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Housing Resources for UBC Faculty and Staff

1. Home Ownership Information
   a. Buying a Home in British Columbia - [https://www.bcfsa.ca/public-resources/real-estate/buying-home](https://www.bcfsa.ca/public-resources/real-estate/buying-home)
      1. Procedures involved in purchasing a home, documents required, and understanding the roles of people who may be involved in the transaction.
         Provided by the Real Estate Council of British Columbia.

   b. Association of Interior Realtors: [https://www.interiorrealtors.ca/](https://www.interiorrealtors.ca/)
      i. Find A REALTOR: [https://www.realtor.ca/meet-a-realtor/#v=location](https://www.realtor.ca/meet-a-realtor/#v=location)
      ii. Find a Home: [https://www.realtor.ca/](https://www.realtor.ca/)
      iii. Buyer Information: [https://www.interiorrealtors.ca/consumer-info/buyer-information/](https://www.interiorrealtors.ca/consumer-info/buyer-information/)

   c. New Real Estate Construction: [https://www.buzzbuzzhome.com/ca/place/kelowna-bc](https://www.buzzbuzzhome.com/ca/place/kelowna-bc)

   d. Canada Home & Mortgage Corporation: [https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/](https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/)
      i. Provide mortgage loan insurance, mortgage-backed securities, housing policy and programs, and housing research.

   e. Canadian Bankers Association: [https://cba.ca/](https://cba.ca/)
      i. Offer consumer information on mortgages, financing and the Canadian Home Buyer’s Plan.

   f. First Time Home Buyer’s Program for BC Residents: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/exemptions/first-time-home-buyers](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/exemptions/first-time-home-buyers)
      i. This program reduces or eliminates the amount of property transfer tax you pay when you purchase your first home. See the website for eligibility criteria.

   g. BC Home Owner Grant: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant)
      i. This grand reduces the amount of property tax you pay for your principal residence.

      i. A variety of grants and special programs to help Canadians with home ownership.

      i. A program that allows you to withdraw from your registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) to buy or build a qualifying home.
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2. Long Term Rentals (1 year +)
      ii. Midtown: https://1920enterprise.com/
   b. ARGUS Properties Ltd.: https://www.argusproperties.ca/residential
   c. Worman Residential Rentals: https://www.worman.ca/residential-rentals
   d. Castanet – Kelowna classified advertisements: https://classifieds.castanet.net/cat/rentals/
   e. Craigslist Kelowna: https://kelowna.craigslist.org/search/apa
   f. Kijiji Kelowna: https://www.kijiji.ca/b-apartments-condos/kelowna/kelowna/house/k0c37l1700228a29276001
   g. PadMapper: https://www.padmapper.com/apartments/kelowna-bc
   h. Sabbatical Homes: https://www.sabbaticalhomes.com/

3. Short Term Rentals (1 – 6+ months)
   b. Four Points Sheraton Kelowna Airport: http://www.fourpointskelownaairport.com/UBC
   c. Kelowna Tourism Accommodation Listings: https://www.tourismkelowna.com/places-to-stay/

4. Consumer Information: Renting a Home
   a. What you should know and consider before you rent: https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/consumers/renting-a-home/i-want-to-rent
   b. What you should know after you sign a rent or lease agreement: https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/consumers/renting-a-home/i-am-renting
   c. Tenant Resource and Advisory Guide: https://tenants.bc.ca/
   d. Residential Tenancy Branch: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies/contact-the-residential-tenancy-branch

5. Utilities
   a. Electricity: https://www.fortisbc.com/
   b. TV and internet: https://www.shaw.ca/tv
   c. Internet, home phone, mobile phone and TV: https://www.telus.com/en/
   d. Mobile phone: https://www.bell.ca/ or https://www.rogers.com/