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Subject: Eviction Moratorium Expiration and Resources

On **June 30** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) federal moratorium on evictions for nonpayment of rent will expire. During the time the eviction moratorium was in place, renters could not be evicted for missing rent payments alone. While landlords could not engage in an eviction procedure, they can expect payment of back rent or may initiate an eviction once the moratorium expires. If a tenant is concerned that accumulated back rent could result in eviction, they should first contact their landlord in an attempt to establish a payment plan to avoid formal eviction proceedings. It is important we connect households with resources which enable them to make strides on any back rent owed and maintain housing. Please review the rental assistance programs available in Wisconsin listed below:

Statewide Programs

[Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance \(WERA\)](#) is accepting applications to provide up to 12 months assistance for current and/or overdue rent and utility payments to people who experienced financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see [WERA frequently asked questions](#) for more information.

[Emergency Assistance](#) is available to low-income caretaker relatives of dependent children experiencing a housing emergency. The Emergency Assistance program provides a one-time payment to qualified families.

Milwaukee-Area Program

[Milwaukee Emergency Rental Assistance \(MERA\)](#) offered through the Social Development Commission (SDC), provides rent assistance to those experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

Tribal Community Members

[Ho-Chunk Nation Emergency Rental Assistance](#)
[Menominee Indian Tribe COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance](#)
[Oneida Emergency Rental/Utility Assistance Program](#)
[Red Cliff Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#)
[Bad River Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#)

Additionally, calling **2-1-1** will connect people in need to a 24/7 service line where the individual's needs can be matched to available non-profit and government resources in their community from housing support to food and healthcare assistance.

Action Steps for Renters Facing Eviction:

1. After the moratorium expires, households facing eviction should be encouraged to attend the initial hearing to get a court date established.
2. Not attending the hearing will result in a default judgement in favor of the landlord and tenant removal will occur much sooner than if the tenant attends the hearing.
3. If a household is facing an eviction or has questions about their legal options and rights as a renter, the following are free legal resources for low-income Wisconsin residents:
 - [Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.](#)
 - For civil legal services, call (855) 947-2529.
 - [Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.](#)
 - For legal help, call (715) 842-1681.
 - Civil legal service provider for Wisconsin's northern [33 counties](#) and [11 federally recognized Indian tribes](#).
 - The American Bar Association also maintains a [directory of organizations](#) that can connect individuals with free legal services.

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ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY **RENT, UTILITIES, AND OTHER BILLS** DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

The Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program (WERA) assists qualifying households with up to 12 months assistance for current and/or overdue payments:

- ▶ Rent payments
- ▶ Utility and home energy

DO I QUALIFY?

Your household may qualify if at least one or more individuals:

- ▶ Is eligible for unemployment, has experienced a reduction in household income, or has incurred major costs or financial struggles due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ▶ Is at risk of being evicted.
- ▶ Has a household income at, or below, 80 percent of the county median.

HOW TO APPLY

**Contact your local
Community Action Agency
VISIT: wiscap.org/wera**

**OR Energy Services, Inc.
CALL: 1-833-900-9372
EMAIL: support@wera.help**

**Check your
income here:**



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¿TIENE DIFICULTADES PARA PAGAR LA RENTA, SERVICIOS BÁSICOS Y OTRAS CUENTAS DEBIDO A LA PANDEMIA DE COVID-19?

El Programa de asistencia de emergencia para la renta de Wisconsin (Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program, WERA) ayuda a los hogares que califican con hasta 12 meses de asistencia para pagos vigentes y/o atrasados:

- ▶ Pagos de renta
- ▶ Servicios básicos y electricidad

¿CÓMO SABER SI CALIFICO?

Su grupo familiar puede calificar si al menos uno o más individuos:

- ▶ Es elegible para el desempleo, ha experimentado una reducción en el ingreso del grupo familiar o ha tenido mayores cosos o dificultades financieras debido a la pandemia de COVID-19.
- ▶ Corre riesgo de ser desalojado.
- ▶ Tiene un ingreso familiar igual o inferior al 80 por ciento de la mediana del condado.

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