

Support for Rental Arrears, Eviction Prevention, Housing Stability, and Utilities

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ONLINE RESOURCES

- **RainDrop**
 - **Description:** App for Apple and Android devices that provides updated links to resources in the Atlanta area for specific needs, including food assistance. Download using the link below.
 - **Website:** <https://www.getraindrop.co/>
- **FindHelp.org Online Directory**
 - **Description:** Listings of social service programs, including rental-payment support.
 - Use keywords “help pay for housing” in your ZIP code
 - **Website:** <https://findhelpga.org/>
- **United Way 211 Online**
 - **Description:** Connects people with the resources needed to address everyday challenges of living and those that develop during community emergencies.
 - **Website:** <https://211online.unitedwayatlanta.org/>
- **GEORGIAHOUSINGSEARCH.ORG**
 - **Description:** Find affordable housing in GA. Run by GA Dept. of Community Affairs
 - **Website:** <https://georgiahousingsearch.org/>
- **Unhoused Georgians**
 - **Description:** Web app for finding resources including warming/cooling centers, shelters, food, transportation, and service providers.
 - **Website:** <https://unhousedgeorgians.com/>

STATEWIDE/Multiple Areas

- **Georgia Emergency Rental Assistance Programs**
 - **Description:** The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) runs the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program (formerly Section 8), which provides rental subsidies for low-income individuals, including veterans.
 - **Website:** <https://affordablehousinghub.org/emergency-rental-assistance/georgia-emergency-rental-assistance>
- **BCM Georgia (Benevolence Community Ministry, Inc.)**
 - **Description:** Offers emergency assistance, supportive housing referrals, and financial education aimed at improving housing stability
 - **Website:** <https://bcmgeorgia.org/request-help/>
- **Georgia Legal Services Program**
 - **Phone:** (404) 894 7707
 - **Website:** <https://www.glsp.org/need-help/>
- **Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation (AVLF)**
 - **Description:** Offers free legal representation and education to tenants facing eviction
 - **Website:** <https://avlf.org/>
- **FreeRent Program (Partner-delivered assistance)**
 - **Description:** Up to one year of rental assistance and wraparound support for families facing unexpected hardship. Delivered through partner non-profits. Includes financial stability coaching and education services.
 - **Website:** <https://freerent.org/>
- **Housing Choice Voucher Program**
 - **Description:** The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV), formerly known as Section 8, is a tenant-based rental assistance program that helps low-income individuals and families rent safe, decent, and affordable dwelling units in the private rental market.
 - **Website:** <https://georgia.gov/apply-housing-choice-voucher-program>

- **St. Vincent de Paul Georgia**
 - **Description:** Provides rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to at-risk individuals and families across the metro area.
 - **Phone:** (678) 892-6163. Enter your ZIP code to find your local conference.
 - **Website:** <https://svdpgeorgia.org/what-we-do/housing/>
- **Housing Justice League**
 - **Description:** Eviction Defense Manuals for Fulton and DeKalb explaining tenants' rights, processes, and how to navigate court/mediation.
 - **Phone:** Eviction Defense Hotline (404) 941-9494.
 - **Website:** <https://www.housingjusticeleague.org/evictiondefense>.
- **Partnership for Community Action**
 - **Description:** Provides Family Support, Utility Assistance, Diaper Program for individuals and families in DeKalb, Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale counties
 - **How to apply:** Go to <https://pcaction.org/get-support/>

ATLANTA/FULTON COUNTY

- **Fulton County Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)** *(Administered by Fulton County Community Development)*
 - **Description:** Rental assistance, security and utility deposit coverage, housing inspections, lease support
 - **Eligibility:** Low- and moderate-income residents; funded by HOME grants from HUD
 - **Website:** <https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/inside-fulton-county/fulton-county-departments/community-development/tenant-based-rental-assistance>
- **City of Atlanta Housing Help Center** *(Administered by the Mayor's Office of the City of Atlanta)*
 - **Description:** Intake, navigation to non-profit partner programs offering **emergency rental and utility assistance**, eviction diversion, relocation support, legal referrals
 - **Eligibility:** Prioritized for households earning ≤ 60 % of Area Median Income (AMI) (approximately \$43,000 for one person or \$62,000 for four-person household), though resource listings are open to all Atlanta city residents
 - **How to apply:** Complete an intake form [online](#) or call (404) 492-7640; callback typically within 7–10 business days
- **Midtown Assistance Center (MAC)**
 - **Description:** Helps prevent homelessness by providing rent & utility assistance, job support, etc., especially for people in central Atlanta
 - **Website:** <https://midtownassistancecenter.org/>
- **Frontline Housing**
 - **Description:** Frontline Housing can assist with move-in fees if you are currently residing in a motel or coded as homeless in your child's school system.
 - **Website:** <https://frontlinehousing.org/> (look for the "PLEASE COMPLETE THIS HOUSING FORM" button on this page)
- **Safehouse Outreach**
 - **Description:** Personalized programs including family reunification, emergency housing, permanent supportive housing, rental assistance, employment training, and job placement.
 - **Phone:** (404) 523-2221
 - **Website:** <https://www.safehouseoutreach.org/>

