

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Spring.....

**USEFUL HOUSE CLEANING TIPS:**

1. BE SAFE! Never mix cleaning products, especially bleach and ammonia
2. Always read the instructions on cleaning supplies before you use them
3. Clear cobwebs
4. Dust all the woodwork and trim
5. Clean toilet and tank to be sure they are odor free
6. Dust ceiling fans
7. Wash windows and mirrors
8. Collect and throw out all trash
9. Wash down the refrigerator, inside and outside, including the top, pull it out and mop the floor, vacuum excessive dust off the back.
10. Clean the oven & stovetop
11. Vacuum carpets thoroughly
12. Clean out closets/cabinets and get rid of excess items
13. Dust off heaters, air vents and air conditioners
14. Change furnace air filters
15. Wash all dishes and put them away
16. Hang/fold clothes/laundry and put away
17. Vacuum dead pests and their droppings
18. Dust exhaust fans in kitchen and bathroom
19. Defrost freezer
20. Clean any spilled food out of pantry and cabinets
21. Use baskets, totes and bins to organize smaller items



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# The Section 8 Sound

## Quarterly Newsletter

### April - May - June 2024

**Attention:** If you are having issues with your Landlord reach out to Tina, your Section 8 Coordinator at 402-727-4848 ext. 3, for help in getting a solution.



### Earth Day History

Earth Day seeks to highlight and promote efforts dedicated to the protection of the environment. As we enter the 21st century, we face many environmental crises including global warming, deforestation, endangered wildlife, shortages of potable water, and widespread pollution. These crises negatively affect our planet's resources, and they pose serious risk to our long-term lifestyles and health.

In 1970, a US Senator named Gaylord Nelson was inspired to raise public awareness about environmental problems. He campaigned across the nation with the hopes of gathering public support. He hoped to have environmental protection included in the national political agenda. His efforts were rewarded later in July of 1970 when the United States Environmental Protection Agency was created. With it came the passing of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.



Today, Earth Day is celebrated by billions of people around the world and is observed in over 190 countries. Worldwide, Earth Day celebrations utilize educational programs to inform people of ways that can help protect the environment and its natural resources. *It is observed annually on April 22nd.*



**The Fremont Housing Agency Offices Are Closed:**

- Thursday, April 11
- Monday, May 27
- Wednesday, June 19
- (Office windows are closed)**
- Thursday, April 25
- Thursday, May 23
- Thursday, June 27



**REMINDER!** Any time your income changes you must report it to Tina immediately. *If you get a job, change jobs, get an SSI increase; etc. your income will be affected and your rent could change.* Usually this means an increase in your rent amount. So be mindful of how this will affect your household budgeting.

### Tips On How to Be a Good Neighbor

Getting along well with your neighbors makes your community a happier and safer place to live. The key to being a good neighbor is clear and consistent communication. Introduce yourself to your neighbors and then stay in contact over time.

### Being Respectful and Considerate

Maintain and clean any shared spaces. If you live in a duplex, townhome, or apartment, you might end up sharing responsibility for a hallway, entrance, or yard with your neighbors. Do your part to keep these spaces as nice as possible by removing or carefully storing your personal items, such as bikes; etc. Pick up any trash that you see, too.

Put your trash out at the right time and day. To keep your neighbors happy and your home clean, take out your trash according to the local schedule. Also, use the correct trash containers and follow any restrictions regarding chemicals or oversized items.

Keep your pets quiet and under control. Closely follow all of your local laws regarding pet ownership. Have your animals fully vaccinated, licensed, and on a leash when in your front yard or neighborhood. If you have dogs, try to curb outside barking and noisiness. If they persist in barking, then bring them inside.

### Getting to Know Your Neighbors

Introduce yourself. If you've recently moved in, go over to your neighbors, and say "hello." If you've lived in an area for a while, then take the initiative and reach out to new arrivals yourself.

Do your neighbors a favor when possible. If you see your neighbor struggling with a package, offer to help them. If you are helpful to your neighbors, don't feel ashamed when you need to reach out for assistance as well.

### Communicating Openly with Your Neighbors

Stay calm when talking with your neighbor. If your neighbor comes to you with a concern or problem, it's important to respond calmly and rationally. If you start to get frustrated, take a few deep breaths before answering. You can also ask to postpone the conversation until you have a bit of time to think.

Deal with any problems face to face. If you have any issue that involves your neighbor, it's important to act fast. Go to them directly and tell them what is going on. Ask for their help in finding a solution that will work for both of you. Giving your neighbor a chance to come up with a solution is better than immediately reaching out to local authorities.

Give your neighbors notice before parties. If you plan on having a large group of people come over, it never hurts to give your neighbors a heads up. This lets them determine if they'll need to park elsewhere or move their cars for the night. It also alerts them that some 'new' people will be in the neighborhood.



### School's Out!! Summer Safety Tips

#### Grill Safety

- When using it, keep your grill 25 feet away from buildings, vehicles, etc.
- Return 'cold' grill to garage/storage
- Make sure no flammable items are near the grill
- Never leave hot grill unattended
- Clean your grill regularly
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby

#### Lawnmower Safety

- Pick up toys, rocks & debris from the yard before mowing
- Keep pets and children indoors
- Wear heavy shoes when mowing, not flip flops or sandals
- Don't mow a wet lawn
- Use eye protection
- Keep mower in good working order

#### Driving Safety

- Use caution when driving in inclement weather
- Use turn signals
- Always turn on headlights when driving at night or in rain
- Keep a safe following distance
- Avoid distracted driving & keep your attention on the road

#### Pedestrian Safety

- Walk on the sidewalk & not on the street
- Cross at crosswalks & avoid jaywalking
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Follow traffic laws
- Wear bright or reflective clothing when walking at night
- Make sure young children are with an adult

#### Rentwise Classes

RentWise is a program to help renters obtain and keep rental housing and be successful renters through education.

FHA holds a live class twice a year, and it is announced in the newsletter. But the class is also available online any time. You are able to register and take the training at your own pace at no charge!

A certificate is awarded upon completion of the training.

If you are interested in taking the online course contact Tina 402-727-4848, and she will be happy to give you the information necessary to sign up or answer any questions you may have.

Be sure to take part in this free and informative opportunity. The next class is at Gifford Tower on Tuesday & Wednesday, April 9 & 10. Call Tina if you are interested.



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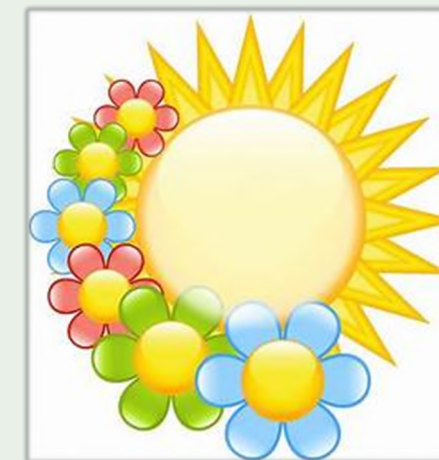
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##### Salvation Army

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#### Fremont Housing Agency's Mission Statement

"The mission of the Fremont Housing Agency is to be a leading, innovative, and affordable housing agency dedicated to assisting low to moderate income families, elderly, and disabled residents who are striving to improve the quality of their lives through independent living or self-sufficiency."

