

# Landlord Tenant Relationship Checklist (2026)

Use this checklist to maintain a strong **landlord tenant relationship**, improve **tenant communication**, and avoid common issues.

## Before Renting

- Screen tenants properly (credit, income, history)
- Follow **Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)** rules for background checks
- Create a clear and detailed written lease
- Define rent, deposit, and maintenance terms clearly
- Set expectations for rules, guests, and property use

 A proper checklist before renting helps reduce disputes and ensures legal compliance

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## During Tenancy

### Communication and Relationship

- Maintain clear and regular **tenant communication**
- Keep the relationship professional
- Respond to tenant queries on time

### Payments and Agreements

- Ensure rent is paid on time
- Follow lease terms strictly
- Give proper notice before any changes

### Property and Maintenance

- Fix maintenance issues quickly
- Keep property safe and livable (habitability rule)
- Conduct regular inspections when needed

### Privacy and Legal Compliance

- Give proper notice before entering the property
- Respect tenant privacy at all times
- Follow local and state landlord tenant laws

👉 Clear communication and timely action are key to avoiding disputes and building trust

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## Handling Common Issues

- Address late rent issues early
  - Handle complaints calmly and professionally
  - Take action on noise or neighbor issues
  - Respond to work orders without delay
  - Keep written records of all communication
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## Move-Out Process

- Conduct move-out inspection with photos
- Compare with move-in condition report
- Return security deposit on time
- Provide itemized deductions (if any)