Grinnell's eclectic character is reflected in its housing selection. With the right mixture of patience and timing, you will find a situation that suits your preference.

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Buying in the Grinnell Community

If you would like to purchase a home, you will find that Grinnell's housing market includes modern luxury homes, restored Victorians, traditional ranch houses, and country farmhouses. The Poweshiek County Multiple Listing Service website, www.poweshiekmls. com, provides up-to-date, single-source access to current listings by all the principal area realtors.

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Finding Housing in Grinnell

Grinnell College Housing for Faculty and Staff

New faculty and staff members looking for housing in Grinnell are invited to start their search at our Office of Facilities Management. Facilities Management maintains a list of College-affiliated sublets and College-owned rentals.

College-Affiliated Sublets

Subletting typically involves renting a fully furnished home from a faculty member who will be away from Grinnell for an extended period of time. Facilities Management maintains a list of faculty who are looking for a tenant. The role of Facilities Management is limited to serving as a contact between the two parties; all details concerning the rental agreement and terms of the lease are between the lessee and lessor. To learn more about available College-affiliated rentals or to list your own property, contact the Office of Facilities Management: www.grinnell.edu/about/offices-services/facilities-management, 641-269-3300.

College-Owned Rentals

In addition to College-affiliated sublets, Grinnell College also owns a limited number of unfurnished rental units for the convenience of incoming faculty and staff. These include three-bedroom duplexes and two-, three-, and four-bedroom houses.To learn more about available rentals, contact the Office of Facilities Management: www.grinnell.edu/about/offices-services/facilities-management, 641-269-3300.

Rental Details

- Units are leased on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Most units have washer and dryer hook-ups; the machines are not provided.
- All units have air conditioning (some have central air, while others have window units).
- Most furnaces are gas, a few are electric.
- All units have off-street parking (some have a driveway and/or one- or two-car garages).
- Cable television is available in all units at the tenant's expense. Prior approval is necessary if installation is required.
- Dogs and cats are allowed in most units. Prior notification and additional pet deposit is required.
- Limited lawn care and snow removal are provided by the College. All other yard work is the responsibility of the tenant.

Deposits

- There will be a security/damage deposit for standard renters and for those with pets.
- Deposits are due in full prior to possession.
- Deposits, or portions thereof, are refunded after final inspection of the vacated unit and verification that final utility and water bills have been paid in full and transferred back into the College's name.

Leases

- Leases take effect the month of possession.
- The first month's rent will be pro-rated if possession is after the 6th of the month.
- All leases end June 30.
- Tenants are limited to two consecutive leases (i.e., June 30 of the second lease, regardless of month of possession).
- Early release is available to those who are leaving their College rental unit in order to purchase a home. Otherwise, early release is only available 30 days prior to the end of the lease, with notice by April 1.

Rental Rates

- Rental rates are market-based and comparable to the housing market in Grinnell.
- Rates are based upon the size of the unit and the amenities offered.
- Contact Facilities Management for rental rates.
- Monthly rent is deducted through payroll.

Please note that this summary is only intended as an overview of the rental program. The detailed language of the lease governs specific details regarding the rental of College-owned units. Grinnell College reserves the right to add, change, or terminate any provisions addressed in this summary overview.

Renting in the Grinnell Community

If your preference is to rent non-College-affiliated housing, Grinnell's choices include apartment complexes, duplexes, efficiency apartments, rental houses, and downtown lofts owned by private citizens in the community.

Several of Grinnell's real estate agencies maintain lists of rental property owners in the area and are a good first stop in your search for a rental. Ramsey-Weeks also provides a property management service and can show current vacancies within the portfolio of properties they manage. Additional rental listings may also be found in the local newspapers and by subscribing to the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce e-newsletter at chamber@getintogrinnell.com.