

## **BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS**

- Gain confidence in the ability to find and maintain affordable housing.
- Understand the application and screening process used by landlords.
- Learn the responsibilities and rights of tenants and landlords.
- Learn skills to build positive relationships with landlords and neighbors.

- Receive a gift card for attendance at each class.
- Participate in a drawing for a free vacuum cleaner.
- Receive a certificate of completion that can be presented to landlords during the rental application process.



Establishing a positive rental history is much like having a positive credit report.

**Rent Smart guides participants to a path for success.**

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**



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**PRE-REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED**



**Rent Smart Northwest Ohio**

# **RENTSMART**









**Helping to make renting  
a great experience for you.**

**Are you a first time renter?  
Do you have a poor rental history?**

**The RENT SMART program  
focuses on supporting knowledge  
and skills essential for a successful  
renting experience.**

## TOPICS COVERED:

-  How much will renting a home or apartment cost? Can I afford it?
-  Checking out the rental property and the landlord.
-  The application process.
-  Who is responsible for maintenance, repairs and care?
-  Communications.
-  Rental agreements — moving in and moving on.



Landlords want good tenants who pay their rent, take care of a place, and get along with the neighbors

## RENT SMART

*Provides practical information to help people find and keep a place to live.*

**Program Overview:** Rent Smart classes focus on supporting knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience. **All classes are FREE.**

**Rent Smart challenges participants to know and understand their rights and responsibilities as a tenant, as well as know and understand the rights and responsibilities of their landlord.**

**Target Audience:** Rent Smart is designed to help individuals who have little to no rental experience or those who have had difficulty obtaining rental housing.

Participants may be first time renters, homeowners transitioning to renting, individuals with poor rental or credit history, or individuals who have other issues that may cause potential landlords to perceive them as high-risk tenants.

The Rent Smart Curriculum was developed by the University of Wisconsin-Extension in consultation with the Wisconsin Apartment Association, the Wisconsin Trade and Consumer Protection Division, the Tenant Resource Center, the Apartment Association of Southeast Wisconsin, and other housing a tenant support groups.

## 2020 CLASS SCHEDULE

Each month's class consist of 3 sessions. Participants must attend all sessions to receive the Rent Smart certificate.

Registration is required.

All classes are free.

Participants receive a free gift card for attending.

**Call NOCAC at 419-990-5136 ext. 3103 to reserve your seat.**

**March 9th, 10th and 11th**  
**10:00am —12:00pm**  
**The Defiance Dream Center**  
**1935 E. Second St., Suite A Defiance**

**June 8th, 9th and 10th**  
**6:00pm —8:00pm**  
**Northwestern Ohio Community**  
**Action Commission Annex**  
**1935 E. Second St., Suite B Defiance**

**September 14th, 15th and 16th**  
**6:00pm —8:00pm**  
**Northwestern Ohio Community**  
**Action Commission Annex**  
**1935 E. Second St., Suite B Defiance**

**December 7th, 8th and 9th**  
**10:00am —12:00pm**  
**The Defiance Dream Center**  
**1935 E. Second St., Suite A Defiance**