

California 30 or 60 Day Notice to End Tenancy

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Use this notice to end a month to month or other periodic tenancy without fault. It is not for unpaid rent or lease violations, which have their own notices. The notice period depends on the state, the length of the tenancy and sometimes the city: 30 days is common, many places require 60 days or more for long tenancies, and some cities require a just cause reason for any termination.

Notice needed to end a month to month tenancy in California: A tenant on a month-to-month agreement gives at least 30 days of written notice; a landlord gives 30 or 60 days depending on how long the tenant has lived there. (Civil Code sections 1946 and 1946.1)

Local just cause rules in California: Some cities, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley, have their own rent stabilization ordinances with stricter rules. (Local ordinances) Costa-Hawkins keeps local rent control off single family homes, condos and buildings first occupied after 1995, and lets landlords reset rent between tenants. (Civil Code section 1954.50 and following (Costa-Hawkins))

Notice to end tenancy

Date of notice

To (all tenants and adult occupants)

Property address and unit

City, county and state

Tenancy start date

Rent period (monthly, weekly, other)

To the tenants named above: you are notified that your tenancy of the property above will end on _____ (Termination date), which is at least _____ (Number of days) days after this notice is served, as required by California law. On or before that date you must move out and return possession of the property to the landlord.

- ☐ Your tenancy has lasted less than one year, and this is a _____ (Number of days) day notice.
- ☐ Your tenancy has lasted one year or more, and this is a _____ (Number of days) day notice.
- ☐ A reason is required where the property is located. The reason is: _____ (Reason allowed by local law)
- ☐ Relocation assistance is required where the property is located, in the amount of \$ _____ (Amount), paid by _____ (Date and method).

Rent is due as usual until the termination date. Rent for a partial final period will be prorated by the day if the termination date is not the last day of a rent period. If you do not move out by the termination date, the landlord may start a court case to recover possession. Only a court order carried out by a law officer can remove a tenant.

Your security deposit will be handled as required by California law after you move out. Please give your forwarding address in writing. You may ask for an inspection before you move out to learn about any problems you can fix to avoid deductions, where the law provides that right.

Landlord or agent signature

Printed name

Date

Proof of service

I, _____ (Name of person serving), am over 18 years of age. On _____ (Date served), I served this notice on the tenants named above by the method checked below.

- ☐ Handing it to the tenant in person.
- ☐ Handing it to a person of suitable age at the home and mailing a copy to the tenant.
- ☐ Posting it in a visible place at the home and mailing a copy to the tenant.
- ☐ Certified or first class mail to the tenant. Tracking number: _____ (Tracking number)
- ☐ Another method allowed by California law: _____ (Method)

Person serving notice signature

Printed name

Date

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