

PSA, LETTER, NEWSLETTER FROM MAYORS OR OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS

Siouxland Residents,

There is understandably much confusion around the Eviction Moratorium put in place by the Centers for Disease Control due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have an eviction case pending or are past due on your rent or utilities, please seek professional assistance from one of the reputable housing support organizations in our community or your state's legal aid program before the moratorium is lifted on December 30.

First and foremost – YOU MUST STILL PAY YOUR RENT AND UTILITIES. A moratorium does **not** waive your obligation to pay your rent or utilities on time, and **not everyone is eligible** to be protected from the national moratoriums. If you cannot pay all of your rent or utilities or cannot pay on time, reach out to your landlord or the utility company. They may be able to help you set up a payment plan or provide other assistance.

If you have NOT been paying your rent or made arrangements to catch up on late rent, YOU COULD STILL BE EVICTED and your utilities can be disconnected.

Evictions can impact your credit and your ability to get housing, rental assistance, or other credit.

A number of organizations in Siouxland have funding to help you with some of these bills, but many can only help if you have been impacted by COVID, such as being sick or caring for sick family members or losing your job. **No organization can pay all of your back rent and utilities since the pandemic began, but many can help you negotiate a payment plan to get back on track.**

Hurry – some of these programs have November deadlines. The sooner you seek assistance, the sooner you can get help and ensure you won't have troubles in January!

I know these times are difficult and you are doing your part to protect your family from the coronavirus. Please also do your part to protect your family from homelessness or financial uncertainty. Reach out for help if you need it.

Sincerely,

Mayor/Council/Etc.

Please customize to your community if you'd like and see the attached list of organizations that can help residents.

30-SEC PSA for RADIO or TV

Siouxland renters – the CDC's Eviction Moratorium does NOT allow you to stop paying rent or utilities and not everyone qualifies for relief from eviction. You will be responsible for unpaid rent and utilities! Visit www.211iowa.org to find Iowa AND Nebraska resources that can help you get back on track and protect your family.

RENTERS

YOU MUST STILL PAY RENT DURING THE
EVICTIION MORATORIUM.

FIND HELP AT WWW.211IOWA.ORG TODAY.
(NEBRASKA & IOWA RESIDENTS)

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