



What Should Rent Stabilized Tenants Do On Tuesday June 16, 2015 if Governor Cuomo does not renew and strengthen the rent laws?

1. DO NOT MOVE OUT. You are still a tenant of your apartment. The landlord cannot put you out of your apartment without going to court. If the landlord tries to do so, call the police. This is illegal
2. CALL Governor Cuomo at 1-518-474-8390 or email him at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/contact/GovernorContactForm.php>. Tell him that you are a rent regulated tenant and he must ensure that the rent laws are extended AND STRENGTHENED to protect you.
3. If you have a LEASE, you are protected at least as long as the lease term.
4. If you have a renewal lease, SIGN it and send it back immediately.
5. If your LEASE expires on or before September 13, 2015, you are entitled to a renewal lease and you should be protected. If your landlord tries to evict you, call the Public Advocate at 212 669 7250.
6. If you receive court papers or are being threatened or harassed by your landlord because the rent laws have expired, call the Public Advocate at 212 669 7250. The Public Advocate has staff who can advise you and can get you an attorney if you need one.
7. If you are RENT CONTROLLED (not rent stabilized, you've been in your apartment since 1971), you will be protected by the New York City laws which will not expire until 2018.

The Alliance for Tenant Power is a coalition between Make the Road New York, New York Communities for Change, Tenants & Neighbors, Community Service Society, CASA New Settlement, Flatbush Tenants Coalition, Urban Homesteading Assistance Board, The Legal Aid Society and Faith in New York. Rent regulated housing is the primary source of housing for low income New Yorkers. However, the pressure to deregulate apartments has led to the de-stabilization of diverse neighborhoods. Tenants struggle with rising rents that have outpaced cost of living increases in income and the windfall landlords receive in deregulated units has led to harassment and fraud. The Alliance for Tenant Power is organizing to preserve and strengthen the rent regulation system legislatively to maintain diverse and livable communities.