



Rapid Response Eviction Assistance Program (RREAP)

Handling evictions during the Coronavirus Global Pandemic

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Introduction & Brief Overview

Evictions in Palm Beach County:

- In Palm Beach County, more than 2500 evictions have been filed since March- Many are for non payment of rent.

Current Moratoriums / Restrictions on Evictions:

- **Governor's Executive Order** – Suspends and tolls final actions of eviction proceedings
- **U.S. Center of Disease Control (CDC)** – Temporary Halt on Residential Eviction to Prevent Further Spread of COVID-19
 - CDC protections are not automatic – must sign and provide landlord a CDC Form Declaration under penalty of perjury.

Tenants are still responsible for paying rent when they are no longer adversely affected by the COVID-19 emergency



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From the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

*Have you received a 3 Day Notice or Demand for rent from your Landlord?
Have you been served with an eviction lawsuit?
Do you need help understanding the eviction process?*

The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc., provides **free** legal assistance and representation to eligible tenants in Landlord Tenant matters in Palm Beach County.

We can provide the following services:

- Pre-suit Mediation between landlords and tenants
- Legal advice regarding the eviction process
- Referrals for rental assistance
- Preparation of responses to an eviction lawsuit
- Assistance in negotiating repayment plans
- Court representation

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RREAP Participant Requirements

- ✓ Must occupy a residential property located in Palm Beach County.
- ✓ Facing a financial hardship as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic (arising after March 9, 2020)
- ✓ Must meet income limits
- ✓ Received a notice or *a demand for rent*
- ✓ Both landlord and tenant must be US Citizens or legal residents (Per CARES ACT regulations)
- ✓ Must agree to put in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Document Requirements

- Proof of arguable COVID-19 financial impact(s):
 - Proof you have been furloughed, laid off, your hours reduced, your position was eliminated, loss of income, etc. (i.e. pay stubs)
 - Documents, paperwork and/or emails to substantiate your claim with verifiable dates noted on said documents.
 - Filing for and/or having been granted/received unemployment – in addition to showing “how” you have been financially impacted by COVID.
- Proof of citizenship or legal residency
- A copy of the notice, demand for rent, or eviction complaint.
- Copy of lease (if written)





CONTACT US / APPLY:

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Questions & Answers: