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Quarterly Newsletter



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City of Alameda

Information on how to Recycle your Waste

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that the average person living in the United States generates about 1.5 tons of solid waste every year, 75% of which is recyclable. So, let's all do our part by recycling glass, plastics, aluminum cans, cardboard boxes (big or small), and newspapers. The recycling containers in our housing communities are positioned near the garbage dumpsters. Below are some great tips to reduce your garbage each year:

1. Compost old food waste into a bin instead of placing it in the trash. (Organic food waste is the second largest component found in landfills).
2. Use a reusable grocery bag when shopping (to reduce the use of plastic grocery bags).
3. Make sure your recyclables (glass, aluminum cans, cardboard) are clean, empty and dry.
4. Know your plastics, because not all plastics are recyclables. Plastics are labeled (usually on the bottom) by resin codes 1-7. Generally, the higher the number, the less recyclable it is.
5. For more recycling info and helpful tips visit: www.calrecycle.ca.gov

Join the City of Alameda Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Alameda's CERT program provides Alameda residents with training that increases self-sufficiency in a disaster, giving individuals the ability to assist their family and neighbors during an emergency. To join the CERT team, individuals need to complete a FREE standardized basic training course that is provided by City of Alameda Fire Fighters. At the completion of the course, trainees are eligible for swearing in as a California Disaster Service Worker (DSW). Those who become affiliated with the city as a CERT DSW's are provided with a hard hat and uniform vest. CERT Members are assigned to one of the four CERT Districts in Alameda depending on where they reside or work. They are also encouraged to participate in existing neighborhood or work-related teams. Cert courses are given every year, so to be added to the interest list, please visit www.alamedacert.org or call (510) 337-2129.

Power of Attorney and Executor of an Estate

If a person has a will, the executor of their estate probably knows ahead of time and is expecting to take on the role. If there is no will or estate plan in place, the Probate Court will appoint an executor. A power of attorney, which you may see referenced as a "POA," is a legal document that allows you (as the principal) to appoint another person to act as your agent or attorney-in-fact. This agent has authority to act on your behalf, and to perform tasks related to your financial and personal affairs while you are alive. If you pass while a resident with AHA, the POA is no longer valid, and you need a power of estate (POE) or executor of the will to be in place before your belongings can be accessed by other family members. AHA encourages residents and housing program participants to have a will, POA, POE and an executor of an estate in place, in order to be best prepared for unforeseen events. Please consult with a legal professional if you think these are good options for you. Free legal advice can be obtained by calling 211 or contacting "Legal Assistance for Seniors" at (510) 832-3040 / (800) 222-1753.

Property Manager Contact Information for AHA Residents

Property	Property Manager	Email Address	Phone
Anne B. Diament	Nicole Bobbitt	Nicole.bobbitt@fpimgt.com	(510) 521-3117
China Clipper	Genesis Clark	chinaclipperplaza.cd@fpimgt.com	(510) 995-8651
Eagle Village	Maria Javier	Maria.javier@fpimgt.com	(510) 227-5704
Esperanza	Genesis Clark	esperanzaapts.cd@fpimgt.com	(510) 995-8651
Everett Commons	Kimberly Watkins	everettcommons.cd@fpimgt.com	(510) 217-8683
Independence Plaza	Christina Soto	independenceplaza.cd@fpimgt.com	(510) 865-7288
Littlejohn Commons	Maria Javier	Maria.javier@fpimgt.com	(510) 239-4030
Parrot Gardens	Maria Javier	Maria.javier@fpimgt.com	(510) 995-8341
Parrot Village	Maria Javier	Maria.javier@fpimgt.com	(510) 995-8341
Rosefield Village	Maria Javier	Maria.javier@fpimgt.com	(510) 227-5704
AHA Scattered Sites	Kimberly Watkins	ahascatteredsites.info@fpimgt.com	(510) 217-8683
AAHC Scattered Sites	Kimberly Watkins	aahcscatteredsites.info@fpimgt.com	(510) 217-8683

AHA Housing Programs Staff Contact Information

Annual Recertifications & Interim Adjustments

Tenant last names starting A - HENN	Corliss Glanton	(510) 747-4309	cglanton@alamedahsg.org
Tenant last names starting HENO - OT	Jo Ann Harris	(510) 747-4329	jharris@alamedahsg.org
Tenant last names starting OU - Z	Minh Hoang Pham	(510) 747-4347	mpham@alamedahsg.org

