

Cambridge District Court

Housing Assistance and Court Resources

CALL 2-1-1 for assistance.

Rental Assistance Programs for Tenants and Landlords

Metro Housing Boston (MHB)

Contact: (617) 859-0400; Website: www.metrohousingboston.org

State Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance:

Renters and homeowners who are struggling to make housing payments are encouraged to apply for emergency assistance. You may be eligible for assistance to pay overdue or upcoming rent or mortgage payments, or other housing costs.

APPLY IMMEDIATELY. Due to unprecedented need during COVID-19, application processing can take several weeks and funds are not guaranteed.

For more information visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/CovidHousingHelp> or call 2-1-1 for assistance.

Rental Assistance for:

Cambridge tenants:

Cambridge Multi-Service Center: 617-349-6340

Arlington tenants:

Housing Corporation of Arlington: 781-859-5294

Arlington Emergency Tenant Assistance Program (starting late 2020/early 2021).

Contact Erin Zwirko at ezwirko@town.arlington.ma.us or 781-316-3091.

Arlington COVID-19 Relief Fund: <https://ahhscc.org/arlington-covid-19-relief-fund/>.

Contact covidrelief@town.arlington.ma.us or 781-316-3259

Belmont tenants:

Metro West Collaborative Development at Merkeisha@MetroWestCD.org or 617-504-8868

Mediation

Harvard Mediation Program

Contact: 617-495-1854

Community Dispute Settlement Center, Inc.

Contact: 617-876-5376; Website: www.communitydispute.org

Legal Aid

MassLandlords: Helpline: 774-314-1896; Website: <https://masslandlords.net/laws/covid-19-coronavirus-landlord-tenant-laws-and-regulations>

Legal Assistance (for income eligible tenants)

Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services: 617-603-2700 or intake line at 617-603-1700

DeNovo Center for Justice and Healing (Cambridge only): 617-661-1010

Harvard Legal Aid Bureau (Cambridge only): 617-495-4408

Legal Assistance (for landlords)

Legal Assistance for Landlords: Volunteers Lawyer Project

Contact: 617-603-1700; <https://vlpnet.org/get-help>

MassLandlords: Helpline: 774-314-1896; Coronavirus Resource:

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Court Resources and Forms

Interpreter services: 617-788-8485

Court Service Centers:

<https://www.mass.gov/alerts/important-update-about-court-service-centers#1479076>

Summary Process (eviction) Complaint (sample form):

<https://www.mass.gov/media/966821/download>

Plaintiff's Affidavit of Compliance with Chapter 257, as amended by St. 2021, c. 20:

<https://courtforms.jud.state.ma.us/publicforms/TC0012>

Answer to Complaint: <https://www.masslegalhelp.org/housing/lt1-booklet-3-answer.pdf>

Discovery: <https://www.masslegalhelp.org/housing/lt1-booklet-4-discovery.pdf>