



RENTWISE

Certificate Tenant Education Program

See: www.extension.umn.edu/RentWise

The curriculum takes an active-learning approach and stresses tenant responsibility. Participants who complete a minimum of nine hours of education earn a certificate of completion. The *RentWise Workbook/Organizer* helps tenants store rental records and provides how-to information on unit maintenance and creating collaborative relationships with landlords and neighbors.

The University of Minnesota Extension Service provides:

- » Staff development workshops for human service providers, landlords, teachers, and volunteers interested in offering the statewide curriculum.
- » A certificate education program for metro area tenants.

RentWise Objectives:

- » Prepare individuals to conduct successful searches for rental units and build positive rental histories.
- » Encourage residents to care for a dwindling supply of affordable rental units.
- » Reduce or resolve conflict between residents and between tenants and landlords.
- » Increase community awareness and support for quality, affordable rental housing needs and educational programs that support housing services.

RentWise covers:

- » Communication and conflict resolution
- » Money management
- » Finding a place to call home
- » Taking care of your home
- » Moving on

RentWise is for:

- » Low-resource individuals who need rental housing.
- » Renters who need money-management skills to build credit and rental histories needed to qualify for a mortgage.
- » Adolescents starting to live on their own.
- » Individuals in transitional housing.

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Our Products

Order online at <http://shop.extension.umn.edu/>

RentWise – Renter’s Workbook/Organizer (Order # 08099)

Tenant education for successful home rental experiences. The workbook covers positive communication with landlords, money management, locating and maintaining affordable housing, and improving credit and rental histories. Includes organizer for rental record storage. For individuals, landlords, and RentWise curriculum trainers.

RentWise: Guia & organizador para inquilinos (Order # 08310)

Spanish version of the RentWise Workbook/Organizer.

RentWise, the Game (Order # 08401)

A CD game that reinforces communication and conflict resolution concepts presented in the RentWise curriculum. For use by groups or individuals.

Community partners: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, HousingLink, Housing and Redevelopment/Community Development Authorities; human service providers; landlords, school systems, etc.

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