

Rental Registration, Rights and Resources
Vancouver & Washington State
Key Legal Rights • Local Assistance • Support Programs

*This is a summary of information and resources available.
As of January 1, 2026, all rental units in Vancouver must be registered.*

For more information, visit our website: www.cityofvancouver.us/rentalregistration

State and Federal Law - Know Your Rights

- **Washington's Residential Landlord--Tenant Act** (RCW 59.18) governs notices, landlord and tenant responsibilities, housing conditions and rent increases: <https://leg.wa.gov>
- **Tenant's Union of Washington State:** "Know Your Rights" resources including best practices and tips for tenants: <https://tenantsunion.org/rights> or 206-723-0500
- **Fair Housing Act:** prohibits discrimination due to race or color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status: <https://fhc.washington.org>
- **Housing Accessibility Requirements:** Fair Housing Act requirements and guidelines provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the NW ADA Center: or (800) 877-0246

Local Assistance Programs & Support

- **Rent Well:** 15 -hour tenant education curriculum through Share: <https://sharevancouver.org/rent-well-tenant-education-program/>
- **Housing Solutions Center:** Access to eviction support and affordable housing navigation: 360-695-9677 or <https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/find-help/>
- **Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program:** Free attorneys for low-income tenants facing eviction: 360-695-5313 or info@ccvlp.org
- **Community Mediation Services:** Eviction support to help landlords and tenants work through housing problems: 360-334-5862 or <https://cmswa.org/evictions-program/a-c-e-s-eviction>
- **Statewide Resources:** Washington state support for tenants: www.atg.wa.gov/residential-landlord-tenant-resources
- **211 Info:** Broad access to community resources across Clark County. 211 helps people identify, navigate, and connect with the local resources they need. Call 2 – 1 – 1 or visit www.211info.org/

Quick Tips for Tenants

- Always document communication with your landlord in writing.
- Take pictures and keep records of the rental unit's condition at move-in and move-out.
- Don't withhold rent even if repairs are pending; seek legal counsel instead.