## Housing Options for Storm Displaced Residents

## https://pinellas.gov/hurricanehousing/

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If you have been displaced due to Hurricane Helene, here are a list of resources to help you search for short-and long-term housing options.

Realtors and property managers are responsible for updating their available listings and do so on their preferred website. The following websites below can be used to identify available housing:

- <u>Florida Housing Search</u> (State Affordable Housing Search Tool)
- Local realtors can assist you through the following locations
  - Bay Area Apartment Association https://www.basaba.arg/pawe/burrisana.balan
  - https://www.baaahq.org/news/hurricane-helene-resources
  - <u>Pinellas Realtor Organization</u> https://pinellasrealtor.org/
- Housing Search Engines:
  - <u>Airbnb</u> (Disaster Program available) https://news.airbnb.com/airbnb-orgoffers-temporary-housing-to-people-impacted-by-hurricane-helene/
  - <u>Apartment Finder</u> https://apartmentfinder.com/
  - <u>Apartments.com</u> https://apartments.com/
  - For Rent https://forrent.com/
  - <u>Hotpads</u> https://hotpads.com/
  - o Hurricane Homes https://hurricanehomes.org/
  - <u>Realtor.com</u> https://www.realtor.com/
  - <u>Rent.com</u> https://rent.com/
  - <u>RentCafe</u> https://rentcafe.com/
  - Trulia https://trulia.com/
  - VRBO https://vrbo.com/

We encourage you to research each listing independently and contact property managers or realtors for more information. While these resources are designed to assist you in finding housing, Pinellas County does not endorse any specific property or website. This page is intended to serve as a centralized tool to explore available housing options.

Care managers are available to assist seniors with navigating resources and identifying available housing. Please call (727) 447-5845.

Please <u>be aware of scams</u>! **Never pay cash**, wire money or pay with prepaid cards. Research the property and owner. <u>Search public records</u> to confirm the identity of the owner. Consider using a licensed broker or real estate agent. No matter which search engine you're using, be wary of listings that lack photos, and/ or have grammatical errors and typos. Be sure to tour the property inside and out. **If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.** 

<u>Pinellas County Consumer Protection</u> provides consumer resources and investigates instances of fraud, including rental scams. Contact Consumer Protection to file a complaint or speak to an investigator. Call (727) 464-6200.