

North Carolina Tenant Notice to Vacate

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Tenants use this notice to tell the landlord they are leaving at the end of a lease or ending a month to month tenancy. Landlords can hand it to tenants who say they are moving, so the date and forwarding address are in writing.

Date of notice

To (landlord or property manager)

Landlord address

From (all tenants on the lease)

Property address and unit

City, state and ZIP

Dear _____ (Landlord name),

This letter is my written notice that I will move out of the property listed above and return possession on or before _____ (Move out date).

- ☐ My fixed-term lease ends on _____ (Lease end date) and I will not renew it.
- ☐ I rent month to month and I am giving at least _____ (Number of days) days of notice, as required by my lease and by North Carolina law.
- ☐ I am ending my lease early under a lease clause or a legal right. Details: _____ (Clause or right relied on)

Notice to end a month to month tenancy in North Carolina: A month-to-month tenancy can be ended by either side with 7 days of notice, unless the lease requires more. (N.C. General Statutes section 42-14)

I understand that rent is owed through _____ (Last day rent is owed) and that I must leave the home clean and in the same condition as at move-in, apart from normal wear and tear.

Move-out inspection and keys

Please contact me to schedule a move-out inspection before I leave. I would like to be present. I will return all keys, fobs, remotes and parking passes on _____ (Key return date) by _____ (How keys will be returned).

Security deposit

Please send my security deposit and any itemized list of deductions to the forwarding address below within the time required by North Carolina law.

Forwarding street address

City, state and ZIP

Phone

Email

Deposit return deadline in North Carolina: The landlord must return the deposit, with an itemized list of any damage, within 30 days after the tenancy ends, or send an interim accounting then and a final one within 60 days if the claim is not yet known. (N.C. General Statutes section 42-52)

Thank you.

Tenant signature

Tenant signature

Printed name

Printed name

Date

Date

Landlord acknowledgment

Received on _____ (Date received). Move-out inspection set for _____ (Inspection date and time).

Landlord or agent signature

Printed name

Date

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