



UPDATE on protections for renters during COVID-19

The State of Oregon has created new rules to protect renters from losing their homes during the pandemic.

To be protected, you MUST turn in the attached form to your landlord.

These protections apply until June 30th, 2021, if you qualify:

- Landlords can't evict tenants, or even threaten to evict, for not paying rent, utilities, and fees.
- Landlords can't charge any late fees if tenants can't pay rent during this time.
- All unpaid rent is due July 1, 2021.

Tenants qualify for these protections if any of the following are true since March 16, 2020:

- Loss of household income, work or wages
- Increased expenses for medical care, childcare, or caring for a person who is disabled, sick, injured or elderly
- Increased responsibilities of childcare or caring for a person with a disability or that is sick, injured, or elderly
- Reduced income or increased expenses due to other circumstances

If one or more of these circumstances apply to you, you must submit the attached form to your landlord in order to be protected from eviction.

If you do not qualify:

- Rent is due as normal, beginning from January 1, 2021, and landlords could give an eviction notice for non-payment of rent, utilities, and fees. Late fees are allowed.
- Any unpaid rent from October 1 - December 31, 2020 is due March 31, 2021.
- A 10-day notice for non-payment evictions is required (increased from 72 hours).
- If you get an eviction notice, you can **still** submit a declaration letter to your landlord up until your first appearance at court.

Do you have more questions?

- Go to the Community Alliance of Tenants COVID-19 Resources webpage: <https://www.oregoncat.org/legal-protections-for-tenants>
- Call the Community Alliance of Tenants Renter's Rights Hotline: (503) 288-0130, MWF: 1pm-5pm | Tues: 6pm-8pm | Sat: 1pm-5pm

DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FOR EVICTION PROTECTION

This form may be given to the landlord in person, by first class mail or, if available, by sending a copy or photograph by e-mail or text message

I, (*tenant's name*): _____, am a tenant at (*address*):

I am unable to pay my obligations under the rental agreement because of I have been impacted by one or more of the following since March 16, 2020:

- Loss of household income
- Loss of work or wages
- Increased medical expenses
- Increased child care responsibilities or responsibilities to care for a person with a disability or a person who is elderly, injured, or sick
- Increased costs for child care or caring for a person with a disability or a person who is elderly, injured, or sick
- Other circumstances that have reduced my income or increased my expenses.

Any public assistance, including unemployment insurance, pandemic unemployment assistance, and other public assistance that I have received on or after March 16, 2020 does not fully make up for my loss of income or increased expenses.

I understand that I still owe my rent, which must be paid by July 1, 2021

I understand that I must comply with other obligations that I may have under my rental agreement

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand they are made for use as evidence in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury.

Date

Tenant Signature (*only one required*)

Name (printed)

This form is available at:

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<https://www.courts.oregon.gov/forms/Pages/landlord-tenant.aspx>