



# Renter Resources

*Web search for the terms below for more information.*

**Need Temporary Shelter or Supportive Services?  
Call 211**

## **Looking for Rental Housing**

- Housing Search Northwest — (877) 428-8844
- Go Section 8 — (866) 466-7328
- Affordable Housing Database — [www.aptfinder.org](http://www.aptfinder.org)
- Craigslist rental housing Tacoma
- Zillow rental housing Tacoma
- Trulio rental housing Tacoma

## **Resources for Tenant-Landlord Issues & Rights**

- Legal Help — [www.WashingtonLawHelp.org](http://www.WashingtonLawHelp.org)
- Housing Search NW — (877) 428-8844
- City of Tacoma Landlord-Tenant Program  
(253) 591-5000
- Washington State Attorney General Residential Landlord-Tenant Resources
- Tenant's Union of Washington State  
(206) 723-0500
- Rental Housing Association of WA: Before You Rent
- Affordable Housing Database — [www.aptfinder.org](http://www.aptfinder.org)

## **If you feel your rights have been violated or you have been discriminated:**

- Fair Housing Center of Washington — (888) 766-8800
- Washington State Human Rights Commission  
Fair Housing — (800) 233-3247
- NW Justice Project — (888) 201-1014
- Pierce County Fair Housing Resources

# Tips For Keeping A Happy Home

**Disclaimer:** THA has prepared these tips to help make your rental experience favorable. We do not provide advice or represent anyone in legal issues.

## Moving In To/Out Of Your Apartment



- Take pictures before you move in and at walk-thru.
- Leave the home the same way as when you moved in.



- Document all communications with your landlord.
- Always get a receipt for money paid.
- Note problems and tell your landlord within 24 hours.

• DO NOT withhold rent if the landlord is not making repairs.

• Besides losing your deposit, a landlord can place a judgment against you if you cause more damage that is not covered in your deposit.



• Landlords can only enforce rules written in the lease.

• Don't assume they will keep the entire deposit if you don't give them full notice — they may work with you.

• A bad rental reference can follow you for years.

• Your deposit CAN be returned when you move out.



• Have the exit walk-thru after your items are out.

• Give the required notice when planning to move out.

• Be honest and try to exit on agreeable terms.

## Did You Know?

• Leaving out food, garbage or dirty dishes can attract unwanted smells, insects and critters, causing health concerns.

• Notify your Property Manager if you notice problems in your home (leak, moisture, toilet, mold or mildew).

• Make rent your first priority. If you are going to be late on your rent, let your landlord know — they may work with you.

• If you break something, then tell the landlord, or tell them you will fix it correctly.

• Quiet hours are from 10 PM to 7 AM. Be considerate. Keep TV, talking, children, vacuuming so others outside cannot hear it.

• All THA properties are SMOKEFREE. This applies to recreational and medical marijuana, cigarettes and cigars. If you have to smoke, do so off the property in designated areas.

• You are responsible for your guests and their actions while they are visiting. Let them know the rules.

• To report public nuisance issues and code violations, renters can call TacomaFIRST by dialing 311 in Tacoma city limits.