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Rent-to-Own Checklist

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Protect yourself in a lease-option deal.

Before Signing

Confirmed lease-option vs lease-purchase

Got the purchase price and term in writing

Clarified what the option fee and rent credits apply to

Had the property inspected and title checked

During the Term

Paid rent on time (late payments can void credits)

Kept records of every payment and credit

Lined up financing before the option deadline

Notes

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