

## Tenant Resources

If you have received a Demand for Possession Nonpayment of Rent please see the resources below. You are also encourage you to contact your landlord to see if the issue can be resolved prior to being summoned to court.

If you have been served a summons that you are being sued for eviction, please fill out a contact form so we are sure to have the most current information for you. You may return it to the court by mail or by faxing to (734) 483-3630. The contact form is also available at [Contact Information Sheet](#) to fill it out and submit online. You can use the drop box located outside the courthouse as well.

### **IF YOU NEED HELP PAYING YOUR BACK RENT:**

If you are being evicted for not paying rent, you can apply for help from:

- **Housing Access of Washtenaw County: (734) 961-1999 (call here first)**
- Housing Bureau for Seniors (age 55+): (734) 998-9339
- Washtenaw County Veterans Affairs (veterans): (734) 973-4540
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: (734) 481-2000 or [mibridges.michigan.gov](http://mibridges.michigan.gov)

**Do this as soon as possible, before your court date.**

### **IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS:**

There are special COVID-19 protections for tenants to prevent evictions. To find out if these protections apply to you, or to find out if you have any other legal defenses, contact:

- Legal Services of South Central Michigan: (734) 665-6181 or [lsscm.org](http://lsscm.org)
- Michigan Legal Help: [michiganlegalhelp.org](http://michiganlegalhelp.org)
- Lawyers Referral Service (\$30 fee): (734) 996-3229

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### **Please read the information below carefully. This explains your rights in an eviction case:**

1. You have the right to counsel. MCR 4.201(F)(2). See resources for legal assistance above.  
**Seek assistance before your next court date.**
2. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the local Coordinated Entry Agency (CEA), or the federal Help for Homeless Veterans program may be able to

assist the parties with payment of some or all of the rent due. See resource list above. **Seek assistance before your next court date.**

3. You DO NOT need a judgment to receive assistance from MDHHS or the local CEA. Written notice from your landlord that you owe rent is sufficient.
4. It is possible to resolve this case through voluntary mediation if all parties agree to participate. If you would like to mediate your case contact the Dispute Resolution Center 734-794-2125.
5. You can negotiate a resolution to this matter with your landlord. You will still need to appear at your next court hearing unless you are represented by an attorney. If you wish to negotiate a resolution please seek legal assistance prior to doing so.

**If you have an attorney, please provide this information to your attorney.**

**If you have not retained an attorney, see the resources above for assistance.**