

## **CANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY ---UNIT STANDARDS**

The following standards are required to maintain decent, safe and sanitary housing, and are a summary of lease and local code requirements and do not preclude other requirements outlined in the Public Housing Dwelling Lease, or by local, state, or federal regulation or code.

### **INSIDE THE HOME-GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- ◆ Walls, ceilings, floors, windows, windowsills, and doors must be regularly washed to be free of dirt, grease, and fingerprints.
- ◆ Residents are not permitted to paint, install wallpaper or borders, or alter walls in any way. Use picture hangers, not nails.
- ◆ Residents are not permitted to create fire hazards by blocking windows or points of egress (doors) with furniture or objects.
- ◆ Stairs and halls must be free of items to avoid tripping hazards and allow access to storage, electrical, and heating apparatus.
- ◆ Resident is required to report to Maintenance immediately if smoke detector(s) do not work
- ◆ Resident is required to report to Maintenance immediately any serious conditions such as no heat, leaks, clogged toilets, and any other safety or health items.

### **THE KITCHEN**

- ◆ Stove and refrigerator must be regularly cleaned to prevent grease and food buildup, which attracts roaches and may cause other safety and health concerns.
- ◆ All boxed foods should be properly stored in storage bins or sealed totes. Never place boxed foods on counters or on top of refrigerator, as this attracts roaches. Never leave open food on counters or in sink. Cover all foods in refrigerator.
- ◆ Cabinets must be regularly washed inside and out to be free of grease, dirt, and spilled food.
- ◆ Exhaust fan should be periodically cleaned so that grease and food does not build up.
- ◆ Sinks must be kept clean and free of grease. Never put food items down your sink.
- ◆ Dirty dishes must be washed immediately after use to avoid infestation.
- ◆ Countertops must be wiped after use and used only for food preparation.
- ◆ Ashtrays should be used for cigarettes — please, never put cigarettes on countertops or sink vanities.
- ◆ Trash must be removed from unit immediately to avoid infestation.

### **THE BATHROOM**

- ◆ Toilet should be scrubbed and regularly sanitized - never put foreign objects in the bowl to prevent clogs.
- ◆ Shower, sink, and tub cleaned and sanitized after each use.
- ◆ Exhaust fan should be regularly cleaned to allow removal of steam

### **OUTSIDE THE HOME**

- ◆ Yard must be free of, trash, debris and any excess items.
- ◆ Trash must be set out in trash containers with lids, and not simply left outside in plastic bags, to prevent infestation.
- ◆ Porches, sidewalks and steps must be swept and free of tripping hazards, and cleared of ice and snow in accordance with City Code.
- ◆ Vehicles must be parked where designated and no abandoned, untagged, or non-working vehicles are permitted on

premises.

- ◆ No washing or repairing vehicles is permitted on property.

### **STORAGE STANDARDS**

Storage of an acceptable and normal quantity of items is limited to closets, pantries, and exterior storage bins (if applicable) to minimize safety hazards associated with fire, tripping, and accessibility, and to minimize infestation from roaches, spiders, flies, etc. It is a lease violation to have excessive quantities of furniture, clothing, refuse and materials (cardboard boxes, paper, etc.) stored inside or outside of the unit. Such conditions attract rodents, roaches and may cause other safety and health conditions.