

Renters Resource Guide



Tips to Put Renters in the Driver's Seat!

Know the Law:

Florida Statute 83, Part II

Order Florida's free Landlord-Tenant Brochure
and/or Landlord-Tenant Law (Florida Statute)

1-800-HELP-FLA

- **Don't Sign Agreements You Don't Understand**
Never sign a lease agreement if you don't understand or agree to the terms.
- **An Ounce of Prevention**
Before you move in, do a walk-through with your landlord. Check off any damage and imperfections, and take pictures and/or video. Put the findings in writing, and make your landlord sign the document.
- **Retain a Copy for Your Records**
Repeat the above procedure a week before you move out. Again keep a copy for your records.
- **Put All Repair Requests in Writing**
In case you end up in court, record the date and time of each request.
- **Use Certified Return Receipt Mail**
For any and all correspondence to your landlord, always use certified return receipt mail. Make sure you allow time for mailing when there are mandatory requirements under the law or spelled out in your lease.
- **Obtain Renter's Insurance**
The only way to protect your belongings is to have renter's insurance. It is a small price to pay in case a fire destroys your possessions or if you are burglarized.

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Hillsborough County
Consumer & Veterans Services
(813) 635-8316
HCFLGov.net/Consumer

Code Violations

Hillsborough County Code Enforcement (813) 274-6600

Roger Stewart Bldg.
Sabal Park
3629 Queen Palm Dr.
Tampa, FL 33619

City of Tampa Neighborhood Enhancement Division (813) 274-5545

2105 N. Nebraska Ave.
Tampa, FL 33602

Plant City Code Enforcement (813) 659-4200 x 4150

302 W. Reynolds St.
Plant City, FL 33564
Fax (813) 659-4227

City of Temple Terrace Code Compliance (813) 506-6680

11250 North 56th St.
Temple Terrace, FL 33617
Fax (813) 506-6681

Legal Questions or Problems

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. (813) 232-1343

Corral Wodiska Cigar Factory
1302 N. 19th St., Suite 400, Tampa, FL 33605

Complaints & Security Deposit Disputes

Hillsborough County Consumer Protection Services (813) 635-8316

410 30th St., SE, Suite 104, Ruskin, FL 33570

Eviction Proceedings & Disputes

Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court (813) 276-8100 x 7807

13th Judicial Circuit
Edgecomb Courthouse
800 E. Twiggs St., 1st Floor, Room 103
Tampa, FL 33602

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Civil Process Section (813) 242-5200

Renter's Insurance

Florida Office of Insurance Regulation Statewide Consumer Helpline 1-877-693-5236

Section 8

Tampa Housing Authority (813) 341-9101



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