

# NORTHSIDE TORNADO RECOVERY HOUSING RESOURCES

## I Need Shelter.

### **I am part of a family with children, or I am pregnant:**

Hennepin County families in need of emergency shelter should apply at:

Century Plaza, 330 S. 12th St, Minneapolis. (Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

Families apply on the 1st floor. Contracted shelters are People Serving People and St. Anne's Place.

After 5:00 pm, and on weekends and holidays, **call 211** to be referred to the after hours shelter team.

Questions? Call the Shelter Team at **(612) 348-9410**.

### **I am a single adult, or a couple without children:**

The single adult contracted shelters are Salvation Army Harbor Lights and Catholic Charities.

Hennepin County single adults in need of emergency shelter should apply at: Century Plaza, 330 S. 12th St, Minneapolis, 3rd floor. (Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Questions? Call **(612) 348-3007**.

Three private shelters, St. Stephen's, Our Saviour's, and Simpson Shelters, hold a combined weekly lottery every Monday night at Simpson Shelter, 2740 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S, Minneapolis (28<sup>th</sup> and Nicollet). Doors open at 6 p.m., you must arrive by 6:30 p.m. but not before 5:45p.m.

All lottery participants must be sober on the night of the lottery. Questions? Call **(612) 874-0306**.

### **I am under 21:**

If you are under the age of 21 and do not have children, a youth shelter may be available for you. There are several youth shelters in Minneapolis. Please see below to find the one best suited for you.

#### o *County Shelter*

Youth over the age of 18 are eligible for county shelter. Information is available at Century Plaza, 330 S. 12th St, Minneapolis, MN, 3rd floor. (Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), or call the Shelter Team at **(612) 348-3007**.

#### o *The Bridge for Youth, call (612) 377-8800*

Emergency shelter for 10 through 17 year old males and females who are able to be reunified with family. Shelter for 16 to 18 year olds, overnight stay only, for youth unable to be reunified with family.

#### o *Avenues for Homeless Youth, call (612) 522-1690*

Shelter for 16 through 20 year old males and females.

#### o *Hope Street Shelter, call (612) 827-9372*

Shelter for 16 through 20 year old males and females. All families of youth are contacted if possible.

## I Need to Find Rental Housing.

### Find a Home to Rent on the HousingLink Website

1. Go to [www.housinglink.org](http://www.housinglink.org).

2. On the left side of the map click the box next to the number of bedrooms you need.
3. Under “Rent” click on “maximum” and select the amount you can afford for rent. For example, if you choose \$700, this will show you available homes for \$700 or less.
4. In the Google search bar at the bottom of the map type in an address that is close to where you want to live. Then click the blue “Search” button. For example, if you want to see places close to where your kids go to school, type in the address of the school. The map will zoom into that area and show nearby openings.
5. Click on the orange “Show Listings” button at the bottom of the map to see a list of all the openings that match what you are looking for.

**If you don’t want to use the map, click on the “Tornado Response” tab on the top of the map. Repeat steps 2 & 3. Then select the city you want to live in and click “Show Listings.”**

**Free internet is available at:**

Sumner Library

611 Van White Memorial Boulevard,  
(952) 847-2875

Creekview Park  
5001 Humbolt Ave N.  
(612) 370-4965

North Regional Library

1315 Lowry Avenue North  
(952) 847-8450

Folwell Park  
1615 Dowling Ave N  
(612) 370-4917

Webber Park Library

4310 Webber Parkway  
(952) 847-2750

Farview Park  
29th and Lyndale  
(612) 370-4922

Minneapolis Urban League

2100 Plymouth Avenue North  
(612) 302-3100

## **I Also Need Help with Deposit and First Month’s Rent.**

Hennepin County can often help with deposit and first month’s rent. Call **(612) 596-1300** to apply. Often, you can apply before you find a unit, and then when you identify a place you will finish the application.

## **I am on the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority’s (MPHA) Waiting List for Public Housing or Section 8.**

Please contact MPHA and alert them if you have been displaced by the tornado. Call **(612) 342-1400**.

