

Family Housing Newsletter

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A Few Thoughts About Living In Base Housing

People who live in base housing, for the most part, live here because they want to and because housing in the civilian community is too costly. We have a mixture of one, two, three and four bedroom units, and sometimes we have these combinations in the same building. This means large families are mixed with small families; people who have pets mixed with people who do not; people with children, some with none; and families with four cars and some with one or none. Put this all together and you have the potential for problems.

Please be considerate of your neighbor and keep the noise down in the evening and early morning, keep your pets confined and the area clean, your children supervised, and be considerate of the limited parking areas. Your enjoyment of your stay in housing largely depends on how well you get along with your neighbors. Please practice the **GOLDEN RULE** and be a good neighbor.

Please be aware:

The 52 Area Branch Medical Clinic is now open. If you are interested in changing your Primary Care Manager to this clinic, please call **(800) 242 6788**.

Changes in your life! If you have any changes in your rank, family size, EAS, duty station. Please let us know as soon as possible, it is important that all our records are up to date and accurate.

Please remember if you have guests and they will be with you for more than 72 hours they must be registered with your community housing office.

Energy Conservation

You can't pick up a newspaper or listen to the news without hearing about our energy crisis. Although we at Camp Pendleton have always taken pride in our self-sufficiency, where energy is concerned, we also are dependent on the local supply. We all need to take extra care in our households to turn off unnecessary lights to include your addresser-light; and lower the thermostats at night and when no one is home. We may not always feel that one person or one household will make a difference, but we have over 6,000 homes aboard Camp Pendleton and with everyone conserving, **we can make a difference.**

ENERGY SAVING TIPS OF THE DAY

Wash full loads when you use your washer and dryer, please. You'll save energy, of course, but you'll also save money. If you have a gas water heater, your washer cost between 15 and 25 cents a load, if electric between 30 and 60 cents a load. (Hint, hint.) As for the dryer, if it's gas, the cost is 30 to 55 cents a load if electric, 45 to 90 cents a load. Thus, when the math is done you are paying 45 cents to \$1.50 in energy alone with every load of laundry. Here's the deal: More than 70 percent of the cost of washing a load of laundry is in heating the water. If you have a gas water heater, a load washed in warm and rinsed in cold will cost you between 15 and 25 cents. If you have an electric water heater, the same load will cost roughly 30 to 57 cents. Get the picture here? In any event, to get the most for your money, wash full loads. If your toilet leaks or is constantly running you should have them fixed. A leaking toilet could waste up to 200 gallons per day. A dripping faucet, dripping at the rate of 1 drop per second, can leak up to 36 gallons per day.

Meal costs go up with the price of energy. A gas oven cost 7 cent per hour, electric 17 cents. One gas burner on high is 6 cents per hour, electric 14 cents. Don't preheat your oven unless it is necessary. Every time you open the oven door you loose approx 25 degrees of heat. Boil only until boiling. It can't get any hotter. If you thaw your food first it takes less time to cook.

A 150 watt PC/monitor cost 8 cents per KWh to operate if left on continually. If the machine is turned off at night, or when not in use the savings are between \$6-7 per month and approx \$80.00 per year.

Do you have a complaint?

Please put it in writing. This will enable Housing personnel to maintain proper documentation when attempting to resolve or refer your concerns to the appropriate office. A written complaint provides a history as well as a means to follow-up. Action on one complaint may not always resolve your concerns, so please if the problem persists let us know.

PCS, EAS, RETIREMENT.

Are any of the above in your future? This may help you with your planning. Housing requires a full 30-day notice. Prior to setting up your inspection dates with housing, you will need to have your TMO dates as all inspections are based on those pack and pick up dates. Pay & Go cleaning information is available at your local community housing office.

CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE!!

If you have any changes in your rank, family size, EAS, duty station or phone numbers, please let your community office know as soon as possible. It is very important that all of our records are up to date and accurate.

Pets



Ownership of a pet in Base Housing is a privilege and a large responsibility. Certain areas in Base Housing allow tenants to have pets, the moral and ethical treatment of these animals is of the utmost importance. If a family is not prepared to accept the responsibility of adequately caring for their pet then they should **not** have one.

