

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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