

# KEEPING YOUR RENT: TENANT EMAIL TEMPLATE

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Hi,

A growing number of Ottawa tenants will be keeping our rent on April 1st.

Many tenants in our building/neighbourhood have been laid off or had their hours reduced. Some just won't be able to pay. Others worry that with all the uncertainty, even if they can pay, they might need the money for groceries and medicine. Other tenants whose finances are more secure are concerned for their neighbours and wish to support them.

As always, but especially now, we all need to prepare to have the resources we need to support our families and communities. We can't afford to continue to line our landlords' pockets. For these reasons, on April 1, tenants will be keeping their rent. Not deferring it, or agreeing to repay it in instalments, but keeping it outright.

The government has announced all kinds of support for mortgage-holders and business owners, large and small, but nothing for renters. Why wait for the government when we can decide, together, to not pay rent?

The website [KeepYourRent.com](http://KeepYourRent.com) has answers to common questions about keeping rent and resources for spreading the message.