



Mainstream Housing Choice Program

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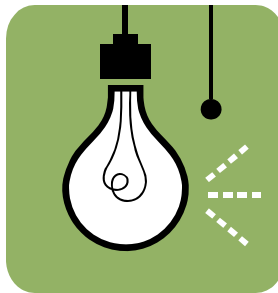
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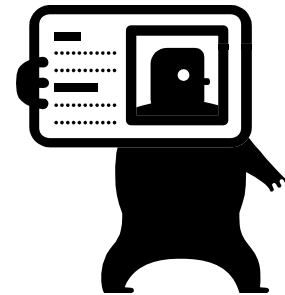
COMMIT TO CONSERVE AND SAVE MONEY!

Conservation efforts start with the individual. The following is a partial list of simple, everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to:

- 1) Turn off the lights when leaving the room
- 2) Use microwave ovens to cook small meals
- 3) Take shorter showers
- 4) Maintain & repair leaking air conditioning & refrigeration systems
- 5) Change the furnace filter every 30 days
- 6) Use the short wash cycle on dishwashers and clothes washers
- 7) Use cold water when washing clothes.



More conservation tips can be found at <http://www.energy.gov/energysavingtips.htm>.



ANNUAL REEXAMINATION INFORMATION

All program participants are responsible for ensuring their continuing eligibility to participate in New Avenues' Mainstream Housing program. To ensure continuing eligibility, program participants need to complete an eligibility reexamination each year. Rick Edwards, New Avenues' Mainstream Housing Coordinator, will contact you to schedule an appointment time for your reexamination. **Please make sure that you bring current IDs for all adults (16 and over).**

ATTENTION Tenants and Landlords:

It is important that the Mainstream Housing Office has a current phone number on file for you. *If your phone number or the phone number of an emergency contact has changed, please notify us as soon as possible.* To report a new phone number, contact Rick Edwards by phone at (216) 481-1909 x331.



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**REMINDER:
SMOKE DETECTORS
MUST BE OPERABLE
AT ALL TIMES**

This is to remind you that your smoke detectors must be in working order at all times. If you remove the batteries because the detector is too close to your kitchen or bathroom, please contact your landlord and see if the detector can be moved to a better location. In addition, please change the batteries in your detector twice a year, at daylight savings time in the spring and fall. While our Mainstream Housing program tests your detectors annually during your HQS inspection, you can periodically test it yourself. If you have questions or concerns about your smoke detector(s), please contact Rick at (216) 481-1909 x331 for guidance.



MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the landlord to maintain the dwelling unit in accordance with Housing Quality Standards (HQS), including performance of maintenance.

Safety issues, such as no heat or hot water, must be corrected by the landlord with 24 hours of notification.

Whenever a problem arises with your unit, it is the responsibility of the tenant to report the problem to the landlord or building manager. If you feel that the landlord or building manager is not being responsive to your request, please contact Rick Edwards, Mainstream Housing Coordinator, at (216) 481-1909 x331.

All safety issues should be brought to Rick Edwards', Mainstream Housing Coordinator, attention immediately.

A NOTE ABOUT BED BUGS

No one wants to have these visitors in their home.

Bed bugs live in any articles of furniture, clothing, or bedding, so they or their eggs may be present in used furniture or clothing. They spread by crawling and may contaminate multiple rooms in a home or even multiple dwellings in apartment buildings.

They may also be present in boxes, suitcases, or other goods that are moved from residence to residence. Bed bugs can live on clothing from infested homes and may be spread by a person unknowingly wearing infested clothing.

Please be cautious when selecting used or discarded items for your home.



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