

HAWC HCV Participants



Hours: Mon – Thurs 7:30 am – 4:00 pm; Fri 7:30 am – 12:00 pm; Closed Saturday and Sunday
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Hi from the Housing Choice Voucher Program! We hope you will find this information helpful. **Please note this newsletter is for voucher holders and is not the same as the newsletter from the Property Management group.**



What is FRAUD?

Section 8 fraud is defined as a single act or several acts that are intended to deceive or mislead in order to acquire housing program funds. Examples include:

- 1) Not reporting income!
- 2) Not reporting change in household
- 3) Income from assets

What can happen if you commit fraud?

- 1) Be required to pay back all overpaid rental assistance

- 2) Be fined up to \$10,000
- 3) Imprisoned for up to 5 years
- 4) Cannot receive any more housing assistance

Staff Changes

Mark Guglielmini is leaving us April 1st. Mark McMunn will be assuming his caseload. BUT... please read below about STREAMLINING...

We are starting STREAMLINING!

What is streamlining you may be asking? If someone is on a fixed income (elderly and disabled) we are not required to do a recertification every year. Instead, we meet with individuals every other year. Starting in April 2019, those individuals with the last name starting with A-L, who have fixed income, will not need to complete an Annual Recertification. You will be receive a letter notifying you if you are being streamlined this year. Note- ALL Annual Inspections WILL continue.

HAWC Office Visitors Policy

You must schedule an appointment to talk to HAWC staff. If you do not have an appointment, you may not be assisted.



Family Self Sufficiency Information Day!

Want to be self-sufficient? Need help getting there? Want to make a whole bunch of money? Are you a go-getter who wants to increase their education, job skills, credit score, and learn how to budget? **Then come to the FSS information day on April 25th at 12:00pm and learn about the FSS program!**

For more information, please contact Patsy Lucido at Ext. 227.

Unauthorized Guests Policy

A reminder – You may not allow unauthorized individuals to reside in your unit OR receive mail at your unit. Reside means someone that spends more than 2 consecutive nights in your unit, more than one time per month or more than 14 total days in one year. If you need to have someone come stay with you, please get permission first. Otherwise, your voucher could be put in jeopardy.



COMMON BEDBUG QUESTIONS

Can bed bugs survive in the washing machine?

If you wash or dry your clothes at the hottest temperature, your risk of catching bed bugs through shared machines is minimal. "Basically what goes into the dryer at high heat for half an hour comes out safe as long as it is not overloaded. Note that some bugs or eggs could survive a cold water wash.

Can bed bugs survive washing and drying?

Drying will kill the bugs but not clean the clothes. If you want to only kill bed bugs and do not need to wash your clothes, simply putting infested items in the dryer for 30 plus minutes on high heat will kill all the bed bugs. Do Bed Bugs drown in the washing machine? Agitating the water, such as in a washing machine, also results in drowning which has the potential to kill the bed bugs. It can therefore be said that the survivability of bedbugs in cold water is inconclusive, but they will definitely die when placed in water at a temperature above 150 degrees Fahrenheit.

What kills bed bugs fast?

Double bag your bedding and wash in hot water and dry for at least 30 minutes (discard the inner bag after putting bedding into the washer, as it could have bed bugs). After vacuuming suspected bed bugs from the bed, take your vacuum cleaner outdoors and remove and discard the bag.

How do I store my cleaned clothing/bedding??

It is important to practice some care when you take your clothes and bedding out of the dryer. The best thing is to get a few new plastic bags and put your items in them. This is especially important if you are using a commercial laundry facility. Seal the bags again. Ensure that you do not put your cleaned clothes on any surface that you have not inspected for bed bug infestation. Take those bags home but only get them out once you have cleared bed bug infestation from your home. It is better to leave your cleaned clothes in the bags and remove clothes as needed. This will help prevent re-infestation of clothes.

As you can see, washing your clothes in a dryer is a simple way of killing bed bugs. You should also bear in mind that you might get bed bugs again if you fail to kill them properly in the first place. This can happen when you do not leave your clothes in the dryer for long enough.

HAWC Will Be Closed:

April 19th – Good Friday
May 27th – Memorial Day
July 4th – Fourth of July

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