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Tips & tricks for living in Oldenburg

Especially at the beginning of the semester, the housing market in Oldenburg is very tight. To make it easier for you to start your studies, we as the *General Students' Committee (AStA)* have compiled a few contact points for your search for accommodation based on the website of the Studentenwerk, the university and other sources

Student halls of residence from the Studentenwerk



Oldenburg	Furnishing
Campus Apartments	unfurnished
Artillery route	fully furnished
Old dye works	unfurnished
Otto-Suhr-Straße	fully/partly furnished
Schützenweg	unfurnished
Horse market	unfurnished
Johann-Justus-Weg	fully furnished
Huntemannstraße	fully/unfurnished
Alteneschstraße apartment block	unfurnished

Consultation hours and further information can be found on the homepage:

www.studentenwerk-oldenburg.de/wohnen

Other housing providers

In Oldenburg, students can also find suitable accommodation with the following providers:

GSG	Oldenburg's largest housing association has special offers for students in its programme, most of which are shared rooms. Tel.: 0441 / 9708 - 0 E-mail: gsg-info@gsg-oldenburg.de
Oscar Romero House	The Oscar Romero House is a student residence run by the Catholic University Community close to the university. It offers furnished rooms and flats for twelve students, some for students with children. The rent is between € 215 and € 320 per month. Applications can be made via an online form. Phone: 0441 / 73734 E-mail: khg@uni-oldenburg.de
Kolping Youth Housing Oldenburg	The Kolping-Jugendwohnhaus in Kaiserstraße (right next to the railway station) offers furnished single rooms for trainees and students up to the age of 27. The warm rent for students is approx. 385 €. Phone: 0441 / 249 201-11

Living for help via the Etzhorn citizens' association The Etzhorn Citizens' Association offers to arrange affordable housing as part of the "Housing for Help" project. The basic idea is that older people offer younger people affordable housing in their house or flat. In return, the tenant supports the older person in everyday life, for example by helping in the garden, with shopping and the like. Caring activities are generally excluded!

Tel.: 0441/ 96034367

E-mail: generationen-helfen-sich@web.de

Notice board (on site and online)

There are numerous notice boards in the main university building. There are always flats on offer, and many shared flats advertise here to find a new flatmate. Of course, you can also post your own ad here!

There is also a **digital** notice board on **Stud.IP**, the e-learning platform of the University of Oldenburg. There is also a lot on offer here and you can post a request yourself. You must already be enrolled to use it and can then log in with your access data.

Nordwest Zeitung

The NWZ is the only major daily newspaper in Oldenburg and the most important medium for private housing adverts. Every Tuesday there is a large special section with housing offers, and there are also adverts in the Saturday edition.



All classified adverts published in the NWZ, as well as offers from estate agents, can also be viewed online:

www.immobilien.nwzonline.de

Tip: Don't just look at what is advertised, but also place an advert yourself to make landlords aware of you. This is free of charge for students. The closing time for adverts for the Tuesday housing market is always Fridays at 6 pm.

- Phone: 0441 / 9988-4444
- www.nzw-online.de/anzeigen

Other regional newspapers/magazines in which you can search and/or advertise yourself:

- MoX: free event magazine, published every fortnight. Favourable private classified ads. The adverts can also be viewed online.
- Advertisement newspaper Nordwest Sonntagsblatt: Distributed free of charge to all households, you can also place cheap classified adverts here.

Internet portals

A large proportion of flats and shared flats are found online. Online searches are a great help, especially if you can't be in Oldenburg. However, check each offer carefully to see who the provider is. Sometimes additional costs may be incurred, for example for an estate agent. You can search here, for example:

- www.wg-gesucht.de
- www.kleinanzeigen.de
- · www.studenten-wohnung.de
- www.immowelt.de
- www.immobilienscout24.de
- www.housinganywhere.com

You can also use these platforms to search for flats for a new flat share. Potential flatmates can certainly be found quickly via the notice board etc.

Important: Clarify with the landlord beforehand whether the flat is suitable for shared accommodation!

Search for and find alternative places to live

Trains: "Oldenburg - Wilhelmshaven" & "Oldenburg - Bremen" run regularly (at least every hour). On the Deutsche Bahn website (www.bahn.de) you can also view the *intermediate stops* and search in these towns.

► For example: "RE 18 Oldenburg Wilhelmshaven" journey time 44 min.

Intermediate stops are: Rastede, Jaderberg, Varel(Oldb), Sande

Tip: The online portals listed above can also be used for this search.

Postal registration address

With a postal registration address, you have an address that you can use to receive mail.

https://www.diakonie-oldenburg.de/hilfen/wohnungslosenhilfe

Phone: +49441970930

Residence registration in Oldenburg

The *registration* of a flat in Oldenburg must be made *within two weeks of moving in* and can be processed at the earliest on the day of the actual move-in.

Exceeding this deadline may result in a chargeable fine. This applies both to moving in with a main residence and with a secondary residence (secondary or secondary residence).

If you register your main place of residence in Oldenburg, the address details on your identity card will be changed. Further information can be found at:

· Identity card - change

An official confirmation of registration will be issued and handed out as proof of registration. Make an appointment for this at:

www.serviceportal.oldenburg.de/terminvereinbarung.de

If all else fails...

If you are coming to Oldenburg to look for accommodation for a few days or if you still haven't found anything at the beginning of the semester, a holiday flat can be a cheap alternative to a hotel. It is particularly cheap if you join forces with others in the same situation and rent a holiday flat together.

To ensure that no student is left without a roof over their head, the Studentenwerk is offering emergency beds for the winter semester. These will be set up in the Johann-Justus-Weg hall of residence and can be allocated at very short notice. Please get in touch with the contact persons at the Studentenwerk. You can also contact the AStA to find free beds/rooms.

Tips for the first favourable setup

Moving into your first home is exciting, but it also brings with it some challenges - especially furnishing on a limited budget. Don't worry, with a few clever tips you can make your home cosy and functional without breaking the bank.

1. Second-hand treasures:

Flea markets (e.g. Flohmaxx), second-hand shops (e.g. Mehrwert) or charity shops (e.g. Möbelhof, Buntes Kaufhaus) are real treasure troves for inexpensive furniture and decorative items. You can often find well-preserved items there.

- A particularly valuable **tip** for Oldenburg is the Agenda21 give-away market, where you can find free furniture and household items.
 - Address: Taastruper Straße 4
 - Opening hours: Monday: 12 to 2 p.m.

Tuesday: 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday: 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday: 12 to 2 p.m.

2. Classifieds:

Use www.kleinanzeigen.de to find affordable furniture and furnishings in your neighbourhood.

Tip: Sort the results by "cheapest first" to discover the best bargains.

3. Notice board:

Look out for notices on notice boards at the university or other public places, such as supermarkets. Furniture and household items are often offered there, sometimes even free of charge. You can also check the university's online notice board.

4. Mindfulness in the neighbourhood:

In Oldenburg, furniture and other useful items are often placed on the street to be given away.

Tip: Keep your eyes open as you walk through the city - you might find exactly what you need.

5. Furniture from friends and fellow students:

Ask your friends if anyone has any furniture or household items to give away. People are often happy to get rid of unloved items and you save money.

With these tips, you can transform your first home into an oasis of well-being without straining your budget. Good luck with furnishing and enjoy your time in your new home!