



Preparing for Winter 2018

No one in need of housing should go unsupported this winter.

Our priority is that everyone has access to somewhere warm, dry and safe to live, and all vulnerable New Zealanders are supported into appropriate accommodation.

On top of the tremendous amount of work you're already doing to house people in your communities, we're aiming to work with you on delivering 1,537 new public, transitional and Housing First places this winter.

This is just the base of what we want to achieve together, though. We will do more if we can.

Working together

To get through winter safely, we want to continue to work closely together with you.

It's important to us to stay connected to those of you on the ground, in the community, to make sure we're providing what's needed, and to ensure people know where to go if they need help.

Your feedback and ideas on what you're seeing and what is needed in your community is really important to us, so please stay in touch.

We need your ideas

If you are aware of properties that might be available over winter, such as seasonal worker

accommodation or private rental homes, we'd be interested in hearing about those options.

We'd also like help in identifying small land options that are suitable for temporary housing, with power and water connections already available, such as motor camps, marae or private land.

We are always open to new and innovative ideas that will help us increase the housing supply. Please get in touch with us if you have an idea, and we can discuss it further.

What help is available for those who need it?

We can offer people a wide range of support, depending on their circumstances. Support can include an accommodation supplement; emergency housing or an emergency housing special needs grant; transitional housing; or public housing.

People might be eligible for other support as well, such as help with power bills or with paying for food, which can help prevent homelessness before it happens.

Anyone needing support this winter should contact us as soon as possible on 0800 559 009 to discuss options.

Contact us

We encourage you to stay in touch with us this winter using your usual channels; or visit our website.