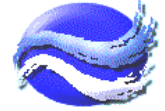




Oshkosh / Winnebago County Housing Authority

Oshkosh & Winnebago County Family Units



Yard Care Requirements

As a resident of the Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority, you are required to follow minimum guidelines for yard care. These requirements are supported throughout your Resident Handbook, and by leasing with our agency you agree to follow these guidelines. The Housing Authority places a high value on maintaining positive relations with our neighbors and community, and expects that your family will fully comply with all of the following requirements:

- Lawn Mowing:** You are responsible for regular mowing of your lawn (Resident Handbook #5). According to city municipal codes, all grass, weeds, and dandelions **taller than 8 inches** must be cut. You are encouraged to leave your grass clippings on the lawn for a healthier lawn.
- Snow Removal:** You are responsible for prompt removal of snow from all paved areas associated with your unit, including sidewalk, patio, and driveway (Resident Handbook #5). According to **Oshkosh Code**, all snow must be removed **by noon on the day following snowfall**, including removal of snow and ice. **Neenah/Menasha code** provides 24 hours from end of snowfall to have all snow and ice removed.
- Trimming Shrubs:** You are responsible for keeping the shrubs on your property trimmed to a height lower than your windows. In addition, shrubbery touching your unit or encroaching onto sidewalks should be trimmed. If you need training on how to trim your shrubbery, please contact your property manager. Trimmed branches should be appropriately discarded and not left in place on the ground. All garbage and weeds must be removed from shrubbery.
- Shrubs and Trees:** You cannot remove any planted trees or shrubbery from your unit. Newly planted trees and all shrubs should not be climbed or played in. If you want to plant a permanent tree or shrub, you need to obtain Housing Authority approval prior to planting.
- Leaves:** You are responsible for removal of leaves and sticks that cover your yard and fill your basement window boxes. Leaf removal should occur as needed in Fall and early Spring to ensure the health and quality appearance of the lawn.
- Clean and Orderly Grounds:** You are responsible for maintaining clean and orderly grounds, including prompt removal of all litter, neat and orderly storage of any seasonal items, and prompt removal of any pet waste. Personal belongings should not be cluttered outside of your unit, and should instead be stored in the garage, shed, basement, or unit closets. At no time whatsoever should sharp, dangerous, or hazardous materials be left outside (Resident Handbook #18).
- Outdoor Furniture Only:** Only furniture specifically designed and sold as outdoor furniture can be kept outside your unit, and only if space permits. **Indoor furniture cannot be kept outside**, including upholstered furniture such as couches and reclining chairs, as well as kitchen tables, indoor wood chairs, mattresses, bookshelves, cabinets, entertainment systems, etc.
- Fencing Not Permitted:** Residents cannot install any type of fencing (except around authorized gardens).
- Gardening:** You may be able to develop a small plot for gardening at your property. Prior to the digging up of any lawn, you need to obtain approval from the Housing Authority.
- Downspouts:** Downspouts move large amounts of water away from the building, helping to prevent mold issues and basement flooding. Downspouts must be properly installed at all times.
- Driving:** Driving or parking on any lawn area is strictly prohibited. Inoperable vehicles cannot be stored at your property per City of Oshkosh Municipal Code (Resident handbook #17).