Choosing and Evaluating an Apartment/House

The Iowa City and Coralville area has a wide selection of rental property. When viewing rental units it is important to consider not only the property but also your individual needs for a living space. The following considerations and questions may help you evaluate and compare rental properties.

See pages 2-3 for Form for Evaluating an Apartment/House

IMPORTANT
If you rent a unit that needs repairs or improvements, be sure to get all agreed upon work in writing and the date the work will be completed. Ideally, the work should be completed before you take possession of the unit. If agreed upon work is not ready when you move in, you have specific rights. See Rental Property Not Ready for Occupancy.

In Addition:
For information on history of violations or complaints against an address contact the Housing Inspection Services at 319-356-5130 or visit their office at 410 E. Washington St. Iowa City, IA 52240. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8am – 5pm.

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