

Security Deposit Demand Checklist

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Send a letter that gets your deposit back.

Step 1 — Know the Law

- ☐ Looked up your state's deposit return deadline
- ☐ Confirmed the deadline has passed or deductions are improper

Step 2 — Write It

- ☐ Stated the amount owed and the statute
- ☐ Set a firm 10–14 day deadline
- ☐ Included your forwarding address

Step 3 — Send It

- ☐ Kept a professional tone
- ☐ Sent by certified mail and kept the receipt

Step 4 — Escalate

- ☐ Ready to file small claims if ignored

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