

Lowell Housing Authority
Low Income Public Housing Program

Pest Policy

Control of pests and rodents is essential to maintain the safety and sanitation of dwelling units. The Lowell Housing Authority and all public housing residents must exert best efforts to ensure a clean and healthy living environment throughout all LHA public housing developments. These efforts must include effective pest control (of roaches, other insects, mice and other vermin). The following policies and practices are intended to mutually achieve effective pest control throughout LHA public housing developments.

- 1) The LHA will exert best efforts to ensure that the grounds, common areas and community facilities are clean and free of garbage and debris. Areas in and around garbage dumpsters and litter containers in which food is found will be given special attention.
- 2) Residents must exert best efforts to keep individual apartments clean and free of any garbage or debris that would attract or provide a food source for insects or vermin. Residents are also urged to report any knowledge of site conditions which would attract pests or of actual infestation by roaches, other insects, mice or other vermin.
- 3) The LHA will conduct annual and periodic extermination of all apartments, common areas, basements and building exteriors. The extermination will be done by a private contractor who has been licensed by the State to perform the extermination work. Regular extermination schedules will be established by the Property Manager and residents will be notified within 48 hours prior to the extermination of a dwelling unit.
- 4) The LHA may periodically conduct intensive exterminations to better control persistent infestation problems.
- 5) Residents are urged to inform site management staff of particular problem areas of infestation.
- 6) The LHA has included cleanliness and extermination requirements as part of the residential lease provisions in order to ensure a healthy living environment. Violation of extermination requirements will result in a Notice of Lease Violation and if persist, appropriate remedial action in court.

Resident Signature: _____ Date _____

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