

TFD's Apartment Search Checklist



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When you are ready to start hunting for a new apartment, take a moment to run through this checklist to make sure you have everything covered.

MONTHLY HOUSING BUDGET:

Play around with these numbers to make sure that you keep your apartment search in an affordable range for you:

Rent	\$ _____
Water	\$ _____
Sewer	\$ _____
Trash	\$ _____
Gas	\$ _____
Electricity	\$ _____
Cable/Internet	\$ _____
Parking	\$ _____
Pet rent	\$ _____
Renters' insurance	\$ _____
Miscellaneous fees	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

ONE-TIME COSTS:

Make sure you have a plan to cover whichever potential one-time costs are applicable to you:

Application fees	\$ _____
Security deposit	\$ _____
Pet deposit	\$ _____
Last month's rent	\$ _____
Move-in fees	\$ _____
Moving costs	\$ _____
Utility deposits	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

Before you tour apartments, gather all of your documentation. That way, you can apply and/or sign a lease on the spot. Landlords typically expect you to have the following:

- ✓ *Photo ID*
- ✓ *Proof of income*
(2+ paystubs, most recent tax return, employer contact info)
- ✓ *Previous addresses (last three locations or five years)*
- ✓ *Personal check (or other accepted payment method for the application fee)*

Pro tip: Landlords will also likely run a check on your credit history as part of the application process. CreditRepair.com *can help make sure your score is in tip-top shape before you apply.*

QUESTIONS FOR APARTMENT TOUR:

Here are the questions we recommend you ask, as well as blank lines for you to write down questions of your own:

- Which utilities does the apartment complex cover? Are they included in rent or in addition to rent?
- Which utilities need to go in my name?
- What are your rules regarding pets? How much is the pet deposit and rent?
- What are the accepted payment methods for rent? What is the grace period?
- What are the policies regarding subleasing or breaking a lease?
- What are the guest policies?
- Are there any amenities in this community?
- How do I submit maintenance requests? How long does it usually take for those to be handled?
- Where is the nearest bus stop/train station?

Pet deposit	\$ _____
Last month's rent	\$ _____
Move-in fees	\$ _____
Moving costs	\$ _____
Utility deposits	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____