

# Spacesaver Scheme



**There are many families on local authority waiting lists and a shortage of family homes. CHP runs the SpaceSaver scheme to try to increase the number of family homes available. The SpaceSaver scheme offers help and financial support for those living in family homes which are too large for them and this leaflet contains information about cash payments you will receive if you move to a smaller property.**

## What is the SpaceSaver scheme?

Living circumstances often change over time and you may find that you are living in a property which is too large for your needs. Alternatively, there are many families living in properties which are too small to accommodate them comfortably.

People living in larger properties who wish to move to a smaller property are given priority on the transfer list and paid **£1000** for each bedroom they give up.

CHP makes this payment to help meet the cost of moving which often prevents people from transferring to smaller properties.

CHP realises that the decision to move is a difficult one, but as well as the cash incentive, CHP will offer support and guidance throughout the process. For example, this could include providing the appropriate housing benefit forms and mail redirection applications. CHP will discuss your individual requirements with you.

## How much could you receive?

You could receive payments of up to £3000 depending on the size of property you leave and move in to. For example, moving from three bedrooms to one bedroom means you would receive £2000 - £1000 for each bedroom you give up. Someone moving from a three-bedroom house into two-bedroom flat would receive £1000.



## How do I qualify for the scheme?

Eligibility criteria applies to this scheme and you must have an Assured Tenancy with CHP. You must also:

- Be moving from a family house or bungalow that has **not** been specially designated for older people or adapted for special needs;
- Be registered on CHP's transfer list;
- Ensure your home is in good order;
- Want to move to a smaller property.

Please contact the Housing Options team to check your property is eligible for the SpaceSaver scheme – call 0845 155 3000 or visit Atholl House in Chelmsford town centre.

## Why should I move?

There are several benefits to living in a smaller property. Apart from practical reasons such as it being quicker and easier to clean you will also benefit from cheaper rent and running costs such as heating and lighting bills. You'll also be able to make new friends by moving in to a new community.

## Where can you move to?

You can choose to move to any area where CHP have suitable properties; CHP can provide you with further information regarding the location of available property. However, the more you restrict your choices the longer it will take.

## Premierplus

Premierplus is CHP's reward scheme for residents. Members are entitled to extra benefits under the SpaceSaver scheme. For example, you can choose to exchange all or part of your payment for help with more practical issues of moving home such as:

- Removal of and refitting household items such as washing machines;
- Redecoration of your new home;
- Help with notifying other companies of your change of address;
- Payment of removal costs.

## Receiving your payment

You will receive a payment from CHP after:

- You have handed in the keys to your old home;
- CHP have completed a final property inspection;
- The costs of any repairs which are your responsibility (clearance costs and/or any outstanding rent arrears or court costs for example) have been deducted.

**If you would like more information or to register for the SpaceSaver scheme please contact the Housing Options team on 0845 155 3000**

**Please contact us if you would like a copy of this document in large print, British Sign Language DVD, on CD or in another language.**

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