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| File a Petition to Seal an Eviction |

You have completed the Petition to Seal an Eviction. Below you will find information on next steps and what to expect moving forward.

## Next steps

1. Keep a copy of the petition for yourself.
2. {%p if notice\_required: %}
3. Deliver a copy to {{ showifdef('other\_parties[0]') }}, their attorney, and any other parties.
4. {%p endif %}
5. The court may decide you need a hearing before sealing your eviction. If you have a hearing, the court will send you a notice with the date and time of the hearing.
6. {%p if showifdef(“efile”) %}
7. **Because you e-filed your petition:** regularly check the email address that you e-filed with, {{ my\_username }}. If you get an email from the court, read it. It may tell you to take another step. You can call the court with questions about any emails you get.
8. {%p endif %}

{%p if not showifdef(“efile”) %}

## To file your petition

1. Look over the forms below one more time. Make sure everything is correct.
2. Deliver or mail your petition to {{ trial\_court }}.
3. {%p if defined('trial\_court.address.address') %}
4. The address is:   
   {{ trial\_court.address.on\_one\_line() }}.
5. {%p endif %}

{%p endif %}

## What happens after I file my petition?

The judge may either:

1. Hold a hearing
2. Decide without a hearing, based on your petition

## What can happen at a hearing?

If there is a hearing the court will review your petition and any supporting documentation. They may ask you questions. The court may also ask other parties questions if they are present.

## What happens after the hearing?

After the hearing the court will decide to approve or deny the petition to seal your eviction record.

Once a decision is made, the court will notify you of its decision.

## What happens if there is no hearing?

If the court decides your petition without a hearing, it will notify you of its decision by mail.

## What happens after my record is sealed?

If the court approves your petition, your eviction will no longer be visible on MassCourts.org. If you need to access information in your sealed case you will need to file a Request for Release of Information with the court.