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University Apartment Newsletter

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Garbage Issues

Did you Know?

- Burning candles and incense is prohibited in the university apartments
- No pets are allowed in your apartment unless they are fish
- That you are *required* to smoke outside and not in your apartment
- That there is absolutely no driving allowed on the sidewalks in University Village

Recently in University Village, there has been a problem with trash. It is very important that every resident put their own garbage bags completely into the trash bin.

One issue that arises from improper placement is litter. Garbage that is not completely kept inside the bin can be blown around the area from wind and storms. I am sure that many of you have found food wrappers and various items around the outside of your apartment after a windy day. One way to prevent this is to make sure that your garbage bag is placed fully into the bin.

Another problem in this area is that sometimes residents forget to tie the bag closed tightly. When you forget to do this, the same problem arises: trash goes everywhere. Please make sure that you are tightly securing your garbage into your trash bags.

A third issue with trash is that it is not even being removed from the apartment itself. It is crucial that you continue to take out garbage when your can gets full. Especially during this time of the year, bugs can reproduce in this condition. Flies will be attracted to your garbage and it is not a pretty sight. Also, if food and other garbage is left on the floor or carpet, mold is produced and can completely destroy the floor underneath it. To avoid a damage charge to your apartment, please remember to empty your garbage on a weekly basis, or more, if needed.

If we all work together and keep track of our own garbage, our living environment will be one that is much more enjoyable and healthy. This problem can be taken care of by everyone looking after themselves and their own apartment as well as picking up trash along the way.

Mildew in Your Apartment?

A recurring problem we see each year is the growth of mildew and mold on the walls and ceilings in many of the University Apartments.

We see it most often on the outside of walls of apartments, in bathrooms, and around windows. Here's what to do: Reduce Moisture.

1. Keep the bathroom fan on as much as you can, even with the door open when you are not using the bathroom. This will keep the air moving.
2. Let as much light into your apartment as you can. Only close your drapes and curtains when you really must.

3. Let fresh air into your apartment for short periods of time.
4. Keep your thermostat set between 68 and 72 degrees.
5. Use an electric fan to move air around.
6. Don't put furniture directly against walls or window coverings.
7. The less plants and aquariums you have, the lower the humidity will be.

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How May We Help You?

If you have questions or concerns please contact a complex manager

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Phone: 231.4177
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26 University Village
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Apartment Repairs

Please call Service & Repair at 231.7282. Please be ready with your name, apartment #, telephone # and a description of the problem.

Treat the affected areas:

If you do have a mold and mildew problem, it can be successfully addressed without too much difficulty. Numerous cleaning products are available and labeled specifically for mold and mildew removal at grocery stores, hardware stores and discount stores. Make sure to follow the directions on the label. Also, a solution of one part bleach and four parts water will take care of most problems.

Diluted bleach and the over-the-counter products will actually kill the bacteria causing the mold and mildew. Let them work for a few minutes.

Then wipe them down. You will need to re-wash the affected areas periodically with the bleach solution or cleaning products.

Some extra things to consider are:

1. Only use humidifiers and vaporizers when you absolutely must.
2. Consider a de-humidifier, available at hardware stores or discount stores for \$50-75.
3. When condensation (water) does develop on your walls, windows and window or door frames, wipe it down with a dry towel. Don't let water get to the point of dripping.

New Complex Manager: EMILY OLSON

The new Complex Manager of all Bison Court Apartments is the one and only Emily Olson of White Bear Lake, Minnesota. She is currently a hardworking Pharmacy student at NDSU and has been involved in many organizations on campus. (I'm sure you've seen her around.) She is also in the NDSU commercials on TV!



Some fun things Emily has done in her life are:

Skydiving



Owned a remote-control snake



Walked on Fire



Slack-lining



Now that you know a little more about her, say hello next time you see her!

Upcoming July Program

Come Play Cricket!

Thurs. July 10th @ 7:30 PM

University Village Basketball Court

Please bring your equipment and teach us how to play!

