



NEWS & NOTES

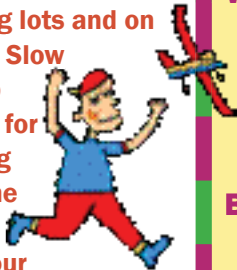
for our residents

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School's Out for Summer!

- ▶ **Be careful when driving through parking lots and on nearby streets. Slow down and keep your eyes open for children playing on or around the property.**
- ▶ **Do not leave your children unattended in the common areas of the building or the property. This increases the chance of them getting hurt or disturbing other residents.**
- ▶ **Remember-Maintenance will not enter your home if there are children under the age of 18 home alone without adult supervision.**



Getting Connected

If you are planning to get cable or phone services, remember that the utility company may need access to the basement or utility room to make the connection or to check ongoing services. CPM requires tenants to provide us with *at least 24 hours* notice in advance of the appointment in order to gain utility access.



Spring Cleaning

Tips & Ideas

Before you start...

- Make a checklist of chores to get organized first.
- Clean as you go! It takes a lot less time to remove new dirt than old.
- Put all your cleaning tools in a basket to avoid unnecessary trips back and forth.
- When you dust, start at the top and work down.
- Don't mix cleaning products. Ammonia and bleach are toxic.
- Allowing cleaners to set for several minutes will ease the cleaning job.

Windows

- Clean windows on an average temperature, preferably overcast day to avoid streaks.
- To clean window sills, pour diluted rubbing alcohol on a cloth and rub the entire surface. Then dust off the sill with a clean cloth.
- Dust blinds by wrapping a cloth around a ruler. Spray cloth with a dusting spray and run the flat end across each blind.

Bathroom

- Wash the mirror, the counters, the sink, the fixtures, and the door.
- Don't forget to clean the shower/tub and the toilet. Sweep and mop the floor last.
- Rubbing alcohol removes the dull haze from mirrors and spots from bathroom fixtures.
- Glass shower doors will sparkle if cleaned with white vinegar.
- Wash dull surfaces with vinegar and water, then polish with a dry cloth.

Kitchen

- Wash down counters, walls, and appliances. Don't forget the stove and microwave!
- Baking soda or club soda will clean and shine stainless steel sinks easily.

In the Refrigerator...

- Throw away outdated food and condiments
- Wash inside and outside of refrigerator with warm water.
- An open box of baking soda will absorb odors for a month or so.
- Use your vacuum on the front of the coils and motor to remove dust and dirt
- Don't forget about the freezer.

Floors

- Sweep then damp mop using a gallon of water and a dash of dishwashing detergent.
- The greatest damage done to floors is from grit. Mats at doors are necessary to collect grit and it's important to keep these clean. Frequent dust mopping in high traffic areas to collect grit is the best prevention. This should be done based on the amount of traffic, which may require dust mopping several times a day in an active household. The brush attachment of a vacuum can be used (no beater bars).
- To removing heel marks, take pencil eraser and rub them off.
- Put a piece of waxed paper under your dust mop. Dirt will stick to the mop and the wax will shine your floors.

Carpets

- Sprinkle a greasy stain with baking soda, cornstarch or talcum powder. Leave on at least 8 hours, then vacuum.
- Leave baking soda on carpeting over night to absorb musty odors. Vacuum in the morning.
- Don't forget to move large furniture to vacuum underneath and behind them.



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As the weather heats up and you open your doors and windows and plan outside activities, please be mindful of your neighbors. Remember:

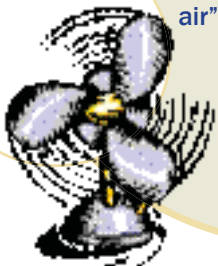
- Noise travels through open windows. Televisions or radios at a high volume can disturb your neighbors.
- If you are outside enjoying the sunshine and fresh air, remember that your neighbors inside should not be disturbed by your outside activity.



Window Fans

When the temperature outside is comfortable (especially at night) use a window fan instead of the air conditioner.

If your air conditioner has an "outside air" control to bring in fresh air, use it without turning on the cooling section. The compressor motor in the unit is the big energy user, not the fan. Be sure to close the "outside air" control when operating the compressor (cooling position) so that the compressor is cooling only room air.



PUC Launches Electric Rate Shopping Website

Did you know...? Utility rate caps are expiring and you may soon see an increase in your electric bill. But depending on where you live, you may be able to save money by switching your electric supplier. For more information about the changing electricity rates, ways to save money on electricity, and which suppliers are available, go to www.papowerswitch.com.

The website includes the PUC's list of competing suppliers and the Office of Consumer Advocate's Shopping Guide pricing information. Additionally, the site offers general consumer education, energy conservation tips to help offset prices, Frequently Asked Questions, a "Tell a Neighbor" sharing feature, and basic PUC contact information. By entering a zip code, one can see all suppliers and offers serving that area.

Reminders about **BED BUGS**

Bed bugs do not discriminate about where they want to live. They can make themselves at home just about anywhere.

PREVENTION ...It is about what you bring into your house...

- **Luggage/Clothing** - When traveling, be sure to inspect mattresses and bed linens in your room. Dark spots are a sign of bed bug infestation.
- **Second Hand Furniture** - Inspect for black or brown bugs that are about the size of an eraser--BEFORE bringing it into your household. They can live anywhere there is a crevasse. Just because they are called bed bugs doesn't mean they will only be found in beds.
- **Mattresses** - Put fabric or vinyl encasement around your mattress to prevent bugs from reaching the area.

IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE BEDBUGS ...Call us immediately!

- Bed bugs will NOT go away on their own.
- Treating the problem early can prevent infestation.
- Call the maintenance number given to you by your property manager or call your property manager directly if you suspect you have bed bugs in your home.

**** Renter's Insurance ****

The Owner/Agent for Landlord of the building where you reside is not insured for your personal property. CPM strongly recommends that you contact an insurance agent to obtain details concerning Apartment Renters' Insurance or Household Goods and Liability Insurance or other similar parties that cover your personal belongings against theft, vandalism, fire, burglary and certain water damage as well as personal liability. CPM's insurance does not cover personal belongings or liability.

