

*Do you provide accommodation for couples?*

Forest Ridge Place has limited one-bedroom suites that are reserved for couples.

*May I apply if I am not yet 65 years old?*

Residents must be 65 years or older. Exceptions made for couples in which one is 65 years or older.

*What will my rent be?*

Our rent is a combination of a mandatory service package fee and rent-geared-to-income (RGI).

Our service package is \$760.00 for singles and \$1140.00 for couples. RGI is calculated using 30% of the applicant's income derived from Line 150 of their current Notice of Assessment Tax Form – to a maximum rent of \$575.00 for singles and \$625.00 for couples.

*Are TV and Telephone services included in the rent?*

Forest Ridge Place has bulk cable set up for all units. An extra, **mandatory** charge will be added to your rent for this service.

Telephone services are the responsibility of the resident. You can choose from any of the service providers available (e.g., Telus, Shaw, Bell, etc.). There are existing telephone lines to each room and you are responsible for connecting, disconnecting and paying for your own services.

*What is included in the rent?*

Our comprehensive service package includes one mid-day meal and snacks, weekly room cleaning, Emergency Medi-Pendant, Emergency call bell in residents' suite, 24 hour non-medical staff, recreational programming, and utilities.

*Can I have all my meals provided?*

You can opt to purchase additional meals of breakfast, supper or both.

*Will you make accommodations for special diets?*

Portion controls can be made for diabetic meals. No other specialty diets can be met in the Manor.

*What sizes are the suites?*

Our bachelor suites are approximately 368 ft<sup>2</sup>. Each room has two closets, and a bathroom complete with a walk-in shower. Our one-bedroom suites are approximately 500 ft<sup>2</sup>.

*Do you allow pets?*

Unfortunately pets are not allowed in any resident rooms in the Lodge or Apartment Buildings. "Visiting" pets are welcome but long term/overnight visits are not allowed.



### *Is parking available?*

Limited parking spaces with electrical plug-ins are available for a monthly fee for residents who have a vehicle and a valid driver's license. There are no underground or covered parking areas. Limited indoor scooter parking is also available. There may be waiting lists for both types of parking.

### *Are there laundry facilities available?*

Residents are free to use the common laundry room available on each floor of the lodge. Machine use is free. Residents must supply their own HE Laundry soap and laundry supplies.

Personal Laundry services are available for a cost of \$50/month for personal laundry. Linen Laundry Services (Bed, Towels, etc.) are available for an additional \$50/month (per unit - single and couple).

### *Do you allow smoking?*

As per Provincial Government legislation, all our buildings are smoke-free and smoking is not allowed in any resident rooms or common areas. This includes marijuana and vaping. Smoking is only allowed in the designated smoking room located in Whispering Waters Manor.

Growth of marijuana plants is also prohibited in Meridian Housing Foundation buildings.

### *Can family or community members attend activities or special events?*

Friends, family and community members are always welcome in the lodge. A monthly event calendar is available from our Activities Coordinator. There are also special functions such as barbeques and seasonal parties throughout the year, to which we make an extra special effort to include the family and friends of our residents. Residents in our apartments are also able to take part in Lodge events.

### *How long do I wait once I apply?*

Once you have submitted your complete application package, you should arrange for an interview to assess your suitability for housing with Meridian Housing Foundation. A successful applicant will have their application priority-rated and offered a room if one is available. If no room is available, the applicant will be added to a waiting list. We cannot estimate or guarantee wait times as it is based on priority ratings (not 'first come first serve') and lists may fluctuate.

### *Can I purchase (or bring) my own air conditioning unit?*

Yes; all units must be approved by Meridian Housing Foundation management prior to installation. You will be invoiced for an additional electricity charge of \$60 once a year.

### *Are there any deposits required?*

A security deposit of \$300.00 is required. In addition, a \$100 security deposit is required for our medipendant system.

### *Can I bring my own furniture?*

You must provide all your own furniture in your suite. All furniture should be clean and in good repair. The amount/size of the furniture must not constitute a fire, health or housekeeping hazard.

