

# Utilities and Services

A tenant should determine with the landlord who is responsible for establishing utility service. Unless the tenant and landlord agree otherwise, the tenant will have to pay for services.

Utilities can affect a credit rating, so tenants should be sure to keep up to date on all payments. A landlord can also evict a tenant for failure to maintain utility service.

## **Unpaid Utilities**

If a tenant is unable to obtain utility services at a dwelling because the prior tenant failed to pay bills, the tenant has several remedies. (90.315)

If the tenant has *not* moved into the dwelling, the tenant may:

- Pay the outstanding amount and deduct it from the rent;
- Enter into an agreement to have the landlord resolve the lack of service,
- Terminate the rental by giving the landlord actual notice of the termination and the reason for the termination.

## **Utilities Contacts:**

EWEB: (541) 484-1125

QWEST: 1-800-244-1111 or (541) 484-8601

AT&T, Internet Services for home: 1-800-967-5363

SANIPAC, garbage, rubbish, & recycling: (541) 736-3600

DMV: department of motor vehicles (541) 396-2325