



HOW TO CHOOSE

THE RIGHT

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

for you



CHARTwell
retirement residences



Are you or a loved one trying to find the right retirement residence for your unique needs and preferences?

Moving into a senior living community is a big decision and merits the time it takes to find a place where you can see yourself enjoying everyday life for many years to come.

So where to begin? **Consider these four tips** that can help make your journey easier, more efficient and—of course—more successful.

TIP #1

CONSIDER YOUR *practical* NEEDS



As you prepare to embark on tours of retirement residences, one way you can narrow down your list is by asking yourself some of these basic questions that will help you understand which homes to consider:

- LOCATION.** Do I want to live nearby any family members or friends? Is there a specific neighbourhood or area where I'd like to live?
- LOOK AND FEEL.** Would I feel more comfortable living in a brand-new residence or a home that is more established and mature?
- SERVICE OFFERINGS.** What services do I need to live well during my retirement years? For example, specific care services, dining, housekeeping, etc.
- ACCOMMODATIONS.** What type of retirement living accommodations would I prefer? For example, what size suite? Would I be happy with a kitchenette, or prefer a full kitchen with an oven for cooking? What about independent townhomes or apartments?
- ON-SITE AMENITIES.** What amenity spaces do I want in my new home that support my distinct hobbies or lifestyle? For example, a pool if I'm a swimmer, a garden if I have a green thumb, a bistro if I love coffee, or parking spaces if I still drive?
- FURRY FRIENDS.** Is it important to me to find a residence that is pet-friendly?



Once you answer these questions, one easy way to determine if there are nearby retirement residences that satisfy your criteria is to call Chartwell's Consultant Team. **We have a team of knowledgeable representatives who can do the homework for you!** We're here to provide you with some thoughtful suggestions of homes to tour and can even arrange the tours for you.

TIP #2

HOW DID THE *residence* MAKE YOU **FEEL?**

Your experience during your tours is of equal importance, as it will help you determine if you can see yourself living in a particular residence. Beyond the practical, reflect on the emotional components of the decision by asking yourself:



- A SENSE OF BELONGING.** How did it feel when I first walked into the residence? Did the atmosphere make me feel at home? Did I feel a sense of community?
- VISUALIZING.** As I toured suites, could I see myself living in any of them? For example, waking up in the morning to the view, watching television in the living room, or fixing a drink or snack in the kitchen/kitchenette?
- SOCIAL CONNECTION.** When I was touring the residence, did staff greet me? Did I see positive resident and staff interactions? Did residents seem happy? Did I hear laughter and conversation?
- SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO.** Did I feel intrigued by any of the social, entertainment or fitness experiences that the home offers?
- DAILY ENJOYMENTS.** Did I feel intrigued by the home's dining experience? Or could I see myself using any of the residence's on-site amenity spaces to pursue a hobby, meet with friends or relax?

If you visit a retirement residence that not only satisfies your practical considerations, but also exceeds expectations by giving you an **at-home** feeling, you may have just found your new home.

TIP #3

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GOOGLE REVIEWS



If you are trying to decide between a few retirement residences, one of the best ways to narrow your search and boost your confidence that you've found the right one is to browse the Internet and read Google reviews about your choices.



Hearing about a residence from people who live there is one of the best ways to know if it's a great place to call home. And remember, you'll get the most accurate picture of how good a home is if there are multiple reviews to read about it. **Quantity can help ensure quality** in this case!

“ When I first arrived I was greeted by many staff members who were incredibly friendly. They took me to my room and I was blown away how beautiful my room is. The staff are incredibly helpful and super friendly and they encourage me to ask any questions that arise. Everyone is all there to help me. I'm very happy here and everything is beautiful and relaxing. It's a blessing for me that I was able to find Chartwell as my new home.

-Joyce White



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I have lived here for 2 years and the staff are wonderful, they really are.

