



Receiving a Rental Assistance Benefit

The Newell Housing Foundation provides the Rental Assistance Benefit (RAB) in the communities of Brooks, Bassano, Duchess, Rosemary, Tilley and within the County of Newell.

Newell Housing Foundation will offer Rental Assistance Benefit (RAB) to applicants with the highest need.

RAB recipients must live in eligible housing within the designated area to receive benefits. Eligible housing is a self-contained, rented home. This means the rental has its own kitchen and bathroom. A recipient could live in:

- A basement suite or secondary suite as long as it has been approved by the municipality.
- Mobile home where the tenant is renting both the mobile home and the pad.
- Detached housing, row/townhouse, duplex or triplex, or apartments or condos with a written tenancy agreement.

Non-Eligible Housing:

- Hotels, motels and vacation rental by owner (VRBO) arrangements.
- Illegal basement/secondary suites.
- Owned mobile homes requesting supplement for the rent of the pad.
- Shared living accommodations with the landlord.
- Housing owned by the applicant.

Recipients must sign a Rental Assistance Benefit agreement to receive monthly payments. At Income Review time, the agreement may be renewed if the recipient is still eligible and there is funding available.

Recipients who receive a Rental Assistance Benefit must provide direct deposit information to receive the supplement. A bank authorization form for direct deposit can be requested at the bank.

Recipients who receive a Rental Assistance Benefit must provide their social insurance number. Rental Assistance Benefits are considered a taxable benefit. Recipients will receive a T5007 each year in February for filing tax purposes.

Recipients must advise Newell Housing Foundation if:

- They move or plan to move
- Someone moves in or out of their household
- A roommate moves in
- Their income changes

The Rental Assistance Benefit is the difference between 30% of the recipients total household income, and the market rent up to the maximum amount.

These changes may impact a recipient's Rent Assistance Benefit amount or eligibility. If recipients do not tell Newell Housing Foundation about these changes, their supplement may be canceled