Common Abbreviations

- **Bedroom**: BR, bdr, bdrm
- **Air Conditioning**: A/C, air cond
- **Available**: Avl
- **Furnished**: F, furn, furn’d
- **Heat and Hot Water Included**: ht & hw
- **Laundry**: laun, ldy, ldry, Indry
- **Near**: nr
- **Parking**: pk, pkg, prkg
- **Unfurnished**: uf, ufnurn
- **Washer and Dryer**: w/d, wshr/dryr, wash/dry
- **Eat-In Kitchen**: EIK (a kitchen big enough to put a table and chairs)
- **With**: w/
- **Condominium**: condo (An apartment and a condo are the same thing. The difference is ownership. A condo is a privately owned apartment in a building of similar units. An apartment is a unit in a building of similar units, all of which are owned by a single entity.)
- **ASAP**: as soon as possible
- **Ph#**: telephone number

Common Nouns

- **Landlord**: the owner of a house, apartment, or condominium which is rented or leased (also known as a proprietor)
- **Tenant**: a person who occupies land or property rented from a landlord (also known as renter, occupant, leaseholder)
- **Studio Apartment**: (a small, self-contained apartment that combines a living room, bedroom, and kitchenette into a single room.)
- **Single Room**: 1 bed in a room
- **Double Room**: 2 beds in a room (usually in a dormitory)
- **Full Bath**: contains a commode/toilet, sink, and a tub with a shower
- **Hardwood Flooring**: no carpet
- **On Premise Laundry**: there is a laundry facility on the property; pay per use
- **On Site Parking**: parking spaces on the property; usually an additional fee
- **Park In Drive Way**: parking space is directly on the property (usually applies to a house, not a condo/apartment)
- **Parking Fee**: pay for parking space, monthly or annual fee
- **One-Month/First Month Security Deposit**: one month’s rent as deposit, will be returned upon move-out
- **Utilities Included**: rent includes water, gas, heat
- **Plus DEN**: a room with a semi-private space
• **Credit Check**: an analysis of a person’s credit files to represent the creditworthiness of that person
• **No “Party Animals”, No Smoking, No Pets**: common restrictions in leases and rental agreements
• **Small Pets Welcome**: some apartments/condos/houses allow small pets (there are restrictions on the type, size, and weight of the animal) for an additional fee

**Words To Be Cautious Of** *(it is better that you verify for yourself)*

• **Close to All**: can mean any of the following- night life attractions, bus stops, restaurants, markets. However, places that are located in central locations are likely to be noisy and very active
• **New Appliances**: new kitchenware
• **Large Studio**: usually the basement/cellar wherein a living room, bedroom, and kitchenette are combined
• **One Bb Apartment**: one bedroom apartment (more private than a studio)
• **Independent/Separate Entrance**: a private entrance on the side of the property
• **Beautiful/garden style**
• **Nice/quiet neighborhood**
• **Broker fee**: a fee charge by rent agent