



Important Information for Residential Renters Who Have Missed Rent Payments Due to COVID-19

Even with the recent national eviction order, you must still pay rent. The [new Center for Disease Control Order](#) states a landlord can't evict a covered person in most circumstance between September 4, 2020 and December 31, 2020 if you are behind on your rent, have applied for available assistance, and submitted the required [Declaration form](#).

Even if you have eviction protection in place, you still owe rent.

To avoid building up rent debt and fees, get RENT help now:

- ▷ **Apply for the City of Austin RENT Assistance Program at [AustinTexas.gov/RENT](https://austintexas.gov/RENT)** For help with the application, call 512-488-1397, our staff speaks English & Spanish, and we also have assistance in Burmese, Chinese, Korean, Urdu, and Vietnamese.
- ▷ **Seek additional [housing resources](#), legal aid, utility bill assistance, etc.**

CDC National Temporary Halt on Residential Evictions

I am covered under CDC's order if I meet all of the following:

- » **In 2020, I will earn less than \$99,000 per year** (or less than \$198,000 if I file a joint tax return), am not required to report income, or received a stimulus check.
- » **I sought housing/rent help.** *I have used best efforts to get all available government assistance for rent or housing, such as through the City of Austin's RENT Program or other programs.*
- » **I can't pay rent due to income loss or more expenses.** *I am unable to pay my full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of work or wages, lay-offs, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses.*
- » **I am trying my best to make rent payments.** *I am using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as the individual's circumstances may permit, taking into account other nondiscretionary expenses.*
- » **If I get evicted, there is a real threat of homelessness or the need to move into another residence.** *If evicted I would likely become homeless, need to move into a homeless shelter, or need to move into a new residence shared by other people who live in close quarters because I have no other available housing options.*

If I meet all the criteria above, how do I declare?

Fill out this [Declaration form](#) and give it to your landlord.

Local Order

- » Under the current Mayor's order, a landlord may not issue a Notice to Vacate your residence because you fail to pay rent and the amount of your rent is \$2,475 or less per month or you provide your landlord with the declaration form described above. This also applies if you stay in your residence after your lease ends.
- » For households located within [Travis County](#), the [Justice of the Peace Courts](#) also issued a new order about eviction proceedings.



CAN'T PAY RENT?

YOU'RE QUICK TO DO LIST

- Check if you are eligible for the CDC's eviction protection
- Fill out the CDC Declaration form
- Give the filled out CDC Declaration form to your landlord
- Check if you are eligible for rent assistance at **[AustinTexas.gov/RENT](https://austintexas.gov/RENT)**

Links in the description



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