

Inglewood COVID-19 Tenant Protections

Inglewood Executive Order No. 20-01

If you are a tenant in Inglewood who has been impacted by COVID-19 (reduced wages or income, loss of work, increased medical costs) and are unable to pay all or part of your rent, you have new protections that can protect you from eviction:

If you are unable to pay your rent due to medical expenses or loss of income related to COVID-19 or any local, state, or federal response to COVID-19, you cannot be evicted or charged late fees during the local emergency.

These protections are retroactive to March 4, 2020 and last until May 31, 2020, unless extended.

Tenants need to document their loss of income or medical expenses. You should also notify your landlord as soon as you know you will be unable to pay rent.

After the local or state emergency is declared over (whichever happens later), you will have 6 months to pay back any rent you were unable to pay during the emergency period.

See Inglewood Executive Order No. 20-01 for more details.

Do I have to pay my rent?

Yes, nothing in this executive order or other laws relieves a tenant of any contractually owed rent.

Can my landlord start an Unlawful Detainer (eviction) lawsuit?

Yes, the executive order does not prohibit your landlord from filing a lawsuit with the court to begin the eviction process. If your landlord is suing to evict you for a reason that is covered by the executive order, you have a defense you can use during the lawsuit.

But aren't the courts closed right now?

The courts are open for limited, essential matters. Currently, they are still accepting filings of new lawsuits. If you are served with a Summons and Complaint for Unlawful Detainer, you should respond. The normal response deadlines have been extended due to the state of emergency. Contact LAFLA at (800) 399-4529 or www.lafla.org for more information about where and how to respond if you are served with an eviction.