



Tenant Newsletter Fall/Winter 2018

Smoke-Free Policy – Cannabis Update

Recreational use of cannabis became legal on October 17, 2018 in Canada. We would like to remind everyone that the smoke-free policy includes the smoking of recreational cannabis. The smoke-free policy prohibits everyone from smoking within five (5) metres of any building, windows, doors, gazebos, and air intake units. Units include:

- Inside the unit
- Balconies
- Patios
- Private yards rented with the unit
- Other areas specifically included in the lease

The smoke-free policy does not apply to all tenants.

- Tenants housed before April 1, 2017 will be grandfathered (exempted) for the length of their tenancy in their current apartment, unless they transfer or choose to sign a smoke-free lease agreement.
- All new tenants will sign smoke-free leases.

The County of Dufferin does not guarantee a smoke-free environment. The adoption of a smoke-free policy does not make the County the guarantor of tenant's health or of a smoke-free apartment, building or complex. However, the County will take reasonable steps to enforce the smoke-free terms of its Lease Agreements.

Recycling Reminder

Help keep recyclables out of the landfill by sorting items as per the chart in the garbage rooms.



Did you know?

The Fire Department personnel have access to a list that includes tenants who are on oxygen or who require assistance to evacuate in the event of an emergency. Confirm with your CSW that you are on the list.

Winter Blues

With cold weather and shorter days comes more time indoors. Help fight the winter blues by scheduling visits with friends and family, volunteering, or taking up a hobby. Consider a visit to the library for a book or social program, a visit to the Mel Lloyd or Alder St Rec Centre for a stroll around the walking track, or talk to your neighbours about a games night in your building. If you see someone singled out, invite him or her to join an activity or give a kind word. Kindness is contagious.

Doors and Windows

Your apartment building has secured entry doors, so that only people with keys and those allowed into the building can enter. Please help maintain building security by never propping open doors and only opening doors for your own visitors. While outdoors, please remember to keep back from ground floor windows to help ensure the privacy of the ground floor tenants.



Snow and Parking Lots

The County staff do their best to keep the walkways and parking lots cleared of snow and ice. Please remember that blowing snow can accumulate quickly and ice may be present at any time. All tenants are encouraged to be careful, wear appropriate footwear, and not to carry too much at once. Remember to clear vehicles of all snow, including the roof. While driving, please go slow and check around you for other tenants and visiting children who might be playing in snow banks. Please remind children not to play in parking lots.

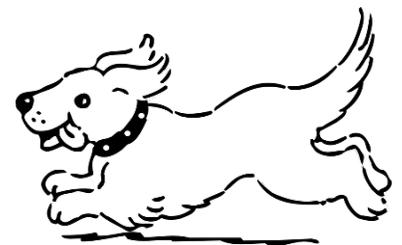
Did you know?

The Vial of Life Program can give EMS important information about you in an emergency. Ask your CSW for one today, and remember to keep it up to date.

Pets

Pets can be wonderful company, a great reason to get exercise and a way for neighbours to connect. Be reminded that:

- Pets are to be removed from walkways and parking areas for their toileting needs, and all pet poop must be picked up and disposed of in the garbage.
- Laundry machines are not to be used for pet items (blankets, toys, etc.).
- Pets must always be kept on leash when outside of their unit.
- Ensure that your contact person for emergency pet care is current and provide your Pet Registration to your CSW. The County of Dufferin will NOT enter your unit to attend to pets nor open a unit for someone else.



Common Rooms

Common rooms must be open to all tenants at all times, and may be used for more than one purpose at a time. If you would like to have friends or family to the common area this holiday season, please remember that other residents must be allowed to use the space during these gatherings. If residents choose to host tenant games like Bingo or cards, all tenants must be welcome to participate.

Balconies

Tenants whose apartments have balconies are reminded of the following:

- No items are to hang over railings or off eaves troughs, including decorations
- Nothing is to be thrown off the balcony, including water from plants, dust from floor mats, food scraps or cigarette butts, which are a fire hazard.
- Indoor furniture must not be left on balconies, and balconies are not to be used as storage space.

After-Hours Maintenance Requests

If an urgent maintenance situation arises when the office is closed, please call the after-hours line: **519-941-8221**. Be sure to give your phone number, name and unit number. Please contact the office if you do not have a magnet with this number.



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