

# Renters Checklist

This Renters Checklist is intended to be used by persons evaluating a potential residence for possible living accommodations and as a tool by the prospective renter to measure one property against another. This listing was created as a guide to assist you in your housing search. Please note: Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ) does not inspect or approve housing. CCSJ will not become a party to any landlord-tenant matters.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Do you rent to Calumet College of St. Joseph students?

\_\_\_\_\_ Does the apartment have a refrigerator and stove? If not, would you be able to provide that or would I have to buy that on my own?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is the property registered with the City of Hammond or Whiting?

\_\_\_\_\_ How long is the lease for (month to month, 9 months, 10 months, or 12 months)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Will I have to pay a security deposit? How much will that be? Will I be getting it back when my lease is up? Will I have to pay a cleaning fee when I move out or is that included in my security deposit?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are the utilities (electricity, cable, water, Internet) included with the rent? If not, what am I responsible for/what will the landlord pay for? Who will I need to call in order to set them up? If I do not have a social security number, would the landlord be able to set those up for me and would they be covered in the rent?

\_\_\_\_\_ Who will sign the lease if other people are living with me? Will each of us sign a lease or will we all have to sign a lease together?

\_\_\_\_\_ What is your policy with regards to visitors? If my visitors cause any problems, will I/we be responsible for their actions?

\_\_\_\_\_ If one of my roommates moves out and we cannot find another person to take over the lease, will I/we have to pay for their share of the rent and utilities?

\_\_\_\_\_ How many people can live in the apartment/house with me?

\_\_\_\_\_ Am I allowed to have a pet in the apartment/house? Will I have to pay any additional fees?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is smoking allowed in the apartment/house? Will I have to pay any additional cleaning fees?

\_\_\_\_\_ What are my payment options (online with credit/debit card, check/money order)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is the apartment/house furnished (bed/mattress, dresser, couch, table and chairs)?

\_\_\_\_\_ If I bring a car, will I have to park on the street or behind the apartment/house? Will I need to get a parking permit in order to park on the street?

\_\_\_\_\_ Does the apartment/house come with air conditioning? If not, what are my options?

\_\_\_\_\_ Does the apartment/house have a washer and dryer?

\_\_\_\_\_ How close is the apartment/house to the college? How close is it to grocery stores (Walmart, Strack and Van Til, Aldi) and drugstores (Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid, Walmart)?

\_\_\_\_\_ How close is the apartment/house to major streets (Calumet Ave., Indianapolis Blvd., Chicago Skyway, 80/94)?