



Searching for housing can be overwhelming. Thankfully, there are a lot of great tools to help you search for housing online.

### Popular Websites for Housing Searches

- Kijiji
- ViewIt
- Padmapper
- WalkScore
- Rentals.ca



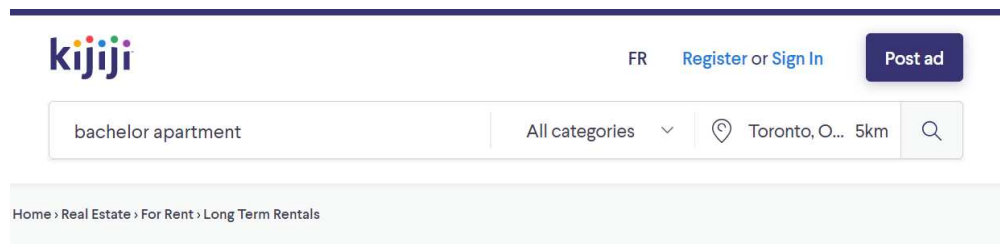
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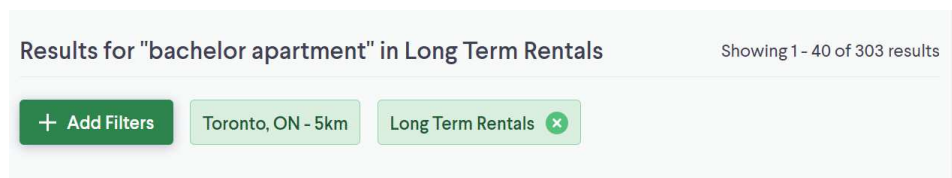
On each of these websites, there are filter functions where you can filter your search to match your needs for budget, number of rooms, preferred living location, etc.

### Example of How to Filter Results on Kijiji

Below you can see that there is a search bar, as well as a location. Type what you are looking for in the search bar- for example, “bachelor apartment”. In the location spot, type your preferred location. In this example, you can see that ‘Toronto’ has been entered, as well as a 5km radius around ‘Toronto’. This will limit results to being in the downtown core. If you are open to living in Etobicoke or Scarborough for example, then you can expand your search to a larger radius.



Next, you will see a green “add filters” button. Click it.



Once you click the button, you will see a window pop up where you can activate many filters. If you are looking for housing within a particular budget, you can toggle the price to be within your budget. This will narrow down your results to only show you units within your budget.



[Add Filters](#)     [Cancel](#)

**Price**

\$0 \$5,000+

**Unit Type**  
Select all that apply

No preference   
  Apartment   
  Condo  
 Basement   
  House   
  Townhouse  
 Duplex/Triplex

**Bedrooms**  
Select all that apply

No preference   
  Bachelor/Studio   
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Click “apply filters” when you are ready to see your search results. You will then see specific housing listings that hopefully meet your needs.

Sometimes ads will include a phone number or email, but often you need to message the landlord through Kijiji. To do this, you need to make an account. It is free, and you can do so by clicking the “register” button.



Facebook is another great resource for finding housing. Many people find it more personable since you can see each other’s profiles.

### Popular Facebook Groups for Housing Searches

- Facebook Marketplace
- Homes for Queers Toronto
- Toronto Home Zone
- Trans Housing Toronto
- Roomies for Queers Toronto



### Tips for Housing Searches on Facebook

Apart from Facebook Marketplace, you will have to request to join the above groups. Many of the groups will have “group guidelines” or questions that you must answer to join. This is to try to ensure group safety. Sometimes they are identity based. For example, the Homes for Queers Toronto group will ask if you identify as being part of the LGBTQ2S community, since it is a group specifically for Queer and Trans people.

Once admitted, you can make a post (if you feel comfortable) about what you are looking for. Be sure to follow posting guidelines to get your post approved by the admins.

**NOTE:** Double check that identity-based groups are private for safety, if you are not out on Facebook.