



# LANDLORD TENANT RESEARCH GUIDE



Our landlord/tenant guide was created to provide information about Texas laws and answer the frequently asked questions that we receive at the library. Topics include:

## **Repairs**

Learn what kinds of repairs a landlord is required to make, what to do if they refuse, and when you can make your own repairs.

## **Lockouts**

Understand the conditions that permit a landlord to change the locks and find forms to ask the court for re-entry.

## **Utility Shutoffs**

Find out what to do if your landlord has shut off utilities and learn what to do to have them restored.

## **Evictions**

Understand the steps in the eviction process and find forms to use if you are involved in an eviction lawsuit.

## **Security Deposits**

Determine what a landlord can deduct from a security deposit and find out how to demand a refund if the landlord wrongfully withholds all or part of your deposit.

## **Landlord/Tenant Forms**

Download forms to request repairs, demand restoration of utilities, prepare for an eviction lawsuit, and much more!

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# SMALL CLAIMS RESEARCH GUIDE



Our small claims guide provides information about small claims cases in justice court and provides links to filing information for select Texas counties. Topics include:

## **Filing Information**

Learn where to file your case and who to name in your suit.

## **Serving the Defendant**

Understand who can serve the defendant and how to do it.

## **Trial**

Find out what the trial process looks like in justice court and learn what to expect when you arrive for your court date.

## **Appeals**

Understand the process for appealing a small claims case.

## **Collecting a Judgment**

Determine what legal action needs to try and collect your judgment and learn more about the different options available.

## **Small Claims Forms**

Download forms to file a small claims case in justice court!

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