

Things to Consider Before Signing a Lease

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How much is monthly rent? Where is the house located? How many bedrooms? Bathrooms? There are so many things to consider when renting a home that it can become overwhelming. Here are a few questions to ask before signing a lease.

When does the lease begin and end? It is important that you have a clear understanding of move in and move out dates. Moving is a difficult process which requires a lot of planning. Be sure you and your landlord are in agreement with these dates.

Which utility services are included in my rent? It is important to know which utilities you are expected to pay for, so that you can set them up before you move in. Some homes will include garbage and water services, other won't. Make sure you are clear about this before moving in.

How and when do I pay my rent? Typically, rent is due at the beginning of the month, but double-check this before signing a lease to avoid paying late fees. Also, if you prefer to pay bills online, see if you have the option to enroll in an automatic online payment.

How much is the security deposit and what does it cover? Most rental properties will require you to pay a security deposit when signing a lease. This is usually refundable at the end of your lease agreement, if there are no damages. Be sure to fix all necessary repairs before moving out, so that you can get that security deposit back. These are just a few of the important things to consider before signing a lease. Sheraton Real Estate Management will gladly cover our lease terms with you. Check out our website for a list of our properties and call us to see what they include.