DeKALB COUNTY

- **DeKalb County Tenant-Landlord Assistance Coalition (TLAC)** *(Administered by DeKalb County funded partially by federal Emergency Rental Assistance grants)*
 - **Services:** Rent arrearages, utility arrears, internet, other housing-related expenses incurred during COVID-19
 - **Eligibility:** Income up to 80 % of AMI (e.g. \$66,150 for a family of four); must submit [application](#) with household income and hardship documentation
- **DeKalb Integrated Community Care Initiative (ICCI)**

- **Description:** A \$13 million county-wide program offering financial aid for rent, utilities, housing instability, and eviction-related legal services.
- **Apply via:** ICCI hotline at (404) 371-6333 or relevant nonprofits (Atlanta Legal Aid, DeKalb Pro Bono, Urban League, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.)
- **Website:** <https://www.imaniwithinfoundation.org/rental-assistance>.
- **DeKalb County Coordinated Entry (Continuum of Care)**
 - **Description:** Provides intake, case management, eviction prevention services, security/utility deposit assistance, and permanent supportive housing.
 - **Phone:** (404) 687-3500
 - **Website:** <https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/community-development/homelessness>
- **Nicholas House Prevention Services**
 - **Description:** Provides short-term rental arrears support, landlord mediation, and benefit navigation for families with children living in DeKalb County.
 - **Phone:** (404) 622-0793
- **Eviction Legal Defense Fund**
 - **Description:** A county-run fund offering free legal representation to residents facing eviction, prioritized to low-income households.
 - **Website:** <http://www.commissionertedterry.com/>
- **DEAM**
 - **Description:** DEAM helps prevent cut-off of water, gas and electricity services by providing financial assistance to qualifying residents to help pay gas, electricity, and water bills.
 - **Eligibility:** Assistance is available only to residents in 30030, 30002, 30079, 30032, 30033, 30307, and 30317
 - **How to apply:** Utility bill assistance is provided over the phone. Call 404-373-2300 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM only. Please have the current bill available when you contact DEAM.

CLAYTON COUNTY

- **Clayton County Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program**
 - **Description:** Clayton County offers an Emergency Rental Assistance program for eligible tenants and landlords. This program helps cover rent and utility costs for those facing financial hardship.
 - **How to Apply:** Visit relief.claytoncountyga.gov or call **(770) 347-0212** to schedule an appointment or get help with the application

DOUGLAS COUNTY

- **Douglas County Housing Authority**
 - **Description:** Offers affordable housing units (families, elderly, and individuals with disabilities) in Douglasville.
 - **Address:** 8700 Hospital Dr., Douglasville, GA 30134
 - **Phone:** (770) 949-2000
 - **Website:** <https://www.douglascountyhousing.com/>.
- **Douglasville Community & Social Services Resource Center**
 - **Description:** Provides guidance and referrals for housing, legal issues, and social services.
 - Contact through the [City of Douglasville Community Relations Department](#).
- **St. Vincent de Paul (Douglas County)**
 - **Description:** Offers temporary emergency assistance with housing, utilities, transportation, clothing, and medicine.
 - **Phone:** 678-892-6163
 - **Website:** <https://svdpgeorgia.org/get-help/>
- **Sweetwater Mission**
 - **Description:** Provides food and clothing assistance; also supports employment and education.
 - **Phone:** (770) 819-0662

- **Website:** <https://www.sweetwatermission.org/>
- **Tallatoona Community Action Partnership**
 - **Description:** Offers utility assistance, family support, employment and education services.
 - **Phone:** (770) 817-4666 ext. 4
 - **Website:** <https://tallatoonacap.org/>
- **Douglas County Women's Shelter**
 - **Description:** Faith-based transitional housing for women and children (up to 90-day stay). Appointment required; \$50 deposit, GA ID, SS number, clean background.
 - **Phone:** (770) 949-4911
 - **Website:** <https://sharehousedouglas.com/>
- **BCM Georgia**
 - **Description:** Provides emergency housing assistance, supportive housing, and financial education. Ideal for individuals or families in immediate financial need.
 - <https://bcmgeorgia.org/>

HENRY COUNTY

- **Connecting Henry, Inc.**
 - **Description:** Emergency rent, utility, and housing stability assistance
 - **Phone:** (770) 274 3642
 - **Website:** <https://henry.gafcp.org/>
- **Salvation Army – Henry County**
 - **Description:** Grants for rent, utilities, and move-in costs
 - **Location:** 401 Racetrack Rd, McDonough, GA
 - **Phone:** (770) 957 8868
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society (Georgia)**
 - **Description:** Eviction prevention and rental aid
 - **Phone:** (678) 892 6163
 - **Website:** <https://svdpgeorgia.org/what-we-do/housing/>
- **Samaritans Together of Henry County**
 - **Description:** Short-term rental help and motel vouchers
 - **Phone:** (678) 565 6526
- **McDonough Legal Aid Society**
 - **Description:** Free legal aid for low-income individuals facing eviction:
 - **Phone:** (404) 524-5811
- **Henry County Housing Authority**
 - **Description:** Provides Section 8 vouchers and public housing
 - **Address:** 345 Simpson St, McDonough, GA
 - **Phone:** (770) 957 4494

