

# Move-Out Deduction Checklist

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Return the deposit by the book and avoid a multiple-damages penalty.

## Before the Deadline

- Confirmed your state return deadline (number of days)
- Have the tenant forwarding address

## Document Everything

- Move-in AND move-out photos + condition checklist
- Receipts/estimates for every repair + cleaning charge

## Deduct Correctly

- Unpaid rent + damage beyond wear + cleaning only
- NO charges for normal wear and tear

## Send It

- Itemized statement + check sent by the deadline
- Sent in a trackable way; kept a copy

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