)

[Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve](#)

[Sir Sam's Ski & Ride](#)

[Minden White Water Preserve](#)

[Municipality of Dysart et al recreation opportunities](#)

[Township of Minden Hills](#)

[Township of Algonquin Highlands](#)

[Municipality of Highlands East](#)

## Recreation & Leisure

There are many recreation and leisure opportunities within Haliburton County. Each municipality has its own recreation or cultural services department. Many fitness classes are run out of private studios. You can visit the Municipality of Dysart et al [recreation opportunities webpage](#) for starters. If you have specific questions about recreational opportunities, please contact [recreation@dysartetal.ca](mailto:recreation@dysartetal.ca).



# Location

## Amenities nearby

Consider how close you want to be to the school, the downtown core, grocery stores, restaurants and health and wellness establishments.

## Transportation

Do you want to be within walking distance or requiring personal transportation.



View the interactive map [here](#)



# Housing Options

Now that you are looking for your housing, consider the type of rental you want.

## Shared Living

You can share living space in a house or apartment with someone where you will rent a room within the rental unit.

## Apartments or House Rental

You can rent living space as a group or have your own private unit in an apartment complex or a house.

## Homeshare

Homeshare programs will have you staying with a host family where you will share living space with the host family.

# Budget

Once you have an idea what your housing priorities are, create an honest budget. Factor in what your monthly housing costs will be – include rent, heat, hydro and internet and don't forget tenant insurance.

## Room

\$630/month

## 1 Bedroom

\$950/month

## 2 Bedroom

\$1,340/month

## 3+ Bedroom

\$1,400/month



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# Searching for Housing

Now that you have determined your housing priorities and your budget, you will need to start your housing search.

## Internet & Social Networks

To find rental listings you can complete a housing search on the internet. There are several sites that you can visit including

- Cottage Rentals websites
- Fleming College Haliburton Accommodations lists
- Facebook

Some landlords might not advertise their vacancy. They rely on word of mouth to help fill their vacancy. Networking, social media groups and talking with others about housing rentals can be very helpful.

## A Word on Scams

It's important to be aware of online scams. Some listings or conversations can seem too good to be true. Make sure you go to a view a unit before there is any exchange of money or personal information. The unit may look different in person then what was posted in the listing.

# Steps to Find Housing

## Step 1

### Contacting a landlord

It is important to make a good first impression with a potential landlord. Use a formal email address and be considerate. Be prepared to provide the landlord with some basic information. Write down any questions you may have about the unit or location. It is very important to go and see the unit. This can prevent scams or fraudulent situations.

## Step 2

### Applying for units

If you are interested in a unit, the landlord will require you to complete a rental application. The application may include questions around past rentals, your current income, and basic information about you along with references. Create a list of good references that you can provide to your landlord. The landlord may also complete a credit check.

## Step 3

### Walk through

Now that you have signed a valid lease, it is important to walk through your unit or request a virtual tour with your landlord. This gives you an opportunity to document any issues in the unit. This documentation will save you time and money at the end of your tenancy as you have a record of the move-in conditions.

## Step 4

### Secure your unit

Once your landlord has accepted you as a tenant, it is important to sign a Standard lease. This is a contract that you are entering into with your landlord. The lease will outline important information around how much your rent is per month, when to pay your rent, what is included in rent and your landlords contact information. Be sure to obtain a copy of your lease. Your landlord will require that you pay first and last month's rent and sometimes a key deposit.

### A word about leases

When you are interested in a unit and are looking to rent it, it is always advisable to sign a lease. Ontario has introduced a standard tenancy agreement that landlord should be using. Please [click here](#) to view the standard lease form. A lease, is a contract between you and the landlord, it confirms that you are renting the unit and has valuable information within the document. Information includes, date to move-in, amount of rent, date rents to be paid, landlords contact information and what services are included. Once a lease has been signed be sure to receive a copy of the lease and maintain for your records.

# Your Rights as a Tenant

## Tenant Responsibilities

It is important to understand that your landlord has expectations to have the rent paid on time, for you to take care of the unit and to uphold the lease agreement. As a tenant it is a good idea to try to develop a friendly relationship with your neighbor and be a great neighbor.

## Know your rights

The Residential Tenancies Act (RTA) is a Provincial housing law that sets out the relationship between a tenant and the landlord. As a tenant that falls under the RTA, it is very important for you to understand your rights. If you have any questions around your tenancy and the RTA contact the Landlord and Tenant Board or your local legal clinic can help to provide direction and guidance.

## What if things go wrong?

If you do have an issue with your landlord or with the unit, it is important to communicate to your landlord first to try and resolve the any issues. The landlord may not be aware of maintenance that is required or other issues that may be going on. Keep a record of conversations, texts or emails and take pictures when there are maintenance issues. If the issues are not getting resolved, you can contact your local legal clinic.

# Moving out

When moving out of your unit, be sure to provide your landlord with written notice of the date that you will vacate your unit. If you want to move out of your unit before your lease is over, you will have to break your lease. Start by talking with your landlord to come to an agreement. If this is not possible, you will need to consider subletting your unit or an assignment. It is important to understand what your responsibilities are under both circumstances. For more information [click here](#).





# Resources

## Health Services

There are two hospitals here in the Highlands, based in the urban centres of Haliburton and Minden. Both facilities boast emergency departments, while the Haliburton Centre also offers in-patient acute care.

### HHHS Haliburton Hospital

7199 Gelert Roads, Haliburton  
705-457-1392

### HHHS Minden Hospital

6 McPherson Street, Minden  
705-286-2140

## Mail and Postal Delivery

While many properties across the county have roadside mailboxes, some residents may need, or choose, to make use of community mailboxes or post office boxes. Check with Canada Post to assess your options.

### Haliburton Post Office

119 Maple Avenue, Haliburton  
705-457-1451

### Minden Post Office

6 Water Street, Minden  
705-286-1791

## Grocery Stores and Pharmacies

### Todd's Independent Grocer

County Road 21, Haliburton  
705-455-9775

### Foodland - Haliburton

188 Highland St, Haliburton  
705-457-2242

### Shopper Drug Mart

186 Highland St, Haliburton  
705-457-5020

### Rexal

224 Highland St, Haliburton  
705-457-1112

## Legal Clinic:

To find a Legal clinic near you, please [click here](#).

## Laundry

Parkside Laundry 11 Victoria Street  
705-457-5331

# Contact Us

## Fleming College

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