

**Communicating with Your
Landlord and Neighbors****Lesson 10****Sample Letter Requesting a Repair**

January 7, 2014 (today's date)

Jane Smith
Sunrise Apartments
1111 Eastview Blvd.
Somewhere, WI 55555

(This should be the full name and address listed in your rental agreement for the person to whom you are supposed to report the need for repairs.)

Dear Miss Smith:

We first contacted your secretary, Jim Jones, on January 4, 2007 about the lack of hot water in our apartment. We initially noticed the problem that morning when we were showering. Mr. Jones said he would have someone look into it on that day, January 4.

We called again on January 5, and Mr. Jones said that the maintenance person had been busy, but he was sure that he would be there that day.

It is now several days later and we still do not have any hot water. I am not able to clean the apartment effectively without hot water and my kids are complaining about having to take showers with cold water. (Be specific about the repair, when you first noticed the problem, what you have done to fix it, and prior contacts requesting repairs.)

Please call me with a firm date on which you expect to have the repair made. If I do not hear from you by January 12, I will contact the building inspections department. (Do not make threats unless you know that you can legally carry them out and have specific actions in mind. For example, do not threaten to withhold rent unless you have checked with an attorney or an agency that counsels renters.)

Sincerely,

Jill Nelson
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Somewhere, WI 55555
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