



6 Home/Apartment Upgrades That Will Jeopardize Your Security Deposit

1. Painting Walls

Your color choices can be a costly headache to cover. First, make sure you get written permission to change the colors. Second, be sure the walls are professionally repainted to the original color before you move out.

2. Hanging Pictures

Pictures leave drywall holes. We suggest command strips instead of nails or screws.

3. Hanging Curtains

The anchor holes needed to support curtain rods can be large.

4. Mounting a TV

Use a stand to avoid drilling into the studs or dropping your flat screen.

5. Planting a Garden

Landlords want less hassle. Landscaping add a lot more upkeep. If you must have a garden and it is approved by the landlord, make sure you return the area to its original state when you move out.

6. Updating Appliances

If you must update an appliance and it's approved by the landlord, be sure to keep the old unit and replace it when you move out.