Dogs, cats, small birds and fish are the only authorized pets. Also, dogs and cats must be registered with "Base Animal Control" within 30 -day's of the animal's arrival on base. **Remember dogs and cats must be under owner's control at all times.** Dogs can only be tethered in the fenced in section of your yard.

Everyday we see neglected animals, running loose, no shelter, tied to a pole or just plain ignored, sometimes for days a time. Families leave base and just let their animals loose. The animal shelter is often overcrowded for this very reason

While on leave or TAD, pets cannot be left in your quarters.
It is not permissible to have a friend or neighbor feeding them in your home in your absence. Don't forget having a dog does not relinquish your yard responsibilities. If you walk your dog, please remember to take your pooper-scooper and plastic bags with you. Other people do not want to clean up after your pet.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

- 1) Do we need to fill anything out when we go on vacation?
Answer: An absence from quarter's form.
- 2) When do I have to fill out a TAD sponsor Agreement?
Answer: Military sponsors, who plan to be away from Camp Pendleton in excess of 72 hours, must have a TAD Sponsor's agreement on file with the community housing office.
- 3) I am in receipt of Unaccompanied PCS orders can my family stay in housing?
Answer: Military sponsor's who are in receipt of Unaccompanied PCS order's wishing to leave their families at Camp Pendleton must submit a request in writing for their family to stay, along with a copy of the Unaccompanied PCS orders and a command endorsement, to your local community housing office at least 30 days prior to your date of detachment.

Safety Corner

Tag gas and water lines so that you can find and turn them off in case of an emergency.

Everyone in your family should know where your main electrical switch is located and how to turn it off.

Know how to light the pilot light on your furnace and water heater.

Label fuse boxes and circuit breakers according to which outlets and fixtures they protect. Know the fuse ratings for your electrical circuit breakers.

Ensure that your washer and dryer are electrically grounded. Dampness near laundry appliances can cause shocks or electrocutions.

Do not store any items in the furnace closet.

POOLS PROHIBITED

The use of swimming pools in Government quarters is prohibited. Small wading pools up to 6 feet wide and 1 foot in depth are permitted. When filled they must be attended to. They will be emptied daily and stored when not in use.

TRAMPOLINES

Please ensure your trampoline is inside a fenced yard, and when in use an adult should supervise at all times. Make certain your trampoline is properly assembled and placed in a level area with at least 10 unobstructed feet on all sides, and at least 20 unobstructed feet above the trampoline bouncing area, as suggested by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Check dryer vents, underneath and in some cases if the dryer is an older model remove panels around motor to check for a build up of lint. Lint is highly flammable.

Never leave appliances (stoves, ovens, dishwashers, washers and dryers) running when no one is home to watch for possible fires or floods.

If your hot waterheater is located in a closet, the closet is not designed to serve as a storage closet. They must receive a proper airflow supply, which becomes dangerously restricted when items are piled around them.

If you store cleaning fluids, drain openers, ammonia, bleach or other hazardous substances in the garage keep them away from the hot water heaters and be sure they are out of a child's reach.

HOUSING SPEED LIMITS

The speed limit in all housing areas is 15 miles per hour. It is our responsibility as adults to ensure the safety of all the neighborhood children.

RENTER'S INSURANCE

Disaster strikes! Fires, Floods. Are you properly covered? You should check with your insurance company for information and cost. If you have Liability only normally it will not cover the cost of replacing household items. The Government will not pay claims if the damage occurred as a result of the negligence of the claimant, family members, guests employee or agent.

Unwanted household furniture.

In recent months there has been a tremendous amount of illegal dumping of unwanted household items all over Camp Pendleton.

We have a system in place for disposal of unwanted furnishings.

Bulk trash is picked up on your regular trash day; you must call at least 24 hours in advance of your pick up day to request the service.

If the trash company fails to pick up your items please contact your community housing office. It is important that we are able to address your complaints to the appropriate organization for correction and pick up.

If you have items that the trash company does not pick up please contact your community housing office for assistance.