

Community Resources

City of Bloomington, Minnesota
Human Services Division

Housing Information

Human Services

952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd,
Bloomington
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Apartment vacancies (interpreters available).
- Procedures to apply for subsidized apartments or market rate rentals.

Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA)

952-563-8937, 952-563-8740 TTY
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd.,
Bloomington
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Section 8 tenant based voucher subsidy program.
- Rental homes program.
- Public housing program.
- Home Improvement Loans.

Bridging

Bloomington
www.bridging.org

- Low-income families may be eligible to receive free furniture.
- For a referral for free furniture from Bridging, contact: City of Bloomington Human Services at 952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY.

Home Line

612-728-5767
www.homelinemn.org

- Tenants rights and advocacy.

Community Resources:
Somali Translation



Food Resources

Loaves and Fishes

952-948-0746 (Bloomington office)
www.loavesandfishesmn.org

- Free hot meals served every weekday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S, Bloomington.

Bloomington Public Health WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Office Supplemental Food Program

952-563-8993, 952-563-8900 TTY
1900 W Old Shakopee Rd.,
Bloomington
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Vouchers for specific foods available to pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women as well as infants and children under age 5.
- Eligibility is based on income level and health risks.

Bloomington School Breakfast and Lunch Program

952-806-8770
www.bloomington.k12.mn.us

- Nutritious meals for school children on school days.
- Families may be eligible for free or reduced price school meals.

Creekside Buyer's Club

952-563-4944 V/TTY
9801 Penn Ave. S., Bloomington

- Mini grocery store located at Creekside Community Center open every Thursday from 9-11:15 a.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m.

The City Diner

952-563-4948, 952-563-4944 TTY
9801 Penn Ave. S., Bloomington
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Nutritious noon meals served weekdays at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S.
- Fees may apply.

Fare For All

952-563-4944 V/TTY
www.emergencyfoodshelf.org

- Monthly food program with no income guidelines
- Fees apply.

VEAP Food Shelf

952-888-9616
9728 Irving Ave. S., Bloomington
www.veapvolunteers.org

- Provides a five-day grocery supply for emergencies.
- Also provides holiday meals or groceries for seniors, people with disabilities or low income.

Hennepin County Economic Assistance - Food Stamps

612-596-1300, 612-348-3207 TTY
www.co.hennepin.mn.us

- You may qualify for food stamps, used to buy food.

Meals on Wheels

952-835-1665

- Hot, nutritious meals delivered to homebound residents of Bloomington Monday - Friday.
- Fees may apply.

TTY USERS

For programs with no TTY number listed, contact the
Minnesota Relay Service
at 1-800-627-3529 or 711.

Legal Resources

Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis

612-332-1441

430 1st Ave. N, Ste 300, Minneapolis

www.midmnlegal.org

- Hennepin County residents with low incomes are eligible.
- Free legal representation related to government benefit issues (welfare to work, food stamps, unemployment, social security), housing issues (tenant/landlord disputes), family, youth (12 - 17 years of age who face abuse, neglect or abandonment); senior and consumer issues.
- Assistance with immigration documents and citizenship papers.

Bloomington Human Rights Commission

952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY

www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Mediates complaints of discrimination in Bloomington.
- Educates and advocates on human rights issues.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

1-800-375-5283

2901 Metro Dr., Ste 100,

Bloomington

www.uscis.gov

- Immigration services.

Immigration Clinic

612-825-6863

3400 Park Ave. S, Minneapolis

- Free legal advice in regards to immigration issues.
- Every Thursday, 3-5 p.m.; first come, first serve basis.

Employment Assistance

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

www.uimn.org

- Unemployment.

MN Workforce Center

952-346-4000, 952-346-4043 TTY

www.mnwfc.org

- Job vacancy listings and employment resources.

Transportation Resources

BE Line

612-373-3333, 612-341-0140 TTY

- Bus transportation in Bloomington and Edina every day of the week.

City of Bloomington Transportation Service

952-563-4948, 952-563-4944 TTY

www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Transportation within the City of Bloomington only.
- Trips are available Monday-Friday, call for times and rates.

Metro Transit

612-373-3333, 612-341-0140 TTY

www.metrotransit.org

- Transportation throughout the Metro area.

VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People)

952-888-9616

9728 Irving Ave. S., Bloomington

www.veapvolunteers.org

- Call 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and leave a voice message.
- Reservations required seven days in advance.
- Fees may apply.

Resource Centers and Information

Human Services

952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY

1800 W Old Shakopee Rd,

Bloomington

www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Connects individuals to human service programs and information.

Family & Children's Service

612-728-2061 or 952-967-9060

Loffler Building, Ste 318

1101 E 78th St, Bloomington

www.everyfamilymatters.org

- Provides advocacy, translation, helps to identify culturally appropriate resources.

Hennepin County Office of Multi-Cultural Services

612-348-2193

330 S. 12th St., Ste 450, Minneapolis

www.co.hennepin.mn.us

- Liaisons are available to help individuals apply for County services.

The Confederation for Somali Community in Minnesota (CSCM)

612-338-5282

420 15th Ave. S, Minneapolis

www.cscmn.org

- Strengthening the capacity of Somalis in MN so they may become contributing members of society, while keeping their culture.
- Walk-in settlement services: Housing referrals, ESL Classes, Legal Resources and various other social services.

