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**Dennis Housing Authority** 

#### Wildlife:

- Feeding the birds and or other wildlife is prohibited on DHA property, this includes bird feeders/baths, and or hand feeding or throwing food or seed on the ground. (Feeding wildlife attracts rodents and wild animals that carry infectious disease, causes property damage, puts tenant's health & safety and domesticated animals at risk).
- Bird houses are not allowed
- Hummingbird Feeders are allowed under the following guidelines:
  - May not be hung on the building, porches or within 5 feet of building
  - o Must be hung on a garden stake as not to impede the lawnmowers
  - Tenant is responsible for cleaning and maintaining

Mounting or attaching anything to the exterior of the building, railings or decks is strictly prohibited.

# Decks, porches and outdoor areas:

- Chairs and tables in outside areas must be outdoor furniture. NO indoor furniture should be placed outside
- Furniture cannot remain on grassy area when not being used
- Porches and outside area should not be cluttered. Porches are limited to one small table and two chairs
- Floor coverings are not allowed in any outside area
- Grassy area must be kept clear for mowing
- Clothing, footwear, textile items, or gardening tools cannot be hung outside
- Clotheslines are not allowed
- Bicycles and assistive devices (wheelchairs, walkers) cannot be stored outside
- Storage containers cannot be erected
- Patios and walkways cannot be installed
- Decorations cannot be political in nature or offensive to any group of people based on national origin, race, sex, orientation, religion
- Tenant flags/signage cannot be displayed in any common area on the property

# Gardens/ Plants:

- Flower/window boxes cannot be attached to the buildings, railings or porches
- Flower boxes that hang from railings can be used if permanent mounting is not required and cannot obstruct the handrail.
- Flower boxes cannot hang on the exterior side of second floor balconies but can be hung on the inside of the balcony for your enjoyment.
- Plantings, decorations, etc. cannot be in walkways or impede the ability of people to pass by easily or emergency responders to easily move through the area with stretcher
- A new garden area cannot be installed without approval from Dennis Housing Authority.
- Planting areas that are not clearly defined or maintained may be mistaken for weeds and removed

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- Per MA Comprehensive Fire Safety Code 527CMR17, Mulch cannot be within 18 inches around combustible exteriors of buildings such as wood or vinyl
- All items must be properly stored during the winter and not left outside

#### Garden hoses:

- Are the responsibility of tenants
- Cannot be left lying on the ground or cannot cross walkways
- Cannot remain connected to the spigot. Disconnect hose and store appropriately after each use
- Mulhern Drive and Scattered sites, hoses may NOT be mounted to the exterior of the building
- Outside water usage is to be limited to watering outside flowers only
- Outside hoses are <u>not</u> to be used for washing cars, playing in or filling swimming pools as pools are not allowed on DHA property

# Grills (Mulhern and Scattered sites only):

- Grills are not allowed at Center Street Village, Windmill Village or Old Bass River
- Must be a minimum of 10 feet away from the building
- Cannot be used on porches, decks or balconies
- Grills and propane tanks cannot be stored in the building or on porches at any time
- Grills cannot be near dry leaves, brush or vehicles
- Propane tank must always be in the closed position when not in use.
- Propane tanks should be new and free from defects, leaks and rust
- Grills must be cleaned and maintained at all times
- Grease tray must be kept clean at all times as this will attract rodents
- Grills must be clearly marked with owners' name and/or apartment number
- Charcoal grills, smokers and wood or wood pellet burning grills are strictly prohibited
- Grill location will be inspected periodically and if discovered in unsafe area or not being maintained properly, the grill will be removed by maintenance.

Fire pits, chimeneas, fire rings, outdoor heaters, amplified music, trampolines, patio umbrella's, swimming pools and swing sets are prohibited.

Property outside may be taken, broken or vandalized. The DHA does not assume any responsibility for items left outside.

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