

Can't Pay Rent?

You Have New Rights During COVID-19! The Missouri Eviction Process for Nonpayment of Rent

What do I do if I can't pay rent?

- Tell your landlord you are unable to pay rent
- Try to work out a payment plan
- Get any agreement with your landlord in writing, dated and signed (can be by text or email)
- **ALWAYS** get signed and dated rent receipts from your landlord for any payments you do make
- Ask your landlord to waive late fees
- You may qualify for other resources, such as food stamps, unemployment benefits, or utility assistance
- Even if you aren't protected by the CARES Act, you are still protected by the Missouri Supreme Court's order

The eviction process during COVID-19:

Did I pay my rent?

Yes!

Your landlord cannot legally sue you for nonpayment of rent if you do not owe any rent.

No.

Some tenants are protected by the CARES Act. If you are not, your landlord can file an eviction lawsuit.

However, the Missouri Supreme Court has suspended all in-person court eviction proceedings through May 15, 2020.

Your landlord cannot evict or lock you out without a court order. Call the police and Legal Services if your landlord tries to evict you without a court order.

Who is protected by the CARES Act?

Tenants in:

- Public housing
- HUD housing
- Low-income housing
- LIHTC properties
- Section 8 voucher holders
- USDA voucher holders
- And other federally-subsidized housing

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