

June 22, 2026

Emergency Housing Guests — **Important information**

The legislature recently passed a bill that establishes the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum and changes the General Assistance Emergency Housing program. Historically, changes to the Emergency Housing program occurred on July 1st of each year. However, the changes to Emergency Housing created by this bill will not go into effect until September 1st, 2026.

On July 1st, Emergency Housing will continue to operate under the current guidelines, which include a maximum of 80 nights in a rolling 12-month period.

Emergency Housing nights are counted on a rolling basis. There is no reset of the 80-day limit. Each day used in the past 12 months counts toward your 80-day limit, regardless of the calendar year. The only days of emergency housing assistance that do not count toward your 80-day limit are days that you were housed during emergency winter housing from December 1 through March 31.

Additional information will be provided about the changes effective September 1st, 2026 at a future date. You can anticipate outreach in the month of July to assist in verifying that you have all the documentation needed to ensure a smooth transition to housing beyond September 1st, if you have additional nights of housing available.

If you have questions about your housing, please contact ESD at 1-800-775-0506, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30pm.

Sincerely,

Economic Services Division

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