

**First-time landlord tips**

Are you thinking about renting out your home? Here are some pointers to help you run a successful rental:

* **Study landlord-tenant law**. Read up on fair housing and landlord-tenant law to avoid accusations of discrimination or of uninhabitable living conditions.
* **Screen tenants**. Establish a uniform standard for screening your tenants. This helps avoid unintentional discrimination and can save you from having to deal with a tenant who doesn’t reliably pay rent.
* **Stay professional**. Keep a professional distance from tenants. Becoming too friendly with your tenants makes enforcing your rent agreement difficult.
* **Select a property management strategy**. Will you hire a property manager to make things easier? Or manage the property yourself to save money? There are numerous benefits and disadvantages to both.

Contact me for first-time landlord resources, and for all your real estate needs!

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