

[Your name]
[Your current address]

[Date]

[Landlord or property manager name]
[Landlord's address]

SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Demand for return of security deposit - [rental property address]

Dear [Landlord]:

I vacated the above rental property on [move-out date] and paid a security deposit of \$[deposit amount]. Under N.Y. Gen. Oblig. Law § 7-108 (New York Security Deposit Law (HSTPA 2019)), you were required to return my deposit with any lawful itemized deductions within 14 days.

DEMAND

I demand payment of \$[amount improperly withheld], which you have improperly withheld from my deposit. If you contend that any deduction was lawful, provide the itemized statement and supporting documentation the statute requires.

Be advised that under N.Y. Gen. Oblig. Law § 7-108, you are liable for my actual damages, and a willful violation of the deposit rules additionally exposes you to punitive damages of up to twice the deposit. Should this matter proceed to court, I will seek all damages the statute allows, plus court costs.

Please deliver payment to the address above no later than [date 14 days from today]. If I do not receive full payment by that date, I will file suit in small claims court without further notice. I have retained documentation of the property's condition, our correspondence, and this demand.

Sincerely,

[Your signature]

Enclosures: [list your evidence - photos, lease, itemized statement]

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