



Resident Responsibilities

The Honeymoon is over. Time to adult (renter-style).

Revisit Your Lease (The Director's Cut)

- You thought you were done with it? Nope—this is the sequel.
- Light bulbs  ? On you. Air filters? Might be on you. Batteries? You guessed it.
- Reporting stuff matters. That drip under the sink? Future waterfall if ignored.

Cleanliness Counts (Especially the Fancy Stuff)

- Many leases require you to keep your unit clean—but some finishes come with rules.
- Class A building? That sleek cooktop, marble countertop, or shiny hardwood floor might require special cleaners. 
- Check your lease or “welcome guide” for any name-brand products recommended. Using the wrong cleaner can ruin the finish—and cost you your deposit.

 **Pro tip:** keep a stash of the “right stuff” so you don’t reach for all-purpose spray and regret it later.

Community Rules (Not Club Med)

- Pools have limits. No “bring the whole squad” vibes.
- Trash ≠ bulk trash. A mattress leaning on the dumpster is not a free pass—it’s a fine.
- Recycling rules exist. Wishcycling is not a sport.

Maintenance: Know Your Role

- Apartment = call the 24/7 maintenance team.
- Single-family rental = you’re the maintenance team.
- Some places will swap specialty fixtures if you provide the part. Others? You’re on ladder duty.

Parking: The Real Hunger Games

- Midnight Saturday? May the odds be ever in your favor.
- Guest parking rules can be trickier than the DMV. Know them before your friend gets towed.

Read Between the Lines (Lease Edition)

- Guest limits at amenities are real.
- Quiet hours may exist, even if no one told you yet.
- Renter’s insurance will likely be mandatory—and honestly, worth it.

Bottom Line

Revisit your lease with fresh eyes, stock the right cleaners, report the small stuff, and follow the rules. Your home will stay in good shape, and your wallet (and deposit) will thank you.

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