World Relief

612-798-4332

1515 E 66th St., Richfield

www.wr.org

- Employment, refugee resettlement, and immigration paperwork assistance.

Recreation

City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation

952-563-8877, 952-563-8740 TTY
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd.,
Bloomington
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Year-round recreation programs for people of all abilities.

Bloomington Art Center

952-563-8587
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd.,
Bloomington
www.bloomingtonartcenter.com

- Art and theatre classes, performing opportunities.

Bloomington Athletic Association (BAA)

www.baaonline.org

- Organized youth sports programs.

Boy Scouts

763-545-4550
www.northernstarbsa.org

- Youth development program.

Galaxy Youth Center

952-681-6124
www.bloomington.k12.mn.us

- Recreation, leadership, socialization, learning and service for youth in grades 6-8.

Girl Scouts

763-535-4602
www.girlscoutsmpls.org

- Youth development program.

Southdale YMCA

952-835-2567
www.ymcatwincities.org

- Social, recreation and camp programs.

What's Up

www.uwmsp.org

- Free youth information line.

Support/Counseling for Teens and Families

Bloomington Public Health

952-563-8900 V/TTY
1900 W Old Shakopee Rd.,
Bloomington
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Child and youth clinics, family planning and services for adolescents, pregnant teens and teen parents.

The Bridge for Runaway Youth

612-377-8800
1111 W 22nd St., Minneapolis
www.bridgeforyouth.org

- Individual, family and teen counseling.

Cornerstone

952-884-0330
www.cornerstonemn.org

- Serving individuals facing domestic violence.

Crisis Connection

612-379-6363
www.crisis.org

- 24 hour a day crisis and general counseling help line for suicide prevention, domestic violence, rape, child abuse, depression and other life issues.

Family and Children's Services - School Success Initiative

952-884-7353
Loffler Building, Ste 318
1101 E 78th St, Bloomington
www.everyfamilymatters.org

- Counseling service (psychologists).
- Russian speaking help for school-age children and their parents.

Storefront/Youth Action

612-861-1675
6425 Nicollet Ave. S., Richfield
www.storefront.org

- Promotes positive youth development for school-aged children through education, treatment programs and intervention.

Bloomington United for Youth (BUY)

952-681-6527
www.tricitypartners.org

- Promotes the development of a supportive environment and personal strengths which children need to succeed.

Tree House

952-253-0812
9030 W Bloomington Freeway,
Bloomington
www.treehouseyouth.org

- Support groups, counseling and recreational opportunities for troubled youth in Bloomington and Richfield.

Economic/Medical Assistance (Insurance)

Emergency Financial Services Program

(VEAP) Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People

952-888-9616
9728 Irving Ave. S., Bloomington
www.veapvolunteers.org

- Call for an appointment

Hennepin County Economic Assistance

612-596-1300
www.co.hennepin.mn.us

Hennepin County Medical Assistance

612-596-1300
www.co.hennepin.mn.us

Minnesota Care

651-297-3862 or 1-800-657-3672

General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC)

651-431-2670 or 1-800-657-3739

Child Care

Hennepin County Child Care Assistance Unit

612-348-5937

www.co.hennepin.mn.us

- Financial assistance for childcare.

Resources for Child Caring

651-641-0305

www.resourcesforchildcare.org

- Referral to childcare providers.

Medical Care

Bloomington Public Health

952-563-8900 V/TTY

1900 W Old Shakopee Rd.,
Bloomington

www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- WIC (Women, Infants, Children), immunizations, flu-shots, health risk assessments, women's health screening, senior clinics.

Bloomington School District

952-681-6400

www.bloomington.k12.mn.us

- SHAPE (Adult education programs, including ESL and GED courses) 952-681-6170
2575 W. 88th St., Bloomington
- Volunteer Connection (Help for English language learners and adults seeking employment) 952-681-6109
- Kid's Safari (before and after school child care) 952-681-6108

Volunteering and Mentoring

Human Services

952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY

1800 W Old Shakopee Rd,
Bloomington

www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Volunteer opportunities.

The Mentoring Partnership

612-370-9180

81 S. 9th St., Ste 200, Minneapolis

www.mentoringworks.org

- Mentoring opportunities to form bonds between adults and youth.

Bloomington Human Services at Creekside Community Center

The following Senior Programs are located at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S. For more information on any program listed, please call 952-563-4944 V/TTY or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Arts and Crafts
- Card Groups
- Health, Wellness and Fitness Programs
- Information and Outreach
- Leadership Opportunities
- Music Groups
- Nutrition Programs
- Senior Outreach, Deb Hoyer, 952-888-7121
- Sports and Leisure
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities

Important Phone Numbers

- Bloomington Civic Plaza (City Hall) 952-563-8700
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us
- Bloomington Human Services 952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us
- Creekside Community Center 952-563-4944 V/TTY
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us
- Bloomington Police Department (Non-Emergency) 952-563-4900
For emergency, call 911
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us
- PACER Center, Inc. (For children with disabilities and their families) 952-838-9000. www.pacer.org
- Department of Motor Vehicles (Driver's Licenses) 952-563-8719
9930 Logan Ave. S., Bloomington
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us
- MN Department of Human Services Multilingual Phone Referral System (Somali) 1-888-547-8829
- Language Line 1-800-528-5888, Over-the-phone translation service available 24 hours a day for a fee (accepts credit cards)
www.language.com



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