



HOUSING AND CHILDCARE GUIDE

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Because MSU-Great Falls College of Technology does not have on or off-campus housing associated with this institution, students must make their own housing arrangements. The information and suggestions in this brochure are offered as a basic guide to some of the housing and child care opportunities in the Great Falls area.

Need help getting grounded?

Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
710 1st Ave N.
Great Falls, MT 59401
406-761-4434
www.greatfallschamber.org

Need additional information?

Great Falls Tribune: www.greatfallsonline.net

City of Great Falls: www.ei.great-falls.mt.us

Great Falls Convention & Visitors Center: www.greatfallscvb.visitmt.com

Relocation Supersite: www.123relocation.com/Montana/Great_Falls_

The Fair Housing Act (Know Your Rights):

Fair Housing (406) 455-8418
www.hud.gov/offices/ftheo/

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of national origin, religion, sex, familial status, handicap (disabilities), race or color.



House Hunting Tips:

- Housing should be secured 4-8 weeks before the beginning of the semester.
- Drive through the neighborhood and make sure you will feel safe.

Housing Checklist:

- Compile a list of former/present landlords, references and credit information complete with names, addresses and phone numbers.
- Contact the offices of the apartments listed in this brochure and request a housing application.
- Check the classified section of the local newspaper to get additional housing listings.
- Fill out applications COMPLETELY and return to the housing office or address.
- Sign the lease. Make sure you read everything and understand it before signing!
- Do a pre-rental walk through. Document all items that are worn, in need of repair or need to be replaced.



Classified Ads:

The classified section of the newspaper, especially the Sunday edition, is a good resource for housing opportunities. Information is available by contacting the newspapers at the following addresses:

Great Falls Tribune
205 River Drive S.
Great Falls, MT 59405
1-800-438-6600 or 406-791-1444
www.greatfallstribune.com

Consumer Press
401 9th St. S.
Great Falls, MT 59405
406-761-2406
www.greatfallstribune.com/classifieds/consumerspress/



Rental Agencies:

Matching renters with available property is the business of rental agencies. Some real estate companies offer this as a free service, while independent agencies often charge a fee. Some of the rental agencies in Great Falls:

Buchanan Enterprises
100 1st Ave. N
Great Falls, MT 59401
406-761-0372

Quality Management Inc
626 13th Ave S
Great Falls, MT 59401
406-761-6333

Great Falls Housing Authority
1500 Chowen Spring Loop
Great Falls, MT 59401
406-453-4311

Neighborhood Housing
509 1st Avenue S
Great Falls, MT 59401
406-761-5861

MGM Property Management
1325 8th Avenue N
Great Falls, MT

406-727-3960



Apartment Complexes:

Autumn Run Apartments
4101 Central Ave
Great Falls, MT
406-452-3164

Blackstone Apartments
314 3rd Street N
Great Falls, MT
406-761-0690

Grandview Plaza
1317 7th Street S
Great Falls, MT
406-727-5788

Franklin School Apartments
820 1st Avenue SW
Great Falls, MT
406-453-5095

Maryland Apartments
512 2nd Avenue N
Great Falls, MT
406-455-1350

Leland Apartments
726 1st Avenue N
Great Falls, MT
406-727-6859

Magic Manor Apartments
2317 1st Avenue S
Great Falls, MT
406-727-5607

Morningside Apartments
1825 6th Avenue N
Great Falls, MT
406-727-5902

North 40 apartments
600 25th Street N
Great Falls, MT
406-761-3161

The Pines Apartments
1701 20th Street S
Great Falls, MT
406-727-8181

Grizzly Enterprises
1923 7th Avenue N
Great Falls, MT
406-771-7601

Plum Tree Apartments
700 2nd Avenue S
Great Falls, MT
406-761-2639

Sandstone Village
1601 23rd Street S
Great Falls, MT
406-771-3944

Roberts Apartments
6 6th Street S
Great Falls, MT
406-216-5700



Child Care

Below is a list of child care providers and a checklist to help you get started in your child care search. The College does not claim to recommend any one child care provider or that this is a complete list of providers.

Child Care Checklist:

- Copy of up to date immunizations available
- All school/work information available in case of emergency
- A local emergency contact if you are not available
- All medical information in case of an emergency

Child Care Referral Service:

This service provides a complete list of child care providers in the Great Falls area. Counselors and brochures are available to help you find child care which meets your schedule and personal needs.

Family Connections
Child Care Resources & Referral
600 Central Ave #225
Great Falls, MT 59401
406-761-6010 or 800-696-4503
www.famcon.org/

Tips for Choosing Childcare:

When making your decision on the type of facility you are going to select for your child, the following questions should be helpful.

- Is the environment clean and safe?
- Do the children in care seem happy and busy?
- Are nutritious meals and snacks provided?
- What is the ratio of adult workers to children?
- Is the caregiver warm and friendly?
- Is the caregiver someone with whom you share similar child-rearing methods?
- Will the caregiver be willing to provide weekly updates on your child?
- Is the outdoor play area safe, fenced, orderly and clean?
- Does the atmosphere allow for organized learning and creative play?
- Is there adequate space, furniture and play things appropriate to the ages of children in care?
- What ages and numbers of children are accepted?
- Is the location convenient?
- What are the fees, payment schedule and hours?
- Are naps required or optional?
- Is separate space provided for napping and sick children?
- Is there a balance between free time and organized projects?

- What are the emergency procedures?
- What is the vacation/holiday schedule?



Warning Signs

- The facility does not encourage parents to observe or visit!
- Children are without adequate adult guidance!
- Teachers are physically or verbally rough and abusive with children!
- The program seems to be on shaky ground financially and does not appear to have any consistent program!
- The building is dirty or appears unsafe!



Child Care Providers

Check-A-Child
1225 10th Avenue S.
Great Falls, MT
406-453-1447

Edu-Care Preschool/Daycare
819 6th Street S
Great Falls, MT
406-453-6003

The Fall Jr. Academy
2326 1st Avenue N
Great Falls, MT
406-452-7474

Just 4 Kids Daycare
244 21st Avenue NW
Great Falls, MT
406-727-0990 or 406-452-5537

Tiny Tot Daycare
1623 12th Avenue S
Great Falls, MT
406-452-8427

Funhouse Central
710 Central Avenue
Great Falls, MT
406-727-9399

Treasure State Baptist Academy
100 46th Street N
Great Falls, MT
406-727-5133

Stepping Stones
1626 6th Avenue N
Great Falls, MT
406-727-3012

Child Development Center
1130 17th Avenue S
Great Falls, MT
406-761-4672

St. Thomas Child & Family Center
1710 Benefit Court
Great Falls, MT
406-761-6538



Want to keep kids busy:

Great Falls School District

1100 4th Street S
Great Falls, MT
406-268-6000

Head Start

309 12th St. S
Great Falls, MT
406-453-5415

Head Start is a free preschool service for 3 and 4 year olds. Because of limited space applications must be submitted in early. Your child must be 3 or 4 before September 10th and you must be income eligible.

HANDS

Lewis & Clark Elementary
3800 1st Ave. S
Great Falls, MT
406-286-6932

HANDS is an interactive program for K-5th grade students. HANDS is offered through all fifteen elementary schools in Great Falls. The HANDS program hours are from 7:30 a.m. until school starts and from after school until 6 p.m.

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