

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes MNSD, FF

## **Introduction**

This hearing was convened in response to the tenant's application seeking recovery of her security deposit and the filing fee paid for this application.

Both parties attended the hearing.

The tenant confirmed that she did not provide her forwarding address in writing to the landlord. The tenant submitted that the address shown on the Application for Dispute Resolution is her former address.

The Act sets out that once a tenant provides their forwarding address in writing to the landlord the landlord has 15 days within which to return the security deposit or make application with the Residential Tenancy Branch seeking to retain the deposit.

As the tenant has not provided her forwarding address to the landlord the landlord is not under obligation to return the deposit or make application to keep the deposit and this application therefore premature.

This application is dismissed with leave to reapply.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: October 20, 2011.	
	Residential Tenancy Branch