

ANDOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY

FLOWER/SHRUB/GARDENING/ PLANTING POLICY

Gardening on Andover Housing Authority (AHA) property is for residents who enjoy having flowers and watching them grow. This policy outlines requirements for a safe and clean-living environment for everyone. Beautification of housing authority properties is appreciated. Please contact the office to get permission for any type of flower/shrub plantings. In ground planting of any kind is not allowed without permission of the authority. ALL material costs for tenants' plantings will be the tenant's responsibility.

- Flowers may be planted in containers without permission (limit 2 containers per household). Make sure that those items do not obstruct access to the front door of the unit.
- Flowers may be planted along the front and behind the apartments in a landscape area up to approximately 30-36 inches from the building, depending upon your building and sidewalks placement. Residents who plant flowers must ensure there are no weeds and that they are watered. Once a plant/shrub is planted in the ground it becomes the property of the housing authority.
- NO bricks/rocks/stones in the front of your apartment. Tenants may not plant anything beyond porch steps in front of back of their apartment. If there are plants planted there, maintenance will remove them at a charge will be materials plus labor. The labor rate for one (1) Maintenance person is \$45.00/hour. if more than one (1) maintenance person is required, AHA will charge for each person required to do the work.
- If there is room, tenants may plant small flowers near their unit provided they do not dig up any existing plants.
- Residents are allowed to place no more than one chair on their front porch.
- Porch areas are not for storage. All residents must remove items on the porch that is not outdoor chair and one (1) table. Any additional furniture will be disposed of within a 48-hour notice prior to removal.
- Residents are not allowed to trim or cut back any trees or shrubs on the property. That is the responsibility of the Andover Housing Authority.
- The back porch of all units must remain clear and free from boxes and other items stacked up or stored.
- Keep hoses and tools off the sidewalks, lawn, and in the backyard and front steps of the property. Be sure to store all gardening tools in a proper place. Any items left out will be disposed of during grounds clean-up by the maintenance department.

- Each apartment may have up to two Shepard's hooks in each the front and back of the unit. Shepard's hooks may be used for plants only. The AHA does not permit bird feeders. Seed within the feeders or fallen bird seed can intentionally or unintentionally attract many other types of wildlife, including bears, turkeys, small mammals like squirrels and mice, and predators like foxes, fishers, and coyotes that feed on small mammals. We want to avoid attracting all kind of wildlife on the property.
- In the fall, remove, store, or dispose of all seasonal summer items such as decorations, planters, hooks, water hoses etc.
- Residents are responsible for removing decaying plants and disposing of them. If the AHA has to remove any plants and/or weeds the resident will be charged a \$45 for a clean-up fee.
- Please be considerate of neighbors and don't infringe on "their" space without talking to them.
- All flowers planted by residents are done at your own risk. AHA takes no responsibility for any damage that may occur while mowing, trimming, fertilizing, spraying for weeds, watering, or snow removal.
- Failure to follow this gardening policy could cause AHA to remove the plants, access a fine or be caused to terminate your lease.

Tenant Signature _____ Date: _____
 Address _____