

The Mover's List

- When you rent a home, always make a written tenancy agreement (vuokrasopimus). Tenancy agreement can be made for a fixed period (i.e. määräaikainen sopimus) or for the time being (i.e. toistaiseksi voimassa oleva sopimus). The amount of rent payable and the date on which it should be paid are stated in the tenancy agreement.
- A security bond of 1-3 months is usually required. The bond will be returned to you when you move out (if you have kept the apartment in good condition and there is no rent owing).
- It is highly recommendable to get a private home insurance. For some landlords, this might even be a requirement for renting the apartment. Home insurance (kotivakuutus) is provided by insurance companies. Insurance companies will help you to choose the kind of insurance that best meets your needs. The following insurance companies operate in Kauhava:
 - LähiTapiola, Nikolaintie 10
 - Fennia, Lauttamuksentie 6 A 2
- You can get an electricity supply contract (sähkösopimus) by calling a power company and giving them your name and new address. You can request tenders from different power companies and choose the one that suits you the best. Ask which power companies operate in the area from your landlord.
- The tenancy agreement will state whether water (vesi) is included in the rent or whether it is payable separately each month.
- By Finnish law, every home must have a fire alarm (palohälytín). The resident must make sure, that the alarm works, and batteries are changed approximately once a year. If the fire alarm is out of order, home insurance does not cover a fire.
- Household waste is delivered in closed-up bin bags into containers reserved for them. Recycling and environment are very important in Finland so make sure to get to know the rules on this: <https://www.infofinland.fi/en/living-in-finland/housing/waste-management-and-recycling>
- The storage facilities are reserved for belongings which are not needed daily.
- Cars must be parked in allocated areas only.