



## Return of Security Deposits

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There are specific steps that a Tenant must follow to request that a former Landlord return her/his/their Security Deposit after the Tenant moves out.

We have gathered together some information available elsewhere on the internet to guide tenants who have moved out about the process for requesting/demanding that your former Landlord return your security deposit.

- [Information Packet - Trying to Get Your Security Deposit Back info packet](#)
- [Demand Letter for Security Deposit Not Returned Within 30 Days \(fillable form\)](#)
- [Complaint by Resident for Return of Deposit \(Magistrate Court\)](#)
- [Complaint by Resident for Return of Deposit \(Metropolitan Court\)](#)
- [Self Help 101 - How to File a Lawsuit Revised \(Metro Court\)](#)
- [New Mexico Legal Aid Renters' Guide Chapter on Security Deposits and Returns](#)

Even though the attachment, Self Help 101, relates to filing a case in Bernalillo County Metro Court, the procedures are the same if you are filing in a Magistrate Court outside of Bernalillo County. (You can find more information [\[HERE\]](#). The links labeled "pamphlets" have very good information and will generally apply to procedures in Magistrate Courts.)

Magistrate Court contact information can be found [\[HERE\]](#)

The full version of New Mexico Legal Aid's Renters Guide can be found [\[HERE\]](#)

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