FACING EVICTION? RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP

Housing & Financial Assistance

- Lincoln-Lancaster Co. General Assistance: 402-441-3095 General Assistance funds may be provided for rent/housing/shelter https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/312/General-Assistance
- Community Action Partnership Homelessness Prevention: 402-471-4515 One-time financial assistance may be available if you are facing eviction. <u>https://www.tenantservices.org/tenant-support/welcome.html</u>
- People's City Mission: 402-475-1303
 PCM provides family shelter, emergency shelter, extended-stay programs and other services https://pcmlincoln.org/family-shelter/
- Mat Talbot Kitchen & Outreach Homeless Diversion: 402-477-4116
 Services may be available if you are on the edge of becoming homeless, or have been out of your home for 7 days or less
 https://www.mtko.org/you can help/homeless-diversion.html
- Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska: 402.327.6222
 Rental assistance services may be available. Contact Emergency Services Coordinator Marilu Cazares at 402-327-6222 or mcazares@cssisus.org https://www.cssisus.org/

Resource Portals

- myLNK App: mylnk.app/home myLNK is a free app with a directory of services and resources from nearly 500 organizations /1,000 programs in Lincoln/Lancaster County.
- **211:** Dial **211** or text your zip code to 898211 to get in touch with a United Way helpline specialist for information on services available in your area
- City of Lincoln COVID-19 Response Resident Resource Page: https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/covid19/resident-resources.htm

Legal Help/Information Related to Evictions (see reverse side for information re: personal property after an eviction)

- Legal Aid of Nebraska Hotline: 1-844-268-5627
 At the voicemail, leave your name, phone number, brief details of the problem and the assistance needed, and what county you live in. You will receive a call back from experienced Legal Aid staff. https://www.legalaidofnebraska.org/how-we-help/resources/covid-19-coronavirus/
- Community Action Partnership Tenant Support Services: 402-875-9353
 Contact Community Action Partnership for information on renters' rights and evictions. If no
 one picks up, leave a message on the voice mail. All messages will be returned. Can also email:
 <u>nwinkle@communityactionatwork.org https://www.communityactionatwork.org/tenant support/welcome.html

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- Fair Housing Center of Nebraska & Iowa 1-402-934-6675 or 1-877-NOW-FAIR Call for help asking your landlord for reasonable accommodations (related to COVID-19 or otherwise) and assistance and advocacy with fair housing violations. https://www.fhasinc.org/fair-housing-center.html

Excerpt from Legal Aid of Nebraska's Landlord and Tenant Handbook:

If you have been evicted by the court get your property out of the unit right away. If you do not have another place to live, put your things in storage or move them to a friend's house. If you leave property in your unit, it is hard to get your property back.

A landlord **cannot throw out your property without first giving you a chance to get it**. The landlord must give you a <u>written notice</u> that he is storing your property. The landlord has to tell you where you can pick it up.

You could be charged fees if the landlord has to move and store your property. These fees often add up to hundreds of dollars.

If the landlord gave you the notice in person, you have at least <u>7 days</u> to get the property and pay him the fees. If the landlord sent the notice to you in the mail, then you have at least <u>14</u> <u>days</u> from the day the notice was postmarked to get the property and pay him the fees.

Your landlord can sell your property if:

- •If you do not pick up your property; and
- •You do not pay the storage fees before the deadline.

Your landlord can sell it at a public sale. The landlord must give you whatever money he gets from the sale, less the costs of storage and of the sale. If your landlord cannot find you, he must give the money to the State Treasurer's Office.

Your landlord can keep or throw away your property if:

- •the landlord thinks the property is worth \$1,000or less, and
- •you have not picked it up and paid the fees on time.

There will be a second hearing to decide if you have to pay the landlord money damages.

If you file an answer or appeared in Court, there will be a second hearing. The second hearing is to decide whether you owe the landlord for unpaid rent, late fees or damages. Go to this hearing. If you do not go to the hearing the landlord wins and the court will order you to pay the landlord money. If you believe that you do not owe this money, contact an attorney for advice.

https://www.legalaidofnebraska.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Landlord-and-Tenant-handbook-2017.pdf

For more information call Legal Aid of Nebraska's Disaster Relief Hotline 1-844-268-5627