



## How to look good to a landlord

1. Make sure you arrive on time for any inspections.  

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2. Try to present yourself well (e.g. neat hair and clothing).  

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3. Be polite.  

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4. Look people in the eye when they're talking to you (ok, not the whole time... psycho).  

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5. Don't show you smoke (smoking stinks and stains, plus makes burns).  

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6. Don't ask about pets unless you have one (they're not usually welcome).  

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7. Fill in paperwork promptly – ideally on the spot.  

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8. It wouldn't hurt to take a couple of typed personal references to hand in with your application form.  

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9. Do whatever you can do to look good – mention that the location's close to your volunteer work or grandma's nursing home (nudge, nudge); how the quiet environment will be great for study (wink, wink); that the front room will be perfect for practising your harp (ok, now we're getting extreme) – whatever helps show you are steady and responsible. But follow through, mind. Pay your rent (on time); look after the house and tone down the parties or you will be blacklisted and crawling back home indefinitely before you know it.