-Lorraine Stewart



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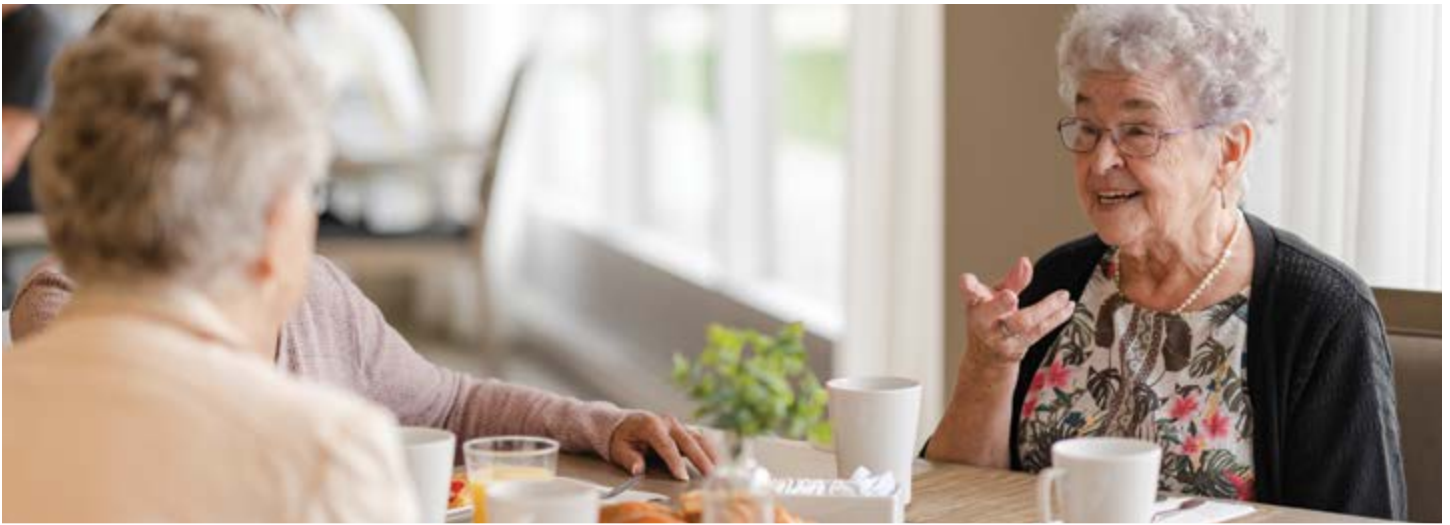
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The staff are all so helpful and caring. They are not only there for the residents but for the family members as well. We are confident that my grandfather is very well cared for and is safe. We would highly recommend [Chartwell]. It truly is a community of loving people (staff and residents) who care for one another and provide much love and support.

-Tanja Schaefer



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TIP #4

TALK TO YOUR *friends* AND FAMILY

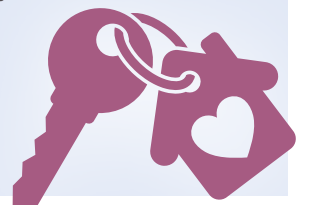
Like Google reviews, one of the best ways you can gauge the experience at a retirement community is by speaking to someone you trust who lives there or has a loved one living there.

When you express to your family and friends—or even professionals in your life like your family doctor, financial planner or realtor—that you’re searching for a retirement residence, you may be surprised to find that many of them have good recommendations for places to explore. Alternatively, if you have a retirement community you’re very interested in that your family and friends are unfamiliar with, you can always **ask the home’s Retirement Living Consultant if you can talk to any current residents or family members** who would be eager to speak with you about their experience.



Finding a retirement residence that **satisfies your practical needs, feels like home** and has a **solid reputation** in the local community will help you feel confident that you’ve made the right choice in your next home.

Other factors like your personal budget will affect your final decision too, but remember to **keep your long-term happiness and comfort top of mind** to avoid making a decision that will only benefit you in the short term.





If you're looking for guidance during
your retirement living journey,
we're here to support you and your family.

**Connect with us today to begin
exploring your options by calling 1-855-461-0685.**

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