

INSTRUCTIONS

HOME LINE FORM LETTERS

1. Fill out the appropriate letter. If you need help filling out the letter, call HOME Line @ 612-728-5767 in the metro area or 866-866-3546 if you are long distance, and a tenant advocate will be happy to help you.
2. Make sure you sign the letter and date the letter.
3. Make a copy of the letter after you sign and date it. Keep it for your personal file.
4. Send the original request by first class mail (a regular stamp) to the landlord or property owner (whoever you pay rent to or is named on the lease).
5. The letter you filled out gives your landlord a certain number of days to respond. Allow your landlord that amount of time to reply to your request.
6. If the landlord or property owner fails to comply with your request, call HOME Line back and a tenant advocate will discuss other options.

Response to Invoice for Bed Bug Treatment

Landlord

Street Address

City, State, Zipcode

I, _____ reside at your property located at
(Print tenant's name)

(Address, city, state, zip)

This is a response to the invoice you sent me for bed bug treatment. I call your attention to Minnesota Statutes § 504B.161, subdivision 1, which makes the landlord responsible for maintenance unless the problem was caused by the "willful, malicious, or irresponsible conduct of the tenant." I have not engaged in any such conduct regarding the bed bugs. Therefore, like any other maintenance problem — leaky toilet, flying bats in the attic, etc — the cost of dealing with the problem falls on you as landlord and not me as tenant.

Since your invoice appears to violate Minnesota law I do not plan to pay it. Please rescind the invoice within fourteen days.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Tenant's Signature

Date