

NATIVE PEOPLE OF THUNDER BAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



2024 SPRING/SUMMER INFORMATION FOR TENANTS

HELPING TO HOUSE NATIVE FAMILIES SINCE
1973 – 2023, 50 YEARS

Reminder—the Corporation does not allow fire pits on the premises of any of its rental units

SPRING/SUMMER OFFICE CLOSURES:

MARCH 29—Good Friday
APRIL 1—Easter Monday
MAY 20—Victoria Day
JUNE 21—National Indigenous
Peoples Day
JULY 1—Canada Day
AUGUST 5—Civic Holiday

Have you checked your smoke alarms recently?

Now is the time to check the working operation of all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. If any of the alarms/detectors are not working properly, contact the Maintenance Clerk immediately.



SPRING IS SPRINGING ... LAWN CARE SEASON BEGINS

It's that time of year where yards need to be cleaned up and raked to ensure a good and healthy lawn for the season.

When the grass cutting season starts, it's your responsibility as per your lease agreement, to cut all the lawns on a regular basis, approximately every 8-10 days, or as needed.

Make sure to only water your lawns on designated days as needed, and please do not leave water running unless in use. Our office pays for water and you may receive a charge for any usage that's considered excessive.

If you do not cut your grass, you will receive a 3-day warning from Maintenance, or possibly a notice from the City of Thunder Bay Bylaw Enforcement Division. Failure to comply to a deadline given by either organization will result in a contractor being sent to complete this task for you and your account will be charged accordingly; you could even lose your tenancy if Bylaw Enforcement is involved.

TIPS TO PREPARE FOR A SAFE & STRESS-FREE SUMMER:

- Put your garbage out for weekly collection. DO NOT let it pile up, as it will attract mice, rats, skunks, or other vermin. Garbage cans with lids that seal tightly are highly recommended.
- Keep your screens in the windows to keep out birds, wasps, flies, etc.
- Turn off your lights during daylight hours, or when you are not home.
- Change your furnace filter regularly when/if using the summer fan feature, usually every 4-6 weeks.
- If you have pets, make sure to clean up after them often and dispose of their waste properly.
- Keep barbecues far enough away from the house so as to not damage or melt the siding.
- If you have a shed, make sure to keep a lock on it.
- Do not store propane tanks, gas lawn mowers and gas containers in your basement.
- Swimming pools ARE NOT permitted on the Leased Premises. The exception would be children's portable wading pools that are sixty inches (60") in width or less, and twelve inches (12") in depth or less.

NEW WAYS OF PAYING
YOUR RENT ARE COMING
SOON.

STAY TUNED!

Common Household Question – Ants

So, how do you get rid of the ants boldly crawling along your baseboards or building hills in your flower bed? There are several methods that will get rid of any type of ant, or at least discourage them from being where you don't want them to be. Any hardware store or big-box retailer will sell you an ant poison. However, these methods are effective but toxic and can be dangerous to pets and young children, not to mention the environment. Most of us would prefer a method that both controls the ants and is safe to use.



If you see ants, try using a solution of 50-50 vinegar and water, or straight vinegar. White vinegar kills ants and also repels them. If you have an ant problem, try using diluted vinegar to clean hard surfaces, including floors and counter-tops, throughout your home.

Household Remedy Tricks:

- 1. Ground black or red (cayenne) pepper is a natural ant deterrent, as the insects appear to find the smell irritating. Sprinkle small amounts around baseboards, behind appliances, and the entry of your home.
- 2. Peppermint or Tea Tree oil - mix 10 to 20 drops with 2 cups of warm water in a spray bottle. Spray around baseboards, windows, and doors and allow to dry, and reapply as needed. Like most essential oils, keep it out of reach of pets and young children.
- 3. Coffee grounds - brewed coffee grounds have been found to detract ants. Try sprinkling the cooled brewed coffee grounds on disposable surfaces, such as newspaper, and leaving them in areas where ants congregate.
- 4. Lemons - Squeeze out and use lemon juice to detract ants by removing pheromone trails on hard surfaces. You can also use the lemon rinds in your cupboards to mask the scent of food and prevent ants from taking up residence in your kitchen. Just make sure to change the rinds and throw out when they dry up.

GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER... If you are going away on a trip and your home will be vacant for a period of time (*more than a three days*), you must inform our office. Contact either the Maintenance Clerk or the Tenant Relations Worker assigned to your unit.

Do not invite theft or vandalism by leaving your home unattended or unlocked. Ask a close friend or family member to check your unit on a regular basis, pick up your mail and maintain your lawn.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Native People of Thunder Bay Development Corporation is committed to providing safe and affordable housing to low-income Aboriginal families and Seniors living in the city of Thunder Bay.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To promote the economic and social welfare of low-income persons of Aboriginal ancestry.
- To establish, maintain and operate affordable housing for people of low-income as defined by the National Housing Act.
- To inform the public of the continuing need for affordable housing.

SPRING & SUMMER FUN FACTS

In the summer heat, the iron in France's Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower "grow" more than six (6) inches.

July, the hottest summer month in the Northern Hemisphere, is National Ice Cream Month, not surprisingly. Americans eat an average of twenty (20) quarts of ice cream a year. Vanilla is the most popular, with chocolate coming in a distant second.

Spring fever refers to a noticeable increase in energy, vitality, and even restlessness as winter ends. This phenomenon is thought to be influenced by changes in sunlight and temperature, affecting people's mood and behavior.

One of the first holidays in Spring is Easter, where over a whopping ninety (90) million chocolate bunnies are made each year!

24-hour sun! The sun never sets in the Arctic Circle, near the north pole, during summer.

Have you ever been told that if it gets hot enough in the summer, you could fry an egg on a sidewalk? Well, it's true! In 2015, when it hit a scorching 44° Celsius (about 111° Fahrenheit) in Perth, Australia, a man successfully fried some eggs by using the heat that had collected on the sidewalk, according to Delish. Granted, he did use a pan, which is understandable considering that he ended up eating what he'd prepared!



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