

Winter 2018 Newsletter

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Meadow Lake Housing Authority FAMILY TENANTS



METERS

Keep items away from meters outside your home to give municipal, SaskPower & SaskEnergy access.

FURNACE & WATER HEATER

DO NOT store anything within 3 feet of your furnace and water heater.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Tenant must take garbage out for regular garbage collection & DO NOT put garbage in recycling bins to avoid fines from the city.

MAINTENANCE

Please call the office at (306) 236-3977 to report all maintenance issues.

- Remember to keep your walk ways and driveways clear from snow.
- Change your furnace filter MONTHLY! Prevent high energy bills and costly repairs.
- Do not tamper with smoke detectors; you may put your safety and the safety of others at risk.

The housing authority requests that all tenants ensure that there is space for airflow between all windows and window coverings. This prevents mold & mildew from forming.

Do not cover vents with curtains, furniture or mattresses, ensure heat flows throughout your entire home.

Do not place tinfoil, cardboard or blankets on windows

Use fans in the kitchen & bathroom, when taking a shower and cooking to help moist air escape.

Regular cleaning reduces damage, limits hazards and contributes to a healthy lifestyle. It discourages mice, insects and other pests from making your unit their home.

Avoid clutter by not storing too many items in your unit.

You are responsible for repair costs when an open window causes plumbing to freeze or water damage to floors or walls.

Keep beds off the floor and away from walls.

Furnace Filter

The Purpose and Benefits of and the Procedure for Changing your Furnace Filter

Changing the furnace filter helps keep your family healthy

A furnace filter keeps the air in your home clean. If a filter doesn't get changed, it becomes filled with dust and germs.

When this happens:

- The air in your home is filled with dust and germs.
- Dust and germs can make you and your family sick.
- If you have allergies or asthma, you should change the furnace filter more often.



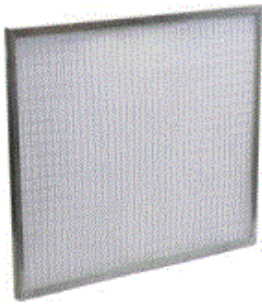
Used -Dusty Furnace Filter

Changing the furnace filter lowers your heating costs

If your furnace filter is clean, your furnace uses less energy to heat your home. If a furnace filter isn't changed, it gets clogged.

When this happens:

- Your furnace has to run longer to heat your home, costing you more money.
- The furnace could stop working.
- **If the furnace filter is clogged and this results in damage to your furnace, you may be charged for repairs.**



What is humidity?

- Humidity refers to the amount of moisture in the air.
- Humidity occurs because of moisture being released into the air from cooking, bathing, showering, and even from house plants.
- When this warm, moist air cannot escape, it comes into contact with a surface that is cold and condenses instead of evaporates. This raises the humidity level in your home, resulting in excess moisture.



Source: harrystearnpainting.wordpress.com

Why is humidity a hazard?

- If your home has high humidity and the moist air cannot get out or fresh air cannot get in, mold can form.
- Since mold can damage your home and even make you sick, it is important that your home does not have too much moisture in the air.