



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

NO EVICTIONS

DC has stopped evictions until May 15 or the end of the state of emergency (whichever comes later). Evictions scheduled prior to the state of emergency will be rescheduled.

NO LATE FEES

Landlords CANNOT charge late fees on your rent during the state of emergency, but you are still responsible for paying your rent.

NO UTILITY SHUT-OFFS

Your utilities CANNOT be shut off for non-payment until 15 days after the state of emergency ends.

If your water was shut off before the emergency, you can request that it be turned back on by emailing restore@dcwater.com or calling 202-354-3750.

HOUSING COURT CLOSED

Landlord-Tenant court is closed (both to parties of lawsuits and visitors) until May 15. Don't go to court if you have a mediation or hearing scheduled before May 15 -- court clerks are currently sending out notices of rescheduled dates in the mail.

If you're paying rent to the court as part of a protective order, it should be paid to the landlord. Ask for a receipt or take a photo for your records.

Your landlord can still file complaints, but court dates will be scheduled after May 15.

If you have a serious safety concern in your apartment, you can still file an emergency motion in court to get repairs by emailing civilefilings@dcsc.gov.

If you have any questions for the court, you can call Landlord-Tenant Court clerks at (202) 879-4879 or use the live chat at

<https://www.dccourts.gov/services/civil-matters/landlord-tenant>

HEALTH PRIVACY

You do not need to discuss whether you have COVID-19 with your landlord, nor do you need to tell them if they ask you personally.

**If anyone is violating your rights or you have any questions,
call NLSP at 202-832-6577**