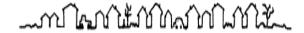
What does RENT stand for?

- **RENT** believes that every tenant has a basic human right to shelter safe, affordable and secure.
- **RENT** encourages tenants to become knowledgeable and proactive concerning their rights, responsibilities and current housing legislation.
- **RENT** encourages tenants to come together and form groups and association. Tenants' Organizing Manual is a tool we share to support organizing of renters wherever they live.



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WR CLS - Waterloo Region Community Legal Services

WR CLS gives free legal help or advice to tenants who have low incomes and qualify for assistance under Ontario Legal Aid Plan. For further information contact: 519-743-0254 / www.wrcls.ca

SDC WR – Social Development Centre Waterloo Region

SDC WR shares information about supports and resources in the Region, and helps people organize and collaborate to make sure everyone can be an active change-maker to improve social justice in the community. For more information:

 ${\bf 519\text{-}579\text{-}3800\,/\,www.waterlooregion.org}$

HHUG - Housing & Homelessness Umbrella Group

HHUG serves as Waterloo Region's central homelessness and housing group functioning as an umbrella and coordinating service providers working on housing issues. For further information:

519-743-2460 / www.hhug.ca



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What is RENT?

RENT seeks to improve safety, security, and affordability of rental housing in the Waterloo region by educating and organizing tenants as well as advocating on behalf of their interests.

So you're a tenant. GOT QUESTIONS?

How do I Learn About Tenant's Rights and Obligations?

How do I Communicate With Other Tenants?

How do I Communicate with my Landlord?

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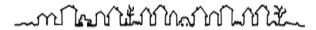


Here are some things you might need to know:

- The Residential Tenancies Act 2006 [RTA] applies to most rental housing in Ontario.
- Ontario Guideline rent increases are established annually Jan.1st to Dec.31st. Only one raise allowed in a 12 month period, upon 90 days notice before the lease expires. Raising the rent above the government guideline requires approval from the Landlord and Tenant Board.
- **Vacant Units Rent Decontrol:**

Rent Increase Guideline do not apply to vacated units or new tenants moving in. We are currently advocating to have rents apply to units not tenants allowing landlords to rise rents above the government guidelines and have this incentive to cause rapid tenant turnover.

■ A tenancy agreement, sometimes called a rental agreement or a lease has a standard format as of May 2018. Read it carefully. Make sure you understand it before you sign.



YOU CAN HELP

RENT seeks to establish at least one "Contact Member" in as many apartment buildings within the Region as possible, to circulate relevant tenant information and to educate fellow tenants

We need to bring back strong tenant organizations to Waterloo Region.

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"Help Tenants – Help Themselves"

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