

Instruction Sheet for Landlord Claim/Notice of Hearing Form

Important:

(Cette information existe également en français. Composez le (204) 945-2476.)

It costs \$20.00 to file a claim. You can file a claim in person or by mail. If you are sending your claim by mail, please include a cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance. Don't send cash through the mail. The Branch will charge a \$20.00 fee for any returned cheque it receives.

Our address is: **The Residential Tenancies Branch
302-254 Edmonton Street
Winnipeg Manitoba R3C 3Y4**

Be sure to read the information on the back of the Landlord Claim/Notice of Hearing form.

To complete sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the **Landlord Claim/Notice of Hearing** form, follow these instructions. The Residential Tenancies Branch will complete section 5.

Please print all information.

1 Address of Rental Unit

Fill in the address of the rental unit, including city/town and postal code.

2 Landlord/Tenant Information

Fill in your name, or your agent's name, mailing address (including postal code) and daytime phone number. Do not use initials, full names only.

Fill in the name of each person (tenant, co-signer, guarantor) you are claiming against. Do not use initials, full names only. Give their present address, or mailing address (including postal code) and daytime phone number. Use additional pages if needed.

3 Additional Information

Fill in the amount of the security deposit and the date you received it.

Place a check mark (✓) in one of the boxes to show whether or not the tenant still lives in the rental unit.

4 Claim

Place a check mark (✓) in the boxes to show your claim. Fill in the amount you are claiming and give details (attach additional pages if needed). If you do not give enough detail, the Branch may not be able to accept your claim. Remember to total up your claim.

<u>Example</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent	\$1,000.00	Aug/02 \$500 + Sept/02 \$500
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damages	\$ 350.00	Replace living room window \$200; repair master bedroom door \$150
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleaning	\$ 100.00	Carpet cleaning \$50; cleaning walls, fridge, stove, bathroom, kitchen cupboards; 5 hrs. at \$10 per hour.
My total claim is:	<u>\$1,450.00</u>	plus costs*

You can estimate for damages or cleaning, if you don't know the actual costs. You can reduce the estimated amount at the hearing, but you can only increase the amount you are claiming if the tenant agrees.

If claiming utility bills, only list the ones you may be responsible to pay (**for example**: an outstanding water bill applied to owner's property tax bill). If actual amounts are unknown, estimate the bill.

If claiming interest, place a check mark (✓) in the box beside Interest. The Residential Tenancies Branch will calculate any interest when making a decision on your claim.

***Costs**: may include reasonable charges for filing, serving and proving this claim.

Finally, **sign** and **date** the **Claim** section.

5 Hearing Date and Time

To be completed by the Residential Tenancies Branch.

Important Information

The Residential Tenancies Branch will hear this claim under the authority of *The Residential Tenancies Act*.

Giving the tenant the claim and notice of hearing

A landlord must give this claim and notice of hearing by:

- ◆ handing it to the tenant;
- ◆ handing it to an adult at the tenant's home; or
- ◆ sending it to the tenant by registered mail.

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If the tenant doesn't come to the hearing, the Branch will ask the landlord to show that the tenant received this claim at least five days before the hearing. We'll accept:

- ◆ a sworn declaration of service by the person who delivered the notice; or
- ◆ proof of delivery from the post office.

If a landlord has made a reasonable attempt to serve this claim to the tenant but has not been able to, they may call the Branch at (204) 945-2476 or toll-free in Manitoba 1-800-782-8403 for information on other ways to serve the claim or to reschedule the hearing.

Evidence and Witnesses

The landlord must bring their original evidence to the hearing. They must also bring copies for the Branch and for the tenant.

Examples of evidence:

- tenancy agreements
- condition reports
- receipts or invoices
- notices
- cancelled cheques
- photographs
- video tapes

To respond to a claim, a tenant should bring two copies of their evidence to the hearing – one copy for the hearing officer and one copy for the landlord. If sending a written response to a claim, a tenant should also include two copies of any evidence.

Landlords and tenants may also bring witnesses to the hearing. If a witness cannot attend the hearing, a landlord or tenant may submit the witness's signed and dated written statement as evidence.

Mediation

Mediation is a service the Branch offers for people who want to try to settle a claim without a hearing. Mediation is a confidential process that can take place in meetings, conference calls or separate telephone conversations. The Branch encourages people to try mediation, but no one is required to do so. If you would like to try mediation, please complete the attached "Offer to Settle" and return it to the Branch.

Public Record

When the Residential Tenancies Branch holds a hearing, or makes a determination, it issues an Order stating the decision. This Order is a matter of public record. Mediated agreements are confidential and not a matter of public record.

Attachment – Offer to Settle

Offer to Settle – Offre de règlement

Please print – Prière d'écrire en caractères d'imprimerie

Address of Rental Unit – Adresse de l'unité locative

Your Name – Votre nom

Address – Adresse

Postal Code – Code postal

Day-time telephone number –
Numéro de téléphone durant la journée

E-mail – Courriel

I offer to settle this matter as follows: (Please give as much detail as you can. If you are offering to pay money, please be specific about the amount(s) you are prepared to pay.)

J'offre de régler cette affaire comme suit : (Veuillez fournir autant de détails que vous le pouvez. Si vous offrez un règlement en argent, veuillez préciser les sommes que vous êtes disposé à payer.)

(Attach extra pages if necessary) – (Joindre des pages supplémentaires, si nécessaire.)

Date

Signature

Please return to ↗

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Veillez renvoyer à ↗

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