Moving Out... Do this stuff!

Give your property manager your formal notice (IN WRITING) that you will be leaving and note the date. Typically you are required to provide a minimum of 30 days notice without receiving a penalty.

Be sure to re-read your lease to determine the date of termination and to understand any cleaning fees associated with moving out.

Security Deposit.

How much can a landlord charge and when is it returned?
A landlord may generally collect up to the equivalent of two months rent for deposits on unfurnished apartments and up to three months rent for deposits on furnished apartments. State law requires the landlord to refund deposits within 21 days of the tenant vacating the unit.

How do I recover my full deposit?

1. Before you move in complete an inspection form verifying the current status of the apartment. The best way is to videotape or photograph and record everything. Also making sure to note the date is accurate. Holding up a daily newspaper in the photo is one way to do this.
2. State law requires landlords to notify tenants that they have the right to an inspection of the unit within two weeks before they vacate, to determine what costs, if any, will be deducted from their security deposit.
3. Request an inspection before you move out. At the time of the inspection, the landlord must leave you the tenant with an itemized statement specifying repairs or cleaning that could result in deductions from the security deposit if not corrected by the time of move-out.