

Frequently Asked Questions – Landlord/Tenant

Do I still have to pay my rent during this crisis?

Yes, if you are a residential tenant in Texas, you still have an obligation to pay your rent. If you don't pay, you may default under your lease and you may get a notice to pay or vacate. Making partial payments or developing a payment plan with your landlord can reduce the amount you owe.

Can I be evicted for failing to pay my rent?

The Texas Supreme Court has issued a moratorium prohibiting residential evictions until after May 18. Tarrant County has halted evictions until further notice. Also, a landlord can still give you an eviction notice and then file an eviction case, but the court will not hear the case until after May 18.

Does this mean I can't be evicted for any reason?

No. A landlord can still ask a court to evict you if you, your household, or your guests:

- Pose a physical threat to the landlord or landlord's employees;
- Pose a physical threat to other tenants; or
- Are engaged in criminal activity

Does my landlord still have to make necessary repairs?

Yes, but you need to make a written request for the repairs, and you must be current on rent.

What if my rental agreement expires at the end of May. Do I have to move out?

Yes. The moratorium does not extend your rental agreement. But if you choose to be a "holdover tenant," your rental rate may be much higher, and you could be subject to eviction if the state and local moratoriums on evictions have expired.

Where can I get more information about rental assistance in Tarrant County?

The Tarrant County Community Development & Housing Department Covid-19 information page is located [here](#).