The Renter’s Question Guide

This guide will help you simplify and organize the information you need when considering renting a privately owned apartment or home.

Rental Price

1) What is the rental price? _______________________________________________
2) How many bedrooms ____/ bathrooms ____ does your home/apartment have?
3) What utilities are included in the rent? How will we transfer the billing of excluded utilities to my name, when I arrive, and back to yours, when I depart?
   ♦ ___Central heat
   ♦ ___Air-conditioning
   ♦ ___Electricity
   ♦ ___Gas
   ♦ ___Telephone service
   ♦ ___Water
   ♦ ___Garbage collection
   ♦ ___Sewage
   ♦ ___Other

4) What amenities are available in the condominium complex?
   ♦ ___On-site laundry facility
   ♦ ___Community/Party Room
   ♦ ___Cable TV
   ♦ ___Exercise Room
   ♦ ___Parking
   ♦ ___Parking
   ♦ ___Ceiling fans
   ♦ ___Pest control service
   ♦ ___Children’s play area
   ♦ ___Swimming pool
   ♦ ___Bicycle storage
   ♦ ___Other

Location: http://www.mapquest.com/

5) How close is the University? __________________________________________
6) How close is the nearest bus stop? What bus routes service the area? __________
7) Check the bus schedules: http://www.capmetro.austin.tx.us/routes/SKD_BOOK.HTM

   Capital Metro Service
   ♦ ___Weekdays
   ♦ ___Evenings
   ♦ ___Weekends
   ♦ ___Holidays
   ♦ ___Summer

   University Shuttle Service
   ♦ ___Weekdays
   ♦ ___Evenings
   ♦ ___Weekends
   ♦ ___Holidays
   ♦ ___Summer

8) How close is a grocery store? __________________________________________

Application and Lease Terms

9) How much is the security deposit? _______________________________________
10) Please leave references and instructions for appliance repairs and apartment/home maintenance? _______________________________________________________
11) If you want to bring a pet: What is your pet policy? _______________________
For children

12) What is the neighborhood school my child(ren) will attend? How near is it?
   ♦ ___ Pre-school
   ♦ ___ Kindergarten and elementary school
   ♦ ___ Middle school/Junior high school
   ♦ ___ High school

13. Are their families with children nearby?

14. How near is a public park with playground facilities? __________________________

Additional notes

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