

ANDOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY

OUTDOOR PROPERTY POLICY

In an effort to allow the greatest enjoyment and safety to all our tenants, the Andover Housing Authority has adopted the following Outdoor Property Policy regarding Grills, Fire Pits and Chimineas, and Prohibited Personal Property:

Cooking Grills

All grilling by any other means is prohibited. (i.e., charcoal, wood, pig roasts, turkey fryers) for the purposes of cooking food.

All grills will be stored outside, and the authority will have no responsibility whatsoever for damage due to elements, animals, vandalism, theft, or improper use. No grills will be left in porches, under any overhanging portion of a balcony/porch, gazebos, vestibules, common hallways, community rooms, or anywhere within a leased unit. Any grill found stored in an area off limits will be removed and the tenants' right to have a grill will be forfeited for the length of their tenancy.

When utilizing a grill, it shall be used a minimum of ten (10) feet from all structures and under constant adult supervision so that there is no danger of accidental injuries or fire to the other tenants of the building. Grills need to be in the back of the building not in front of the units. The grill shall remain on a level surface and be used only when secure. Grills should be cool to the touch and all remnants of fire extinguished when returned to their storage area. No grill should be stored until cleaned to avoid the accumulation of grease and food, which may attract rodents, other animals, and unsanitary conditions.

Propane tanks should be new and free from defects, leaks, and rust. Additionally, propane tanks must be turned off (valve on top of tank turned all the way off) when grill is not in use. Propane tanks are prohibited from being stored in porches, under any overhanging portion of a balcony/porch, gazebos, vestibules, common hallways, community rooms, or anywhere within a leased unit. Any propane tank found stored in an area off limits and if the grills are not properly stored, it will be removed, and the tenant will be charged a fee and the tenants' right to have a grill will be forfeited for the length of their tenancy.

Fire Pits and Chimineas

In accordance with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)'s recommendation, fire pits and chimineas are banned on all property owned and managed by the Andover Housing Authority. There is extreme risk to life and safety with the unsupervised use of fire pits and chimineas.

Prohibited Personal Property

The following categories of Prohibited Personal Property are not allowed to be used, kept, or stored anywhere on property owned or managed by the Andover Housing Authority:

- Tabletop Fire Bowls
- Patio Heaters (whether propane or another heat source)
- Swimming Pools of any Size (including wading pools and all inflatable pools)
- Child Water Toys (i.e., sprinklers, splash pads, and lawn slides)
- Child Playscapes
- Swing Sets
- Trampolines
- Skateboard Ramps
- Ziplines
- Outdoor Dog Runs
- Items which create consistent or excessive noise (i.e., chimes or clanging flagpole hardware)
- Car Washing/Repair Equipment

No Alterations

No alterations, additions, or attachments, including cameras, lights, decorations, fencing or other items may be permanently attached with screws, anchors, or other devices to any exterior part of the unit or building or installed in an exterior area without prior written approval and subsequent inspection by the AHA prior to their installation. Residents with a disability requesting reasonable accommodation or modification to the AHA's rules, policies, practices, or services should refer to the AHA's Reasonable Accommodation Policy.

Liability

The AHA is not responsible for the loss or theft of any gardens or family-owned items in or outside of their unit, or liability caused by family-owned items. All residents are encouraged to procure and maintain renters' insurance, or other liability insurance.

Violations

The AHA performs regular inspections of all the properties. Any items not allowed by this policy and/or items left outside their designated area will be removed by AHA staff following 24 hours prior notice to the tenant of the violation. The AHA reserves the right to immediately correct any violations, or remove any items, that it deems an immediate threat to the health and safety of its residents, guests, or staff. If the AHA is forced to correct any violations of this policy, the resident shall be charged for the cost of such correction and disposal in accordance with the AHA's Miscellaneous Charge Policy.

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