

# 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.

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