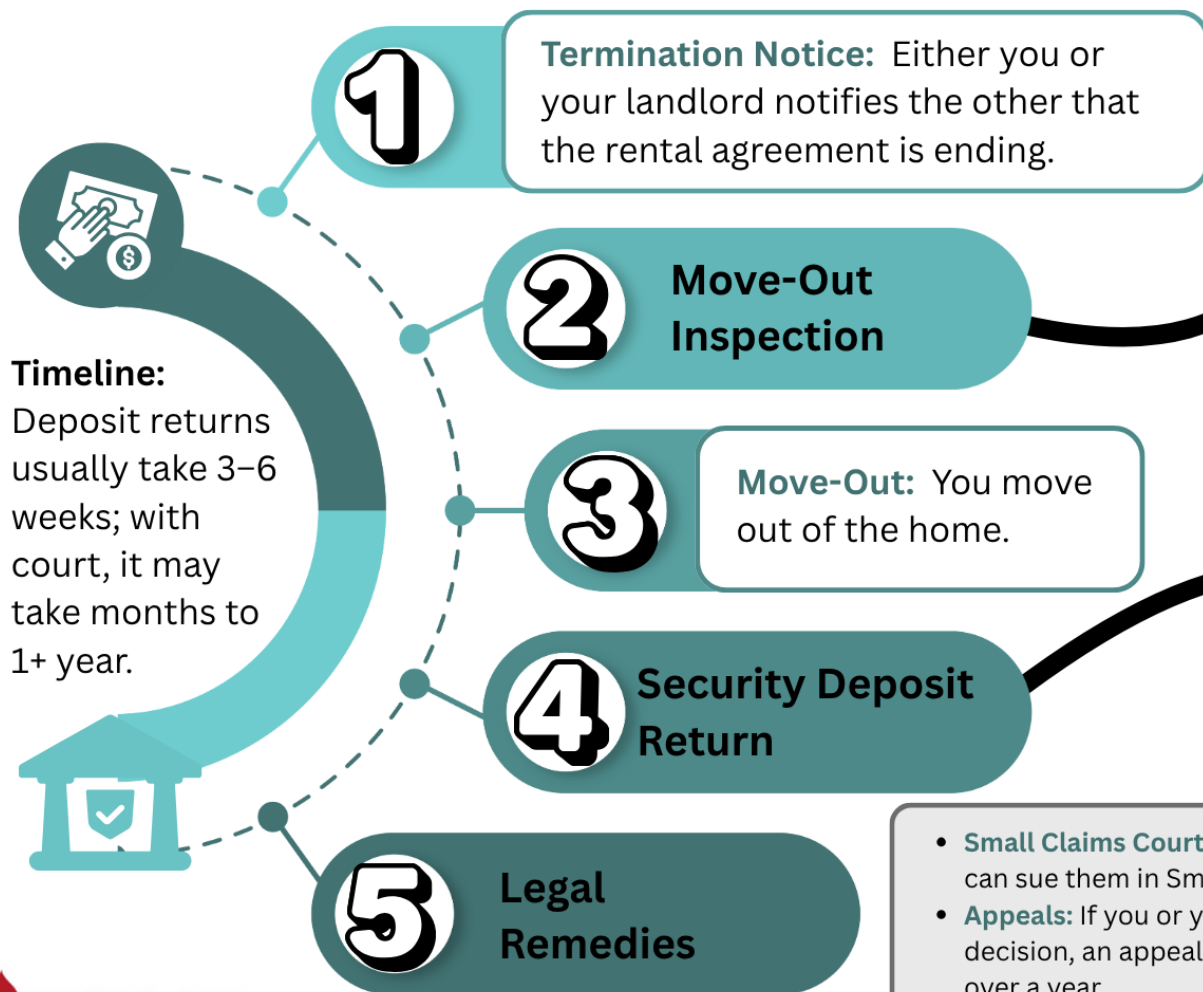


NY Security Deposit Return Timeline



Timeline:
Deposit returns usually take 3–6 weeks; with court, it may take months to 1+ year.

- **Tenant's Right:** Your landlord must tell you in writing that you can ask for an inspection.
- **Timing:** If you request the inspection, it must be 1 to 2 weeks before you move out.
- **Notice:** Your landlord must give 48 hours' written notice about when the inspection will be.
- **After Inspection:** Your landlord must give you a written list of any damage in the home and possible deductions from your security deposit. You can fix these problems. If you fix the problems, your landlord cannot keep your deposit.

- **Deadline:** Your landlord must return the deposit (or what's left of it after deductions) within 14 days after you move out.
- **Deductions:** Your landlord must provide a list of any deductions for damage beyond normal wear and tear, unpaid rent, or charges allowed by law.
- **Penalty for Non-Compliance:** If your landlord does not provide the list within 14 days, your landlord loses the right to keep any part of the deposit.

- **Small Claims Court:** If your landlord does not return your deposit in 14 days, you can sue them in Small Claims Court. This process usually takes a few months.
- **Appeals:** If you or your landlord disagrees with the Small Claims Court's decision, an appeal can be filed. Appeals can take several more months to even over a year.
- **Collection of Judgment:** If you win in court but do not get paid by your landlord, you might have to take more steps to collect the money. For example, you could ask to take money from your landlord's paycheck.