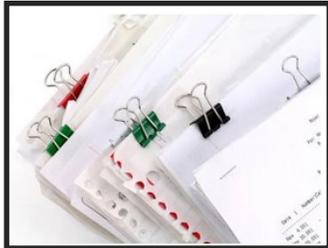




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Preparing for an EASY annual recertification

For our residents who receive a rental assistance subsidy, providing information about your income and assets is required each year.

Proving medical expenses can possibly help to lower your rent amount.

Before your recertification appointment, please take some time to gather the following documents:

- Social Security, SSI, or SSD award letters
- Proof of pensions or any interest income
- Proof of any other regular income received (such as wages, alimony, etc.)

For your assets, please provide the following documents:

- Checking and/or savings account statements (at least one month, preferably three months)
- Information about any trust accounts, stocks/bonds, certificates of deposit (CODs)

When gathering your documentation for your medical expenses, please keep the following in mind:

- Providing copies of medical bills is NOT sufficient. You must submit proof of your payments for medical bills (often reflected on your account summary from your medical provider or receipts).
- Pharmacies can easily provide a print-out showing what you've paid for prescriptions during the year.

When you're prepared for your annual recertification, the process is quick and easy. If you have any questions about what to prepare for your annual recertification, please call the Housing Services office at 607-687-0707.

Important Reminders:

- Please be respectful of quiet hours on the property, from 10:00 PM to 8:00 AM. During these hours, please be mindful of the volume of your television, radio, and/or voices.
- Due to an increase in late night fire alarms due to burning food, we ask that you refrain from cooking after 9:00 PM.



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Welcome Spring! 5 Spring Cleaning Tips for your Home!

Ring in the spring with these cleaning tips for your home.

1. Wash your pillows. Don't spend your nights with dust mites! Wash pillow covers every three weeks. Wash pillows every three months and replace pillows every three years.

2. Ditch the vinyl shower curtain. Vinyl shower curtains exude harmful chemicals in humidity and heat. They also attract mold and mildew, so replace vinyl curtains with nylon ones.

3. Clean closet floor and bookshelf clutter. Vacuum closet floors to clean out the fabric, hair, and skin that settles there. Collect books? Remove them from your shelves and donate the books you don't want. Wipe away the dust on the ones you want to keep. Then, wipe down the bookshelf.

4. Clean your refrigerator. Check expiration dates and toss food older than a few months. Pull out drawers and wash them with hot, soapy water, then wipe everything down. Wipe the exterior and check front grill to make sure it's free of dust and lint.

5. Dust away. To avoid spreading more dust in the air with traditional dusters, try dampening a microfiber cloth. They grab and trap dust, leaving little behind.

To see the full list please visit: <https://journal.firsttuesday.us/farm-10-tips-for-spring-cleaning/42921/>

Presentations:

Basics of Estate Planning: You are never too young or too old to make sure your affairs are in order in case of your death or incapacity. Greg Catarella, Esq. will be presenting on why you should have a Will, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, and Living Will in place before it is too late. This free presentation will be held on Friday, May 12th from 9:30 AM-11:30 AM at the Countryside Community Center (9 Sheldon Guile Blvd., Owego). The program is open to the public, but registration is required. Please call 607-687-4120 to reserve your seat!



Electronic Scooter

Safety Tips

From the US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Residents can do their part to help prevent fires from electronic scooters. You can increase prevention by following these recommended tips:

DO

- ✓ Always be present when charging devices using lithium-ion batteries.
- ✓ Only use the charger that came with your device.
- ✓ Only use an approved replacement battery pack.
- ✓ Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper charging and unplug the device when done.

DON'T

- ✓ Never charge while sleeping.
- ✓ Never use these devices with a battery pack that has been modified/reworked by unqualified personnel or with repurposed or used cells.
- ✓ Never throw lithium batteries into the trash or general recycling. Instead, take them to your local battery recycler or hazardous waste collection center.



After Hours Help Line for Tenants 1-800-233-3605
If you have an emergency, our after hours help line is here to assist you!

You can call the help line if you have concerns such as:

- No heat. •Electrical problem-ex. the elevator doesn't work. •Water problem – ex. a clogged toilet