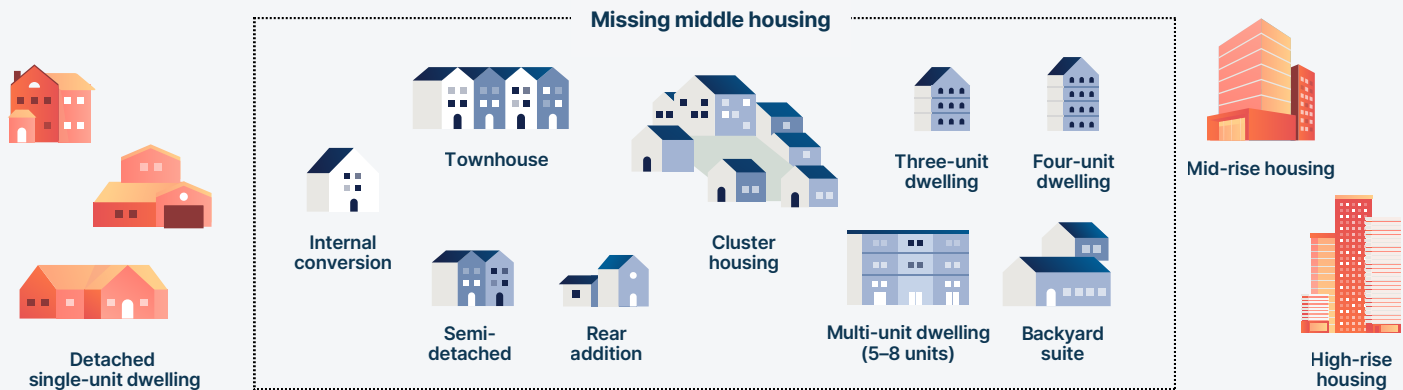


Missing middle, gentle density and infill development

Missing middle refers to housing that is intended to fill the gap between single-unit dwellings and high-density multi-unit apartments or mixed-use residential buildings. This type of housing hasn't been built much in recent years, which is why it's considered "missing."

Why it's important: When designed well, missing middle housing integrates into neighbourhoods, is relatively inexpensive and fast to build, provides a range of housing options and encourages complete communities. Learn more about how missing middle housing can impact your community with the fact sheet: [Benefits of missing middle housing](#).



Gentle density refers to low density forms of missing middle housing that have minimal impacts on the look and feel of a neighbourhood.

Why it's important: These ground-oriented, small scale housing types provide opportunities for accessible, affordable, multi-generational living in communities.

Residential infill development is when dwellings are developed on a lot located within an existing neighbourhood block, instead of expanding into undeveloped land.

Why it's important: Infill development is important because it helps to direct development away from natural areas, reduces the need for costly new infrastructure and services, and supports vibrant, accessible neighbourhoods.

