



Reminders:



Waste Control Dumpsters

The Waste Control Dumpsters will be gone soon. Please make sure to clean up all debris before they are gone.

No Smoking on Property

We know it's colder outside, but please remember, there is no smoking within 25 feet of the property (RCW 70.160.075).

Rent due 5th of every month

Reminder: Rent is due every month by the 5th. If it is not postmarked before the 5th, and is received on, or after the 6th, it will be considered late, and a late fee will be applied.

Yard Maintenance

To avoid any maintenance fee charges to your unit, please keep yards kept up and as tidy as possible. You need to keep the premises of your unit clean, orderly, and in a safe condition. This includes keeping your front and backyards, porches, any storage sheds neat and clean. See below an example of an ideal yard.



KHA WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Holiday Lights & Decorations

Although we encourage celebrating the holiday season, please keep in mind only battery-operated lights are acceptable, and must only be placed in the inside of your windows. There cannot be any extension cord, lights hanging on walls inside unit, and you cannot staple, or cause damage to outside or inside of the unit.

Suction cups are fine. The approved dates for decorations are, December 1, 2017- January 7, 2018. Leaving decorations out after the approved dates can result in exterior inspection failure. Below are pictures of what is acceptable for holiday lights:



Reporting Suspicious Activity

Please report any suspicious activity, near or around the property, you are currently living in.

Document:

- Who was involved
- When the incident occurred
- Where it happened
- Exactly what happened (facts only, no opinions on the situation)

We currently have a form in the office you can fill out, however writing this information on any sheet of paper and mailing it to the office is okay too. Also, if it an emergency, call 911 and report to the police.



KHA Hours & Phone Number

KHA current hours open to the public are:

Monday through Thursday
9 AM- 3 PM (closed for lunch from 12:30 PM- 1 PM)

Hours will vary due to Holiday season
Phone number: 360-423-3490

Participant Request Form

A pink sheet is located in the office near the front desk that you can fill out when requesting the following:

- If you need a copy of paperwork from your file,
- would like to request a phone call from your coordinator,
- would like to request an appointment with your coordinator,
- To leave a message with for your coordinator
- Hearing Outcome: Appealing Housing authority

Once you submit the participant request form, you must wait for the Housing Authority to get in touch with you, either by mail or by phone.



Winter Tips

According to Weather.com, the northwest will have another La Nina winter. This means a colder winter, and could mean a higher electricity bill. Below are some tips from Cowlitz PUD and from Energy.gov:

- Have your thermostat/heating unit set to 68 while you are home and awake, and lower while you are sleeping.
- Make sure you turn off all lights when they are not in use.
- Take advantage of winter sunlight by opening shades, allowing natural light and warmth from the sun to heat the inside.
- Unplug any electronics that are not in use.
- Dress warmer and use heavier blankets.

For more tips, please visit:

<https://www.cowlitzpud.org/energy-saving-tips>

<https://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/top-10-tips-save-energy-and-money-winter>

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Family Self Sufficiency Program

KHA welcomes new FSS coordinator, Limayri, and she is looking for potential clients to join the FSS program.

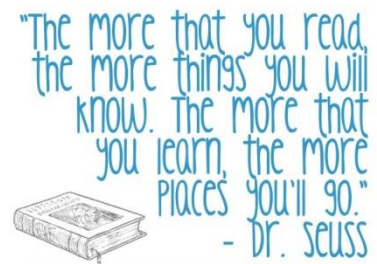
Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) is a program that encourages families that participate in either the Public Housing, or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV/S) programs to take control of dreams for the future and achieve personal and financial goals. When you sign up for FSS, the benefits you can expect are:

- One on One coaching with coordinator
- Referrals to local services in your area
- A Savings account that will grow as your earned income increases
 - Must be free of TANF for 12 consecutive months prior to end of contract
 - Be suitable employed
 - Complete set goals
 - Be in good standing in your program (Public housing or Housing Choice Voucher)

If you are interested in the program, please contact the front desk to speak with someone to see if you qualify for the FSS program.

Book Giveaway Program

We want to invite all families to come and check out our book collection. In the coming months, we will be adding more to the collection, and we encourage those with children to come review our children books. Winter break is coming up, and this would be a perfect time to have the kids' reading and exploring new adventures.



In Case of an Evacuation or Emergency

Wintertime is a good time to start thinking about an evacuation/emergency plan. With the weather declining, and more rain coming in, it's a higher possibility for flooding, high winds, landslides and severe winter storms. Keeping up to date with weather and news is step one in planning for an emergency, however there are some things you can also do to prep your home:

- Prepare for at least 72 hours
 - 3 days of food for each family member (consider nonperishable and canned goods)
 - Water (one gallon per person)
 - Flashlights w/extra batteries
 - Battery powered radio
 - First aid kit
- Keep car filled with gas
- Keep insurance policies and lists of valuable items in safe place
- Know where you are going, and how you will get there



For more tips, go to <http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/index.aspx?NID=709>

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