

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING

Now is the perfect time to do some spring cleaning. Spring cleaning can lead to healthier living conditions, better use of space and possibly make you a few dollars.

1. Clean out the closets. Are there old toys, clothes or clutter that isn't being used or is broken? Take an hour or two and have each person in the family go through their things to decide what should be tossed and what is still in good condition but isn't in use. The latter can be sold in a garage sale (not in the development, of course), a consignment shop or donated.
2. Dust. Take the time to vacuum around baseboards, heating vents, drapes, under the sofa cushions, and wipe down window sills and non-upholstered furniture. Also, don't forget to vacuum under those big furniture items too.
3. Don't overlook the bathroom. Bathrooms are subject to a lot of moisture day in and day out which can cause mold growth. This is a good time to make note of any leaking or damaged fixtures that need repair. If you do notice something, be sure to call in a work order so the problem can be corrected.
4. Appliances need a spring cleaning, too. Clean out the refrigerator, check dates on items in bottles and jars to make sure they are still in date. If you can, pull out the refrigerator and check behind to make sure nothing has fallen since the last cleaning. Wipe down the inside and outside of appliances with a soft cloth and a solution of 1/2 cup bleach to 4 cups warm water.
5. Get organized. Take an hour with your family to make sure all things have a place and that everyone in the family knows where those places are. Set up a tray for mail and another for keys. Are there hangers and hooks for coats? Places for backpacks to go after school? Keeping things organized helps everyone keep the house tidy and gives family more time for fun activities

These tips are only a starting point. Have the whole family pitch in with ideas for a clean spring.

SAFETY NOTES:

Learn the location of your smoke detector(s) and how they work. Do not take them down or make them inoperable for any reason. If they are going off, please call the office immediately.

Do not flush "flushable" wipes down the toilet. Even though they state they are "flushable" they are **NOT!** They cause blockages and serious damage which you will be charged for if found.

Call the police department anytime vandalism occurs either to your apartment or Housing Authority property. Also report it to the Housing Authority office.

RUMORS ARE UNRELIABLE: Consult the Housing office when in doubt about any subject pertaining to the developments or your unit.



Neighbors



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Happy Spring!

A few reminders as we head into warmer weather:

- Mowing will begin soon. Make sure toys, clothing, trash, furniture, and other items are not in the yard for the mowers to run over. You are not allowed to trim the Authority's trees, scrubs, or plantings without prior written approval from management. You are also not allowed to mow your own grass or hire anyone to do so.
- If you have flowers, have them walled off so the mowers don't go over them and keep that area maintained.
- Grills can be used in the development but they must be at least 10 feet away from the building. **NO GAS CANS.**
- Children need to play in their own yards.
- With nicer weather, you will be spending more time outside. Please try to be considerate of each other. Noise, traffic, kids, - don't let them disturb the neighbors.

FSS Highlight of the month:

Congratulations Jessica Green for obtaining a job and recently getting a promotion to Assistant Manager. Good Job!



The office will be closed Friday, April 7, 2023 for Good Friday.

HAPPY EASTER!

Stay Safe and Healthy!

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EMERGENCIES INCLUDE:

- ◆ Gas leaks
- ◆ Broken water pipes
- ◆ Exposed electrical wires
- ◆ No heat (if the outside temperature is 45-degrees or lower)
- ◆ Sewer line stoppage (not drain line)- this includes a clogged toilet
- ◆ CO/Smoke detector beeping or chirping

Also fire, flood, or anything that threatens life, safety or property damage.

UPCS for April

Carlinville 47-02 - This includes units on Nicholas (505-507 & 450-472) and all of Anderson

Preventive Maintenance for April

Gillespie 47-17 - Lynn Street

All Nite Lights and Manholes throughout the County

***INSPECTIONS MAY TAKE PLACE ON ANY DAY OF THE MONTH BETWEEN THE HOURS OF**

8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M. - MONDAY-FRIDAY*

SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES WILL NOT BE GIVEN.

Q&A (Quality Assurance) inspections may take place on work orders and inspections anywhere from 3-5 days after the inspection/work order happened.

Residents who have trouble keeping up with rent payments have an opportunity to get ahead with their income tax refunds. If you struggle with paying rent, use the money you get back to pay one or two months of rent. If you continue to pay your rent monthly, you can let that extra money remain on your account as a cushion. Remember, paying late three times in a 12-month period may result in eviction. If you're having trouble getting caught up or setting up a budget, you can contact the office for help. Also, please report changes in income promptly.

This property is smoke free. Prohibited tobacco products are defined as: Items that involve the ignition and burning of tobacco leaves, such as, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, waterpipes (Hookahs), marijuana (weed) including medical marijuana, herbs, and any other lighted smoking equipment. Electronic nicotine delivery systems (such as E-cigarettes) are also prohibited.

- First violation is a written warning
- Second violation is a \$25 fine
- Third violation is a \$50 fine
- Any violation after the third may result in eviction proceedings



CONGRATULATIONS

Carrie Weston

is the winner of the \$50 Walmart gift card for March UPCS inspections!

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Clean the Kitchen in 15 Minutes

A day can be completely eaten up by cleaning a kitchen. After breakfast, lunch and supper, your kitchen can look like a disaster area in need of federal attention. We all know that if we leave our dishes and countertops until the morning, we need an ice pick to scrape off dried-on food. After a long day few of us want to spend an hour scrubbing a room that is just going to need it again in 8 hours. Use this method to keep your kitchen running smoothly without making you feel rundown.

1. Grab your needed supplies together:

*Trash container *Basket for stuff that doesn't belong in kitchen *Dish soap *Other cleaners you normally use *Dishrag or sponge *Scrubber for stuck-on food *Broom, mop or vacuum

2. Run a sink of hot, soapy water.

3. Scrape off all dishes into the trash.

4 Place dishes that need to soak into the water. Try to choose the dishes that are going to give you the most trouble to get clean. Put heavily soiled dishes on the bottom. Large dishes like pans and bowls can be filled with hot soapy water and set on the counter to soak.

5. While the dishes are soaking, go through the kitchen cleaning out trash from your floor, countertops, cup-boards, etc. Don't worry about things that are out of place, or don't belong in the kitchen. Worry only about trash.

6. Move on to gathering the items that do not belong in the kitchen. Put these items into a basket. If you have a helper (willing or unwilling) send them off to put away these items. Do not stop working on the kitchen to take these misplaced items to their homes.

7. Put away all of the items that belong in the kitchen but are not in their proper places. Don't allow yourself to be distracted by rearranging cabinets, drawers, etc. Simply place items that are out back where they belong.

8. Wash dishes. If possible grab a couple of other people and form a wash, dry and put away assembly line. This is a great way to catch up with family members.

9. Wash down countertops, appliances and sink. Rinse out sponges and rags. If needed put them in the dirty clothes. We're not doing heavy duty cleaning here. I literally mean wash down the visible surfaces. Don't open the microwave and scrub it out. We're not cleaning crumbs out of the toaster. Quickly wipe them down.

10. Sweep, mop or vacuum.

11. Take out the trash.

Train your family members to clear and rinse their own plates after each meal. This simple act takes little time for each person, but saves so much time for the dish person later.

Run a sink of hot soapy water before food preparation begins. As mixing bowls, cutting boards, knives, etc. become dirty, quickly wash them out to prevent food from drying and sticking.



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