

Letter Demanding Retaliation Cease

You can use this letter to demand your landlord stop any retaliation against you. You can send it to the manager of the property, the management company, and even the owner of the property. Hopefully, the landlord will be reasonable and consider resolving your complaint without further incident. It is easier, cheaper, and faster to work out a problem without getting the courts involved. However, if the landlord continues to retaliate, you might consider filing suit in justice court. (See [justice court](#) information and [lawsuit form](#).)

How to fill in the blanks in the form:

1. **Date.** Put in the date you are filling out the form.
2. **Certified Mail Number.** Go to the post office and tell them you want to send a copy by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. They will give you a green label that you will attach to your envelope. On the label is a certified mail number. Put that number in your notice letter. (You will also have to put that number on the green card you attach to the back of the envelope.)

Certified mail is not required, but it is a good idea. It is also a good idea to send another copy by regular First-Class mail, in case the landlord refuses to sign for the certified mail.

3. **Landlord Name and Address.** The landlord's name can be the manager of the complex, the name of the complex, the owner, or the management company. (You have a right to know the name and address of the owner of the property and the management company if there is one.)
4. **Retaliation.** Check the box next to each action the landlord took in retaliation. You may add your own if the action is not listed.
5. **Sign.** Sign the letter and fill in your name, address, and phone number.
6. **Copy.** Make a copy of the form for your records. Landlords often fail to admit they receive anything from tenants.

Date: _____

Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

(Landlord)

(Landlord Address)

(Landlord City, State, Zip)

Re: Demand that Retaliatory Action Cease

Greetings:

I submit that you have retaliated against me for seeking to enforce my rights under. You have taken the following retaliatory actions: *(Mark all that apply)*

You have reduced services or access to the property.

You have increased rent.

You have terminated my lease.

You have filed an eviction.

(Add any additional retaliatory actions)

I demand that you cease such action immediately. If you fail to honor this request, I may take legal action against you.

Please note that if you retaliate in violation of the Texas Property Code you could be liable for an amount equal to one month's rent plus \$500, actual damages, moving costs (if I move), actual expenses, civil penalties, declaratory or injunctive relief, and my attorney fees and court costs. See Texas Property Code Section 92.333.

Thanks for your prompt attention.

(Your Signature)

(Your Printed Name)

(Your Phone Number)

(Your Address)