



## Housing Search Tips Navigation Services



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This resource sheet gives tips on what to gather, things to consider, and resources to use when searching for housing.

If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

### Things to Collect:

- Birth Certificates
- Valid Colorado Driver's License and ID for all applicants 18+
- Social Security cards
- Proof of income
- Sample Application
- Letters of recommendation from previous landlords
- Letters of explanation (evictions, criminal history, etc.)

### Things to Consider:

- Know your price range. What is the maximum you can pay in rent each month? Is there any way you can raise that amount by cutting down on other costs?
- Know your eviction and criminal history, and be prepared to write a letter of explanation if needed
- Keep an open mind. The more flexible you are, the more options there are so you can get into housing faster

### Tips while looking:

- Get your name on every wait list possible no matter how long it is
- Apply for all section 8 wait list openings
- Check back regularly with landlords on wait lists you're already on
- Document all the phone calls you make and with whom you speak
- Keep an up to date mailing address and phone number. Update landlords on any changes to these
- Set a goal for applications to complete each day or week

### Resources:

- Websites:
  - [www.socialserve.com](http://www.socialserve.com)
  - [www.roomster.com](http://www.roomster.com)
  - [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com)
- Colorado Coalition for the Homeless – <http://www.coloradocoalition.org/> – (303) 293-2217