



**Resident Resources During COVID-19 Pandemic
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Westwood residents may experience temporary loss of income and/or housing instability due to the Covid-19 pandemic. If you require assistance, the following agencies have support available to residents during this time of crisis.

Town offices are currently closed to the public but you may contact the Housing Agent via phone (781-493-2811) or email (sbouchard@townhall.westwood.ma.us).

Rent assistance may be available for qualified households from the state's RAFT and ERMA programs, both of which have received additional funding this year to combat the Covid-19 crisis. Contact our regional housing agency to learn more about eligibility and applications:

South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC)
7 Bishop Street
Framingham, MA 01702
508-620-2645
<https://www.smoc.org/housing-consumer-education-center.php>
hcec@smoc.org

State Emergency Shelter (Families): Boston Family Transitional Assistance Office
1010 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
617-989-2200

Chelsea Family Transitional Assistance Office
80 Everett Avenue
Chelsea, MA 02150
617-551-1700

State Emergency Shelter (Individuals): [Click here for an updated list from DHCD](#)
<https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/iShelters.aspx>

Fuel Assistance and

Case Management Services:

Self Help, Inc.
1362 Main Street
Brockton, MA 02301
508-588-5440 (Brockton)
508-226-4192 (Attleboro)
1-800-255-0875 (Toll Free)

Legal Aid:

MetroWest Legal Services
<https://mwlegal.org/Covid-19>
508-620-1830 or 1-800-696-1501

Massachusetts COVID Eviction Legal Help program:
free legal help to low income tenants and owner-occupants
living in 2- or 3-family houses

[.https://evictionlegalhelp.org/find-legal-help/](https://evictionlegalhelp.org/find-legal-help/)

Unemployment Assistance:

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-and-unemployment-what-you-need-to-know>

Apply for benefits here:

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-unemployment-benefits>

General Housing Resources:

Citizens Housing & Planning Association (CHAPA)
Latest updates on COVID related tenant assistance located at
<https://www.chapa.org/housing-courses/covid-19-immediate-assistance>

Local Aid:

Westwood aid organizations may have temporary assistance available to qualified residents in need. Please contact Sarah Bouchard, Housing & Zoning Agent, at 781-493-2811 or sbouchard@townhall.westwood.ma.us.