Tenant and Landlord Rights and Responsibilities

Tenant Rights

- A decent place to live
- Receipts
- Privacy
- Access to the municipality’s Housing Inspector if landlord refuses or simply does not to needed repairs

Tenant Responsibilities

- Pay all of your rent on time
- Abide by the terms discussed in the lease
- Keep the apartment clean and put garbage in approved containers
- Give a written notice to the landlord when moving out
- Be a good neighbor as well as community member
- Abide by all municipality’s policies

Landlord Rights

- Have the rent paid when due
- Refuse to rent to a person with poor references or credit rating
- Enter the dwelling for repairs and inspections with prior notification

Landlord Responsibilities

- Keep the unit up to municipality’s Housing Code standards and maintain a valid Compliance Certificate
- Respect the privacy of the tenants
- Follow legal process if it comes to the point of evicting a tenant
- Adhere to all the terms that were detailed in the lease

Take the time to look at a lengthier version of the tenant's rights at http://www.ag.ny.gov/bureaus/consumer_frauds/housing_issues.html.