



Housing Hierarchy: The Housing Pyramid

Quick Check – Where Does Your Home Really Rank?

Different homes don't just look different—they behave differently when money tightens, the grid wobbles, or you need to move.

This quick check is a paper version of the idea behind the Housing Hierarchy: The Housing Pyramid Game:

Every housing choice has a Survival Cost, a Resiliency Score, and a level of grid dependence that follows you around.

You're not picking your "forever home" here. You're just seeing where you live now—and where you might want to move on the pyramid over time.

This is a preview of an upcoming app that lets you test different housing choices, survival costs, and resiliency scores before you make your next move in real life.





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What Are You Living In Right Now?

Step 1: Circle your current housing type (or the closest match).

- SFH (Single-Family Home)
- Condo
- Townhome
- Duplex / Triplex
- High-Rise Apartment
- Modular Home
- Mobile Home
- ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit)
- Trailer / RV
- Cabin
- Temporary / Short-Term / Hotel
- Smart Micro-Mod / Small Home on Land



Where is it? (city / suburb / small town / rural)

Own or rent?

- Own Rent Something in between





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Pick your level on the Pyramid

Circle the one that feels most like you today:

1. Grid-Dependent – If the grid hiccups, I feel it fast.
2. Grid-Adjacent – I still use the grid, but I've got some backup and options.
3. Mostly Self-Carried – A big chunk of my power/water/food/income is under my control.

Why did you pick that one (one line only)?





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Quick Resiliency Score

On a 1–5 scale:

Grid Dependence

“How much does my life fall apart if the grid glitches for 3 days?”

- 1 = we bend, not break
- 5 = we're toast in 72 hours

Circle one: 1 2 3 4 5

Resiliency

“How many good options do I have if things change (job, rent, grid, neighbors)?”

- 1 = I'm stuck
- 5 = I can pivot

Circle one: 1 2 3 4 5





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Graduating Up the Pyramid

You don't "win" by jumping straight from Grid Dependent to Off-Grid.

You win by:

- Lowering your Survival Cost
- Improving your Resiliency Score
- Moving from housing that traps you → to housing that gives you options

Next step for me might be:

- Make this place more grid-adjacent (storage, backup power, planted income).
- Change how I live here (rooms, roommates, ADU, rental strategy).
- Plan a move to a better spot on the pyramid in the next 1-3 years.

Goal:

To become resilient and grid-adjacent capable—where my housing works with me instead of against me.

