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"If one of those things is broken for whatever reason the landlord has seven days to repair that or make sure the problem has been solved," Top said. "After that the tenant has various things they can do."

"Initially what you should do is write a letter," he said. "You've got to get it down in writing. Document everything you do. Write a letter to the landlord specifying what the problem is and the time limit."

"If it's essential services, tell them. You have until this date to have this problem fixed, whatever it may be. If those seven days pass without the landlord doing anything about it, you write another letter explaining the problem and at that point you can take them to court if you want."

Landlords are obligated to provide a dwelling that is "habitable at all times," the Handbook says.

That includes plumbing facilities that are in good working order, weather- and waterproof roofs, walls, doors and windows, adequate heating and lighting, clean outside surroundings and adequate garbage bins.

In addition, floors, walls, stairs, ceilings and railings must be kept in good condition and working locks on doors and windows must be available.

Top advises renters to take the time to read a lease or monthly agreement carefully before signing.

"Read the fine print as much as possible to find out exactly what your responsibilities and obligations are as a tenant," he said. "Make sure there's nothing in there that at some point later on would be difficult for you."

OSPIRG will soon be providing an additional service. While taking questions and complaints, renters are asked to give the name of their landlord or rental agency. OSPIRG is working to compile a list of those who get frequent complaints.

"If it's a private landlord we usually don't (take the name), but if it's a big company, then we do," Top said. "We are gathering that information and hopefully this coming year we'll have this information on who are the bad people in Eugene and Springfield to rent from."

OSPIRG also offers seminars throughout the year to students living in dormitories who plan to move into apartments or houses.

"We give out information on how to find a place, what to look for ... It's very helpful to them from what I've heard, from the responses we've had," Top said.

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of decreased enrollment and partly because new apartments have been built recently in the Coburg Road area.

The new housing is more expensive, but it has opened up units in the campus area because some of the people moving there came from the University neighborhood, Jennings said.

Anyone looking for cheaper rents as a result of Ballot Measure Five is bound to be disappointed, said Joy Poust, broker-owner of Spyglass Associates, a Eugene property management firm.

Both she and Jennings predict that Lane County will assess higher property taxes this year that will more than make up for any tax relief property owners would have enjoyed in the wake of Measure Five.

Although that may make up for the huge loss of tax revenue to the county, Jennings says property owners

will be less than amused.

"You're going to hear an outcry in November that will be deafening," he said.


Most landlords raised rents last year, Poust said.

Rents for most of her properties will remain at last year's rates, although she plans to increase the prices for units that were not.

If you're looking for a place, check out the housing bulletin board in the basement of the EMU. There you will find index cards with advertisements by landlords seeking tenants, as well as students and local residents seeking roommates.

Students have many housing options from which to choose, depending on their finances and personalities. The University area has a variety of quads, apartments and houses in a wide range of prices.


The Rental Information Office provides students with a housing handbook that explains the options in detail. Pick one up at Suite 5, EMU. Happy Hunting!



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