Portability / Eligibility

Tenant last name starting A - M	Dee Dee Adeosun	(510) 747-4319	dadeosun@alamedahsg.org
Tenant last name starting N - Z	Simone Kittles	(510) 747-4301	skittles@alamedahsg.org

Housing Program Dept Supervisors

Housing Programs Supervisor	Komal Goundar	(510) 747- 4367	kgoundar@alamedahsg.org
Assistant Director of Housing Programs	Ronaldo Babiera	(510) 747- 4331	rbabiera@alamedahsg.org

AHA's Ombudsman Program

The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda Ombudsman is a solution-oriented community resource available to all AHA tenants, AHA program participants, AHA landlords, and other community organizations that represent AHA tenants or clients. AHA tenants, AHA program participants, and AHA landlords are encouraged to first call their designated AHA contact person before contacting the Ombudsman Program. Ombudsman Program contact info is (510) 747-4358 / ombudsman@alamedahsg.org.

Important Information for Housing Program Participants

Online Recertification: Rent Café enables AHA participants (or their family members) to complete annual recertifications online via cell phones, tablets, laptops, or desktop computers. Participants can upload proof of income, assets, or other recertification documents directly via Rent Café. AHA staff are currently offering participants in-person and online assistance with completing the recertification process. Assistance can also be provided over the phone and LifeSTEPS staff can also assist with recertifications. Note: Started on January 1, 2024, all adult household members must attend the re-exam meeting in person at our offices at 701 Atlantic Avenue. AHA participants will be sent notice of such a meeting in writing.

Rent Café Website Link: The Rent Café online system can be accessed via this link:
<https://recertification.alamedahsg.org/>.

Rent increase/decrease (interims): Log in to Rent Café and click on “Report A Change” to complete a rental payment adjustment. Documents can be directly uploaded into Rent Café for efficient processing of your interim request.

Informal Hearings: To request an informal hearing, please call (510) 747-4322.

Termination: If you received a lease termination notice or have given your landlord notice, contact your Housing Specialist. If you have received a termination of assistance notice, please follow the directions in the notice.

HQS Inspections: Please note HQS inspections are actively occurring at all AHA properties. Participants in the assistance programs may have annual or triennial inspections, depending on the type of program assistance they receive.

Maintenance/Repairs: Consult your lease for contact info or contact your property manager.

Translation: Translation is available for free in all languages. Call 510-747-4300 for assistance.

Reasonable Accommodations for persons with disability: Send email to ra@alamedahsg.org or call (510) 747-4326.

Notice to Live in Aides: If you are an approved Live In Aide (LIA) in a Housing Choice Voucher household, this is a reminder that you can be removed at any time by the voucher holder and if that happens you must leave the property. If the disabled voucher holder you are assisting passes away, you must also leave the property. **Please note you are not a tenant and have no continued right to reside in the property if the LIA relationship is ended by the voucher holder, or by the Housing Authority.** The voucher holder is responsible for communicating changes regarding the LIA to the Housing Authority. However, if the voucher holder passes away or is absent from the unit for more than 30 days, the LIA must report this to AHA promptly.

Social Services are available: These social services are provided at no cost to voucher holders and AHA tenants plus family members living in their households. Contact the LifeSTEPS team at:

-Angel Reyes (Family and Scattered Sites): (510) 410-0161 / areyes@lifestepsusa.org

-Trevor Jackman (Rosefield Village): (510) 566-3706 / tjackman@lifestepsusa.org

-Raquel Ellis (Seniors) : (510) 306-8033 / rellis@lifestepsusa.org

Get Connected to AHA

AHA encourages all AHA housing program participants and tenants and to stay connected with AHA by either signing up for email newsletters at www.ahagroup.click or following AHA on social media (Facebook or LinkedIn).



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AHA Main Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30am to 3pm

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program

Become the next remarkable success story in the FSS Program by achieving long-term career goals and economic independence. The Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program is for individuals that have a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) or Project-Based Voucher (PBV) with the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda. The FSS Program is designed to assist families and individuals in becoming financially stable by providing individualized case management services plus financial incentives. Participation in the FSS program is voluntary and requires a five-year personal commitment by participants. The FSS program emphasizes employment, career development, education, training, and credit readiness. For more info, call (510) 747-4300 or visit: <https://www.alamedahsg.org/housing-programs/family-self-sufficiency-program/>