

# Deciphering Rental Property Ads

Abbreviations commonly found in apartment ads/listings and what they mean!

<b>a/c (or air)</b> - air conditioning	<b>hse</b> - house
<b>appl</b> - appliances (may include a refrigerator, range, stove, dishwasher, microwave and/or garbage disposal)	<b>inc all util</b> - includes all utilities
<b>apt</b> - apartment	<b>kit</b> - kitchen
<b>avail</b> - date when the apartment will be available for rent	<b>kitchenette</b> - very small kitchen with small appliances
<b>ba</b> (or bath) - bathroom	<b>landlord</b> - the person who owns and/or manages the apartment
<b>bdrm (or br)</b> - bedroom	<b>lge</b> - large
<b>bdg</b> - building	<b>lower</b> - lower/first floor apartment
<b>blk</b> - block	<b>lr</b> - living room
<b>brk</b> - brick	<b>m</b> - male
<b>cpt</b> - carpet	<b>mi</b> - mile
<b>cas</b> - central air conditioning	<b>mkt</b> - market
<b>dbl</b> - double (two separate apartments - one on the first floor and one on the second floor)	<b>mod</b> - modern
<b>dep</b> - deposit	<b>nr</b> - near
<b>dr (or din rm)</b> - dining room	<b>ns</b> - non-smoker
<b>duplex (or town house)</b> - one apartment with a first and a second floor (the bedrooms and a bathroom are generally upstairs)	<b>off st prkng/off st prk</b> - off-street parking
<b>d/w</b> - dishwasher	<b>part furn</b> - partially furnished
<b>dwnpymt</b> - down-payment	<b>pkng</b> - parking
<b>dntwn</b> - downtown	<b>plus util</b> - utilities not included in rent price
<b>d-w</b> - driveway	<b>pref</b> - prefer
<b>effcy (or eff)</b> - efficiency (usually a one-room apt. with a very small kitchen)	<b>prof</b> - professional
<b>e,g,c,p</b> - electric, gas, cable, phone	<b>rd</b> - road
<b>elec</b> - electricity	<b>rms</b> - rooms
<b>eves</b> - evenings	<b>sec dep (or secur)</b> - security deposit (money that the tenant pays the landlord to cover any damage the tenant may do to the apartment—it is refunded if there is no damage)
<b>f</b> - female	<b>sep</b> - separate
<b>flrs</b> - floors	<b>sml</b> - small
<b>fpl</b> - fireplace	<b>studio</b> - generally a one-room apartment
<b>fridge</b> - refrigerator	<b>svc</b> - service
<b>full bath</b> - bathroom with a sink, toilet and bathtub/shower or stall shower	<b>sys</b> - system
<b>furn</b> - furnished	<b>twnhse</b> - townhouse
<b>gar</b> - garage	<b>transp</b> - transportation
<b>grad</b> - graduate student	<b>unfurn</b> - unfurnished
<b>half bath</b> - bathroom w/ a sink & toilet only	<b>upper</b> - upper/second floor apartment
<b>hookups</b> - electrical and plumbing facilities for a washer and dryer. (hookup means that the landlord <i>does not</i> supply the washer and dryer)	<b>util</b> - utilities (usually includes gas, electricity and water, may also include cable and telephone)
<b>hw or hrddwd</b> - hardwood floors	<b>w/w</b> - wall-to-wall carpeting (carpeting that covers the entire floor surface)
	<b>w/d</b> - washer and dryer
	<b>WDMSC</b> - walking distance to South Campus
	<b>yd</b> - yard