

Curb Appeal Rules

To help improve the appearance of properties owned and managed by the Housing Authority of Covington, **the following rules must be adhered to by residents of family communities beginning January 1, 2006.** Failure to abide by these rules may result in an eviction per Section 16 of your lease agreement. The Housing Authority will abide by all terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act in enforcing these rules. Please contact your Property Manager with any questions after reading both sides of this document.

1. Only furniture designed for outdoor use and in good condition will be permitted to be stored outside. Unacceptable furniture includes, but is not limited to metal folding chairs, cafeteria-style chairs, wooden chairs, wooden tables, TV trays, coolers, and milk crates. Acceptable outdoor furniture should be stored neatly against the wall in the unit's yard when not in use.
2. Televisions, stereos, and similar electrical appliances are not permitted outside unless they are battery operated. When such an item is permitted outside, it must be operated in a manner that does not disturb neighbors.
3. Grills must be in good working order and clean. Ashes and used charcoal should be placed in a tightly closed plastic garbage bag once they have cooled and then placed in the trash container. Ashes and used charcoal shall not be placed on the ground, in the grass, in the landscape, or any other area. Charcoal, matches, lighting devices, grilling utensils, and lighter fluid must be stored inside the residence when not in use. All grills must be stored in the rear yard with the exception of residents who do not have a rear exit door.
4. Strollers, infant carriers or car seats, wheelchairs, and toys are to be kept inside the residence when not in use. Such items shall not be stored (even temporarily) outside of the residence.
5. Trash containers are to be kept in the rear of the residence, except for 2nd floor walk-up units. Unless *completely* empty, trash containers must be placed at the curb for pick-up every week. Trash containers are to be brought to the curb at the end of each building no earlier than the evening before garbage collection and brought back to the unit no later than the same evening after the garbage is collected. Garbage collection days are as follows:
 - a. City Heights – Wednesday
 - b. Latonia Terrace – Tuesday
6. Only trash containers provided by the Housing Authority may be stored outside. Plastic bags kept outside, hanging on fences, bushes or doorknobs are not permitted. Trash containers provided by the Housing Authority are for dry refuse only. Please drain all containers prior to disposal. All refuse (including diapers) must be placed in a tightly tied plastic bag prior to disposal. Boxes and other bulky items should first be reduced in size before placement in the trash container. Overflowing containers (trash containers so full the lid cannot be shut) are not permitted. Cleanliness of trash containers is the responsibility of the resident who shall keep the container free of odor and spills.
7. Residents shall not dispose of items by throwing them into the woods, over a fence, or in any other area not identified in this document for disposal of refuse.
8. Bulky items, i.e. unwanted furniture, mattresses, exercise equipment, appliances, etc. are not permitted to be stored outside (even temporarily). Such items must be taken directly to the curb only on the night before garbage collection.

9. Tires, car batteries, and other automobile-related parts or items (including gasoline cans) are not permitted to be stored outside. Note: Gasoline cans are not permitted to be stored anywhere on Housing Authority property.
10. Garden hoses, garden tools, and other similar items are permitted to be stored outside provided they are neatly and discreetly stored.
11. Commercial grocery carts are not permitted (even temporarily) on property owned by the Housing Authority.
12. Automobile repairs (other than flat tire changes & jump-starts), maintenance, and improvements are not permitted to be performed on the premises.
13. The yard assigned to the resident is to be kept free of litter, including cigarette butts. Residents are responsible for the removal of all litter in their yard, regardless of who deposited the litter. Yards must be cleaned by the resident on a daily basis no later than 9:00 a.m. Yards cleaned by Housing Authority staff after that time may be charged a fee in accordance with the Maintenance Charge Schedule.
14. Small inflatable wading pools and small hard-shell wading pools are permitted. They must be drained immediately when not in use and stored inside the owner's unit. In no case shall a pool that exceeds 2 feet in depth and 10 feet in diameter be permitted. Pools must be supervised by an adult whenever a pool is present in the yard. Pools may not obstruct walkways and may not be inflated for more than eight (8) consecutive hours. This time limit is necessary to prevent damage to lawns. If grass cutting contractors need the pool removed in order to perform their duties, residents are expected to comply immediately with such a request.
15. Yards that have been identified by the Housing Authority as distressed (bare land, grass not growing, etc.) are not to be used by the resident for any purpose other than storage of their trash container. Areas designated as distressed will be identified with a written notice to the resident. While a yard is considered distressed, the Housing Authority will attempt to restore the yard to an acceptable appearance. The resident will be notified in writing when the distressed designation has been removed.
16. Motorcycles, razor scooters, mopeds, dirt bikes, go-carts, and other similar vehicles are not permitted on the property unless they are street legal and parked at the curb or in the parking lot.
17. Doors, windows, patios, decks, and sidewalks are to be kept clean by the resident.
18. Emergency escapes are for emergency use only and shall not be accessed by residents at any other time. No items are permitted to be stored on or hung from the emergency escapes.
19. Laundry poles are to be used only for drying clothes, rugs, and similar items. Such items should be removed promptly when they have dried.