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Housing

Finding suitable housing for yourself and your family will be your first concern. If you need assistance please contact the WHOI Housing Office.

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Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543-1120
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Most newcomers need a week of concentrated searching to locate suitable accommodations, so it is wise to arrive at WHOI in advance of your appointment to have time to look. Individuals must make their own rental arrangements, preferably in person, with the owner or owner's agent. Temporary on-campus housing may be available during your community housing search except during summer months. There are many ways to find an apartment or house in the Falmouth/Woods Hole area, but the simplest way is to see a realtor or real estate agent. A listing of realtors along with other rental sources can be found on the WHOI Housing Office website. Realty offices maintain lists of apartments and houses and will try to match your needs and budget. They will also arrange appointments for you or will show places to you personally.

Housing costs vary widely depending on location, amenities included, and condition and size of dwelling. Rentals usually do not include heat, hot water, or utilities. Some apartments are furnished, but almost none are air-conditioned. Most landlords require one or two months' rent in advance plus a security deposit.

Because we are a summer resort area, housing accommodations vary, depending upon the season, and in terms of availability and price. The summer season is the most expensive. Some WHOI housing units may be available to guests from mid-September to May 1. Institution housing is available only to our WHOI/MIT students and Summer Student Fellows during the summer season. They vary in price depending upon the unit. If WHOI housing is unavailable, the Institution's Housing Coordinator can assist you by providing listings of accommodations in the community; However, we cannot preselect community housing nor make any rental arrangements for you. The village of Woods Hole is very small, and suitable housing in the village is in great demand and difficult to find. We urge you to look for housing outside of the village.
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