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Cornerstone of Topeka, Inc.



"Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness One Family at a Time."

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Rent is due on the 1st of each month with a grace period until the 6th.

The office will be closed:

- January 17th
- February 21st

If we receive your rent payment no later than 5:00 pm on the 6th of each month, you will automatically be entered to win a \$50 Walmart gift card. Pay on time for the entire year and you are entered to win a \$250 Walmart gift card. Good Luck!



**October – Lori
November – Milza
December – Gloria
Annual - Angela**

RENT PAYMENT REMINDER

Rent is due on the 1st of the month; however, we allow until close of the 6th (5:00 pm) to avoid a late fee. Payments that are mailed with a postmark (not the date on the check or money order) on or before the 6th will not be charged a late fee. Please use the drop box (rear of building) if you are dropping rent off after hours or unable enter the building.

Note: If your check/money order is dated on or before the 6th but, do not turn it in until after the 6th, it is late, and you will receive a late fee.

Ask Jerry: What do I do if the food on my fridge top shelf is freezing?

Raise the temperature setting on your refrigerator's fresh-food section incrementally to eliminate freezing. Your appliance needs up to 24 hours to reach the new temperature setting. To make sure the refrigerator remains at 40 degrees or lower, use an appliance thermometer to verify the interior temperature.

Your refrigeration compartment might get too cold if its air flow is restricted. Do not place items directly in front of the air vents inside the appliance. In some models, you can find a vent in the top left rear corner of the appliance. Check your owner's manual for locations specific to your model.

It is a violation of federal law for a housing provider to refuse to rent or sell a home, to offer unequal terms, quote different prices, or apply different policies on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, or handicap, sex, familial status, or national origin. State law prohibits discrimination on the basis of marital status, ancestry, age, or familial status. Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 bars discrimination in the sale or rental of housing on the basis of a disability or because there are children in the family but, exempts housing for older persons.



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Bed Bug Prevention, Detection and Control

Day-to-Day Prevention

- Bed bugs are excellent hitchhikers, so be extra careful when traveling (see tips below).
- Change and wash bedding regularly.
- Do not bring second-hand furniture into your home unless you have thoroughly inspected and cleaned the items first.
- Reduce clutter.

Travel Tips

- Inspect mattress and headboard with flashlight.
- Keep bags, luggage, and backpacks off the bed. Inspect and then use a luggage rack.
- Never place clothes, or jackets, on bed or couch. Do not store clothes in dresser.
- If you are concerned about exposure, after travel, seal all items in plastic bags until time for washing or treatment.
- Unpack clothes directly into washer/ dryer.
- Inspect luggage closely with flashlight and magnifying glass for bed bugs upon returning home.

Bites and Disease

- Bed bugs are not known to transmit disease. Bites are often painless and occur at night while you are sleeping. Some people suffer allergic reactions and develop painful swelling.



Bed Bug Identification

- Eggs: tiny, white, and glued to surfaces.
- Nymphs are light colored, from 1/16th".
- Adults are rusty red, apple seed sized, 3/8".
- Six legs, oval, flattened from top to bottom.
- Do not jump or fly, but are good runners
- They tend to congregate together
- They can live several months without a blood meal.

Signs of Bed Bugs

- Small, whitish shed skins and rusty spots on bed linens which are droppings and blood stains from crushed bugs.
- Live bed bugs of any size
- Eggs and casings among droppings or in crevices where adults hide.
- An offensive, sweet, musty odor from the bed bugs when infestations are severe.

Where do Bed Bugs Hide?

- Mattresses, box springs, bed frames and headboards (along seams and piping, under handles and labels).
- Under the thin dust cloth on bottom of box spring.
- Seams and fabric folds in curtains and under furniture, including chairs and sofas.
- Under wall-to-wall carpeting and padding.
- Anywhere there are cracks, crevices, or nail holes in walls, and under wood moldings and baseboards.
- Under loose wallpaper and seams, and where ceiling and wall meet.
- In and behind picture frames and mirrors.
- Clothing and clutter stored in closets, under beds and elsewhere.
- Inside switch plates, electrical outlets, clocks, computers, phones, televisions, and smoke detectors.
- On and in recently used luggage, backpacks, and bags.