

Pay or Quit Notice Checklist

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Start the late-rent process so it holds up.

Step 1 — Get It Right

- ☐ Confirmed your state's required number of days + how they're counted
- ☐ Stated rent only (per state rule) and the exact amount

Step 2 — Serve It

- ☐ Used a method your state allows
- ☐ Kept a copy + proof of service (date, method, server)

Step 3 — Wait the Period

- ☐ Did NOT lock out or shut off utilities (illegal)
- ☐ Accepted full payment = default cured, tenancy continues

Step 4 — If Unpaid

- ☐ Period expired with no payment / move-out
- ☐ Filed eviction (unlawful detainer) using the notice + proof

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