# I Need Legal Assistance to Help With a Landlord or Insurance Company.

For Renters:

**Legal Aid:** Renters affected by the tornado with questions about **landlord/tenant law, emergency assistance and other public benefits, and school-related questions** can call Legal Aid at **(612)332-1441**. If Legal Aid cannot assist, they will refer tenants to Volunteer Lawyer Network, Conflict Resolution Center or other services. Additional information is available online at [www.mylegalaid.org](http://www.mylegalaid.org).

**HOMELine:** Tenants can ask attorneys landlord-tenant law questions at the HOMELine free tenant hotline at **(612) 728-5767**. HOMELine does not have income limitations, so any tenant can call. More information, including a detailed renters' resource sheet, is available online at [www.homelinemn.org](http://www.homelinemn.org).

For Landlords and Homeowners:

**Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN):** Homeowners and property owners affected by the tornado with questions about **insurance claims, repair contracts, and other real estate matters**, or other legal issues can call VLN at **(612) 752-6677**. Owners should identify themselves as affected by the tornado. VLN works with volunteers, so attorneys will not be available immediately to answer questions, but the organization will move quickly to connect owners to attorneys as soon as possible. Additional information is available online at [www.volunteerlawyersnetwork.org/clients/aboutus](http://www.volunteerlawyersnetwork.org/clients/aboutus).

**Conflict Resolution Center (CRC):** If the amount of coverage from the insurance company is not adequate, negotiating with them is an option. CRC has mediators who will provide a structured process to resolve matters involving insurance claims or any other disputes between the insured and the insurance company. Mediation is quick, free and an effective way for the insured to work out a solution that will allow necessary repairs and rebuilding. Call **(612) 822-9883**.

For All Residents:

**Housing Court Project:** A walk-in legal clinic for landlord/tenant law questions, located at the Hennepin County Government Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Legal Aid and Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN) jointly operate this clinic. The VLN attorneys can assist low-income landlords, and both Legal Aid and VLN attorneys can assist low-income tenants. (In the current situation, the Housing Court Project will try to be flexible on income limits.) If possible, clients should bring a copy of their lease or other relevant paperwork. More information about the Housing Court Project is available at [www.mncourts.gov/district/4?page=296](http://www.mncourts.gov/district/4?page=296).

- Tenants: Go to Housing Court clerks' front counter located on the 3rd floor, in the Court Tower of the Hennepin County Government Center, at 300 6th St. S., in downtown Minneapolis.
- Landlords: Go to the 4th Dist. Court Self-Help Center on the Public Service Level (2nd floor) of the Hennepin County Government Center.

[LawHelpMN.org](http://LawHelpMN.org) has posted legal resources and videos on issues related to the tornado, including information on renting and tenants' rights, insurance and other legal questions. Visit [www.lawhelpmn.org](http://www.lawhelpmn.org) and click on emergency tornado information.

## **If you think you have been the victim of a tornado-related scam:**

Criminal investigations in Minneapolis are done by the Minneapolis Police Department and that is where initial concerns should be made. Contact the Police at **(612) 673-5704** (select prompt #3 or stay on the line for assistance).

Prosecutors want to help early in the process. Attorneys both in the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office and Hennepin County Attorney's Office are also available to help.

- Minneapolis City Attorney's office: Contact **Nnamdi Okoronkwo**, the 4th Precinct Community Attorney at **(612) 673-2801** or [nnamdi.okoronkwo@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:nnamdi.okoronkwo@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).
- Hennepin County Attorney's office: Contact Senior Attorney **Paul Scoggin**, head of our Property Criminal Prosecution team at **(612) 348-5161** or [paul.scoggin@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:paul.scoggin@co.hennepin.mn.us).

More information is available at [www.hennepinattorney.org](http://www.hennepinattorney.org).

## **I Need Assistance Fixing My House.**

For property owners needing financial assistance for home repair, contact these organizations to learn about available loans and grants:

Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation, **(612) 588-3033**  
[www.gmhchousing.org](http://www.gmhchousing.org)

Center for Energy & Environment, **(612) 335-5884**  
[www.mncee.org](http://www.mncee.org)

Neighborhood Housing Services, **(612) 521-3581**  
[www.northsidenhs.org](http://www.northsidenhs.org)