SECURITY DEPOSIT DEDUCTION GUIDE®

This information is merely a guide. For any individual decision to deduct from a Security Deposit, please consult an attorney.

NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR (No deduction typically taken)		DAMAGES WARRANTING DEDUCTIONS (Deduction typically taken)
Wobbly toilet seat; Rusty shower rod	vs	Broken toilet tank lid; Kinked shower curtain rod; Chip in bathtub enamel
Depressurized fire extinguisher with unbroken seal	vs	Depressurized fire extinguisher with broken seal (not used to put out a fire)
Rust stain under sink faucet Loose faucet handle	vs	Sink discolored by clothing dye; Missing faucet handle
Worn pattern in plastic counter top; Rusty refrigerator shelf	vs	Burn in plastic counter top
Discolored ceramic tile; Loose grout around ceramic tile	vs	Painted ceramic tile; Chipped or cracked ceramic tile
Rug worn thin by normal use; Moderate dirt or spotting on carpet	vs	Carpet burns; Rips in carpet; Urine stains from pets
Tracks on door jamb; Dents in wall where door handle bumped it	vs	Hole in hollow-core door; Door missing or off its hinges
Discolored light fixture globe; Odd-wattage light bulbs which work	vs	Missing light fixture globe
Minor scuff marks on wooden floor	vs	Gouge in wooden floor; Tear in linoleum
Ants inside after rainstorm	vs	Fleas left behind by tenant's pet
Landscaping sparingly watered due to drought conditions	vs	Neglected landscaping which must be replaced with smaller plantings

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Light tire marks in parking space from normal use	v s	Caked grease on parking space
Water stain due to roof leak	vs	Food stains on wall
Cracked or chipped paint (minor)	vs	Crayon marks on wall; Walls painted a dark color necessitating repainting
A few small tack or nail holes in wall	vs	Two-inch diameter hole in wall or ceiling
Toilet flushes inadequately because mineral deposits have clogged jets	vs	Toilet won't flush properly because it's stopped up with a diaper
Bathroom mirror beginning to "de-silver" (black spots)	v s	Mirror caked with lipstick and makeup
Drapery rod which won't close property; Dirty window screen	Vs	Drapery rod with missing parts; Pet-damaged drapes
Paint-blistered venetian blinds; Curtains faded by the sun	vs	Broken/bent slats on venetian blinds; Torn shade
Garbage cans need washing	V S	Garbage cans missing
Stove/oven light needs replacing		Door lock replaced by tenant without management's permission
Windows need washing		Missing keys; Key broken off inside lock

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