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IMPORTANT NOTICE Spring Cleaning - Yard Appearance

Spring has finally arrived and it is time to get your yard cleaned up. Keeping up the appearance of your development is a job that you and the Housing Authority share and we need your cooperation. Maintenance is responsible for the care of the common area grounds and walks used by the community as a whole. However, when it comes to the grounds and walks around your apartment you are solely responsible for those areas.

A recent inspection of your development revealed an excessive amount of toys, bicycles, sports equipment, mowers, furniture, tires and much more scattered about the yards. There is furniture on porches and in yards designed for interior use and not the exterior. Trash and leaves litter the outside of the units.

The City of Cumberland has passed several recent laws which require rental properties to maintain a certain appearance. As a result, we will be forced to maintain cleaner yards than in the past and more diligent with enforcement.

Here are a few guidelines that we will be working from for your use:

1. No more than one bicycle per person residing in the unit.
2. No more than one lawn mower per unit.
3. String trimmers and gas cans are to be stored inside of your storage unit.
4. Flower pots to be limited to TWO (2) per porch or patio.
5. Plants, shrubs, flowers, etc. cannot physically touch the building, fence or block a window.
6. Only furniture designed for outside use is permitted on the outside.
7. Outdoor furniture made of skids or other non-traditional material is not considered furniture and is not permitted.
8. Toys are to be stored in the unit or in the storage receptacles.

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9. Tires, wheels, car parts, etc. is to be stored in storage container or offsite.
10. Any broken toys, swings, bikes, mowers, or etc. must be removed from the exterior of the unit.
11. Air conditioners are to be installed in the window (during the period allowed May 1st – October 1st) or stored inside the unit or storage container, not outside in the lawn. Non operating units to be disposed of off the premises.
12. If you have more items than permitted on your site we suggest you find an offsite storage location to place these items.

As a reminder for the upcoming spring/summer season, it is your responsibility to cut your grass at least once a week to prevent the scraggly appearance that looks as though no one cares. The Housing Authority has established six (6) inches as the maximum height of lawns. If you are unable to mow your own yard, there are individuals within each development which will mow it for you at a minimal cost. Contact them or your Property Manager for more information. Also, your trash must be placed inside of the dumpster or you will be charged a fee by maintenance for the proper disposal of your trash.

All of these items are covered in at least one section within your lease book and therefore are enforceable by Cumberland Housing. **A grace period will be given until May 1st for you to get your yard cleaned up.** After that date, close monitoring and lease violations will begin. With your help, we can clean up and maintain an attractive community for everyone to live in and enjoy.

Your cooperation is appreciated in cleaning up around your home. We really don't enjoy issuing lease violations or pursuing evictions so please help us avoid that! If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Steve Stallings in the Maintenance Department or your Property Manager.

Respectfully Requested,

The Staff of the Property Management
And Maintenance Departments

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