

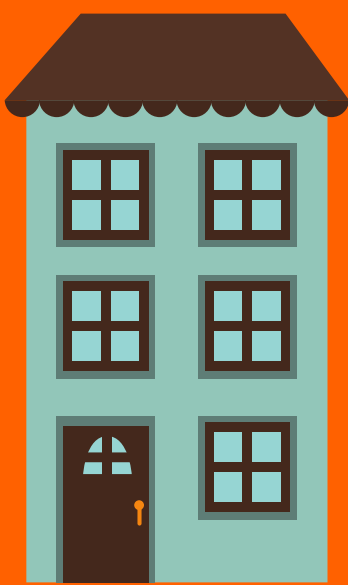
# IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT LEASING YOUR HOME

## Lease Like A Genius

Read below for great tips whether you are looking to rent a home, or market your home for lease

### MAKE SURE YOU CAN AFFORD THE HOME

Usually landlords will require tenants to show that their income is 3 times the monthly rent. This formula is a way to determine if a potential applicant can easily afford the monthly rent. Tenants can show proof of income in many ways, including letters of employment, pay stubs and bank account deposits.



### RENTALS VS. APTS

Tenants can expect some differences when renting a condo or single-family home versus an apartment. Typically deposits are equal to one-month's rent in rentals, where in apartments they could be less. Sometimes application fees are more expensive for apartments than rentals. Make sure to ask questions before applying for any lease..

### HISTORY IS IMPORTANT

Most landlords will ask applicants to complete three background checks: criminal, credit and rental. If a tenant is concerned about some part of their individual history, he/she could attach a letter of explanation to their application. This could help with the landlord's consideration of an application.



### TERMS CAN BE NEGOTIABLE

Lease terms, monthly price, repairs and improvements can be negotiable with some rentals and apartments. Its best to ask about changing the terms before signing a lease contract..

**ASK QUESTIONS & UNDERSTAND THE LEASE BEFORE SIGNING**