



# Quick Resource Guide: Evicting a Tenant

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## Websites

**Eviction Process - Step-by-Step for the Landlord:** <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/eviction-landlord>

Website from the California Courts that takes Landlords through each step of the eviction process, from notice through unlawful detainer judgment. Includes links to court forms.

**Start the Eviction Process:** <https://www.oaklandca.gov/Community/Housing-Programs-Support/Evictions-and-Tenant-Rights/Managing-Evictions-For-Landlords/Start-the-Eviction-Process>

The City of Oakland has a resource page that has forms, links to the Oakland Housing Authority, Rent Adjustment Program, a link to make an appointment with a housing counselor, and other resources.

## Forms

- **3-Day Notice (Oakland):** Please ask for this document at the reference desk.
- **Notice to Cease (Oakland):** <https://www.oaklandca.gov/documents/notice-to-cess-under-the-just-cause-for-eviction-ordinance>
- **Unlawful Detainer Forms (All):** <https://www.courts.ca.gov/1290.htm>
- **Fill out forms using guided interviews via Law Help Interactive:** <https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/7184/engine>

## Library Books

- **California Judges Benchguides : civil and special proceedings.**  
KFC970 .C34, shelf 108B (Self-Help) containing *Landlord-tenant litigation: unlawful detainer (revised 2020)*. This title is also available online at <http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/protem/pubs/bg31.pdf>
- **California Landlord's Law Book: Evictions**  
KFC145 .Z9 R67 2024, shelf 108B. Also available as an eBook via Nolo Press (Ebsco)
- **California Landlord's Law Book: Rights & Responsibilities**  
KFC145 .Z9 R67 2023, shelf 108B. Also available as an eBook via Nolo Press (Ebsco)
- **California Landlord-Tenant Practice**  
KFC145 .C34 1997, shelf 110A. Also available as an eBook via CEB Onlaw
- **Rutter Group: Landlord Tenant**  
KFC145 .F75 2024, shelf 110A. Also available as an eBook via Westlaw
- **Matthew Bender Practice Guide: CA Landlord Tenant Litigation**  
KFC145 .W47 2003, shelf 110A. Also available as an eBook via Lexis and the Lexis Nexis Digital Library

## Mediation Services

**Congress of Neutrals:** This flyer describes the services provided by the Congress of Neutrals. This service provides free mediation services for landlords and tenants to resolve their issues before going to court.

[https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/system/files/general/adrrpacket\\_1.pdf](https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/system/files/general/adrrpacket_1.pdf)

**ECHO Housing:** <https://www.echofairhousing.org/tenantlandlord-services.html> 510-496-0496. ECHO Housing has trained mediators to assist in resolving housing disputes through conciliation and mediation.

## Videos

### Using Small Claims to Collect Back Rent

<https://www.lalawlibrary.org/hidden-classes/1960-using-small-claims-to-collect-back-rent>

This video, presented by the LA Law Library, explains to both landlords and tenants affected by COVID-19 how and when such rental debt recovery claims can be filed, how small claims court compares to normal civil superior court, and what to expect when going through the small claims process.

## Free Legal Help

### Alameda County Court Self-Help Center

<https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/self-help>

Contact the SHC via phone or chat to ask questions, make an appointment, or register for a workshop. The Self-Help Center does not take walk-in patrons, but you may make an appointment to talk to someone in person.

#### LiveChat/Phone

- Monday-Thursday, 9AM-12PM. They may stop taking chats before the stated hours once they reach capacity.
- Call: (510) 272-1393, Mon-Thurs, 2PM-4PM Voicemails can only be left during phone hours; Messages are returned within 5 business days.

### Housing Resource Desk (HRD)

Staffed by the Rent Adjustment Program, the HRD is located in the lobby of 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am - noon and 1pm - 3pm. The HRD staff can direct community members to the appropriate department or program, including Code Enforcement, Rent Registration, Home Maintenance and Improvement, Lead-Safe Homes, and others. Staff can also help patrons schedule an appointment with a RAP Housing Counselor. Call [\(510\) 238-3721](tel:5102383721), Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for more information.

### Community Legal Assistance Saturday Program (CLASP)

CLASP offers a monthly, free clinic open to the public. Volunteer attorneys meet with individuals for 15-20 minute consultations. <https://lawlibrary.alamedacountyca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Virtual-CLASP-Flyer.pdf>

### Low-Income Landlord Callback Clinic

Phone Clinic hours: Tuesday from 4pm – 6pm. Calls are limited to 15 minutes and rental property must be in Alameda County. To sign up for the clinic call 510-302-2222, option 4.

## Hire an Attorney

### Alameda County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services

ACBA can match clients with a carefully pre-screened local lawyer qualified to help you with your legal needs for a \$40 administrative fee. Self-book a consultation online <https://www.acbanet.org/need-a-lawyer/> or call 510-302-2222, option 4.