

Virginia Security Deposit Receipt

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This receipt confirms that the landlord received a security deposit from the tenant named below for a home located in Virginia.

1. Parties and property

Landlord or agent name

Landlord address for notices

Tenant name or names

Property address and unit

Lease start date

Lease end date or month to month

2. Payment received

Item	Amount	Date received	Payment method and reference
Security deposit			
Pet deposit, if any			
Key or other refundable deposit			
Total refundable deposits			

These amounts are refundable deposits, not rent and not fees. The tenant may not use them as the last month's rent unless the landlord agrees in writing.

Deposit limit in Virginia: A security deposit cannot exceed two months of periodic rent. (Va. Code 55.1-1226(A))

3. Where the deposit is held

The deposit is held at _____ (Bank name and city, or not required) in _____ (Account type, such as a separate deposit account, interest bearing or not).

Holding account rules: _____ (check the rule in Virginia)

Interest on deposits: _____ (check the rule in Virginia)

Receipt or notice requirements in Virginia: Landlords keep itemized records of deposit deductions for two years and let the tenant inspect them; at move out the tenant can attend an inspection held within 72 hours of returning possession. (Va. Code 55.1-1226(F) and (G))

4. Return of the deposit

After the tenancy ends and the tenant returns possession, the landlord may deduct only what the lease and Virginia law allow, such as unpaid rent, the cost of repairing damage beyond normal wear and tear, and cleaning needed to restore the move-in condition. The landlord will send the balance with an itemized statement of any deductions to the tenant's forwarding address within the deadline the law sets.

Deposit return deadline in Virginia: The landlord must return the deposit, with a written itemized list of any deductions, within 45 days after the tenancy ends or the tenant moves out, whichever is later. (Va. Code 55.1-1226(A))

Itemization rules in Virginia: Deductions must be itemized in writing; when a third party contractor is needed for repairs, the landlord gives notice within the 45 days and has 15 more days to send the final list. (Va. Code 55.1-1226(A) and (E))

5. Move-in condition

A move-in condition checklist _____ (Was or was not) completed on _____ (Date). The tenant should note existing damage in writing within _____ (Days) days after moving in, and both parties should keep dated photos.

6. Signatures

Landlord or agent signature

Tenant signature

Printed name

Printed name

Date

Date

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