GWINNETT COUNTY

- **HomeFirst Gwinnett / Coordinated Entry System**
 - **Description:** HomeFirst serves as the central intake and referral hub for individuals and families at risk of eviction or homelessness. They assess your needs and connect you with local resources.
 - **Phone:** (770) 847-6765
 - **Website:** <https://gwinnettcare.org/>
- **Atlanta Legal Aid – Eviction Prevention Initiative (EPI)**
 - **Description:** Helps tenants apply for state rental assistance and provides legal help to avoid eviction.
 - **Phone (Gwinnett Office):** 678-376-4545
 - **Website:** <https://atlantalegalaid.org/get-help-2/>
 - **Note:** Access is via a monthly lottery system for appointments.
- **United Way 2-1-1 and Gwinnett Helpline**

- **Description:** Provides referrals to rental, utility, and emergency assistance programs across the county.
- **Phone (Dial):** 2-1-1
- **Gwinnett Helpline:** (770) 995-3339
- **The Latin-American Association Gwinnett Outreach Center**
 - **Description:** "...a single point of entry for individuals and families in a housing crisis, connecting them to tailored support services that address their unique needs."
 - **Address:** 5320 Jimmy Carter Blvd, Norcross, GA 30093
 - **Phone:** (678) 205-1018
 - **Website:** <https://thelaa.org/gwinnett/>
- **Atlanta Legal Aid (Gwinnett):**
 - **Description:** Legal help with eviction and housing
 - **Phone:** (678) 376-4545
 - **Website:** <https://atlantalegalaid.org/get-help-2/>
- **Gwinnett Cares Eviction Guide:**
 - **Description:** Covers the legal eviction process, tenant rights, timelines, and how to respond to a court summons
 - **Website:** <https://cfneg.org/gwinnett-cares-eviction-guide/>
- **Lawrenceville-Specific Programs**
 - **Lawrenceville Response Center:** Emergency shelter and rent assistance for city residents
 - **Round-Up Program:** Utility bill assistance via Lawrenceville Utilities
 - **Website:** <https://www.lawrencevillega.org/>

VETERANS

- **VA Atlanta – Homeless Veteran Care**
 - **Location:** VA Atlanta Medical Center
 - **Contact:** Dawn Kentish, Acting HCHV Director
 - **Services:**
 - Rental assistance through **HUD-VASH** (voucher + case support)
 - Emergency housing & health care
 - Direct connection to SSVF, shelters, and crisis teams
 - **Website:** <https://www.va.gov/atlanta-health-care/>
- **HUD-VASH (VA + HUD)**
 - **Description:** Combines **Section 8 housing voucher** with **case management**. Helps veterans with Rental arrears, Long-term housing stability, and Clinical and supportive services
 - **Address:** 1701 Hardee Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30310, Building 1228
 - **Phone:** (404) 230-5683 ext. 392471
 - **Apply through VA Homeless Services Coordinator**
- **Southern Crescent Veteran Services Inc.**
 - **Description:** Provides Veterans with access to quality benefits, resources, services, and financial support.
 - **Address:** 950 Eagles Landing Parkway, Suite 663, Stockbridge, Georgia 30281
 - **Hours:** Monday – Thursday 8AM to 2PM
 - **Phone:** (678) 210-1911
 - **Email:** SouthernCrescentVeteranServices@yahoo.com

UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

- **State-run assistance programs**
 - **Information:** <https://psc.ga.gov/about-the-psc/consumer-corner/consumer-advisories/utility-assistance-programs/>
- **Georgia Power Customer Relief and Financial Support**
 - **Information:** <https://www.georgiapower.com/residential/assistance/carl.html>

- **Project SHARE**

- **Description:** This program, led by the Salvation Army, helps qualified families who have experienced a sudden financial crisis avoid disasters that threaten the home, such as disconnection or eviction.
- **Information:** [Apply here](#)

Tips & Steps to Take Quickly when Faced with Eviction

1. **Respond to the Dispossessory Warrant *immediately*.** File The Answer with the court within the time specified on the Dispossessory Warrant; failure to do so may result in the court finding in favor of the property.
2. Keep notices, rent ledgers, proof of income changes, correspondence with your landlord, and any hardship documentation.
3. Apply to assistance programs right away. Funds are often limited and awarded first come, first served.
4. **Don't move out before your hearing unless you are forced.** You may lose legal defenses if you vacate prematurely.
5. **Ask your local county or city office** for their specific eviction relief or housing offices (some suburbs have local programs).
6. **Stay persistent.** Some programs open and close depending on funding. Check back often.

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