



How to Find Affordable Senior Housing in San Mateo County

You may be eligible for affordable senior housing if you meet certain age, income and other requirements. Senior age-restricted affordable apartments are usually for those aged 55+ or 62+, can live independently, and are on a fixed income or have an annual income that is no more than 80% of Area Median Income (in 2012, about \$62,200 for a 1-person household).

1) GET A COMPLETE LIST OF AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING

Please pick up the list of “Affordable Rental Housing” from the Department of Housing (see address below) and look for developments that are listed as senior housing. You can also go online at www.hlcsmc.org/find-housing, click on the “Housing Database” link, then check the “Elderly” box on the left side, and click the “Go” button to run a search for senior housing developments.

2) EXPECT TO JOIN WAITING LISTS

Because there is not enough affordable housing for all the seniors in the County, you will probably need to join waiting lists instead of finding housing immediately. Expect waiting lists to be anywhere from 1 year to 5 years long. You may join as many waiting lists as you want, but know that you may need to pay application fees. The more lists you join, the higher the chance that you will find something sooner rather than later.

3) MAKE LOTS OF PHONE CALLS

- A. Using the list of affordable housing in the County, call the contacts (usually the property manager) for senior housing developments that you are interested in to find out about their eligibility requirements and waiting lists.
- B. Call affordable housing developers who have senior developments in San Mateo County. Ask them if they have any open waiting lists at their existing properties; ask if they are building any new projects that will be accepting applications in the future; also ask about joining their “keep informed” list for future projects.
- C. Call city housing staff to ask if they know of any new senior developments in their city that might be accepting applications in the future; also ask if it is possible to be put on a “keep informed” list for future projects.

4) CONSIDER OTHER OPTIONS

- Housing Authority Programs – The Section 8 Voucher Waiting List is closed indefinitely. However, there may be other housing opportunities available. Please call the Housing Authority at (650) 802-3319 for the latest updates.

- Shared Housing – Contact HIP Housing if you are interested in sharing a home (and housing expenses) with someone else: (650)348-6660 or www.hiphousing.org.

AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS

BRIDGE Housing (rental housing in San Mateo County and other Counties)
Information Hotline: (415) 267-7673; Main number: (415) 989-1111

Eden Housing (rental housing in San Mateo County and other Counties): (510) 582-1460

First Community Housing (rental housing in San Mateo County and other Counties): (408) 291-8650

HIP Housing (rental housing & shared housing in San Mateo County only): (650) 348-6660

Lesley Foundation (senior rental housing in San Mateo County only): (650) 726-4888

Mercy Housing (rental housing in San Mateo County and other Counties): (415) 355-7100

MidPen Housing (rental housing in San Mateo County and other Counties): (650) 356-2900

The Village at the Crossing in San Bruno (affordable apartments for Seniors age 55+)
(650) 588-8036

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