

Renter Responsibilities

The Columbus Junction Rental Housing Code requires all rental units to be inspected regularly and approved for occupancy. The code includes responsibilities for both landlords and tenants. Listed below are some general requirements of renters.

Keep Your Home and Yard Clean and Sanitary

1. Keep floors clean.
2. Keep dishes, silverware, countertops and cupboards clean and foods put away to minimize chances of cockroach infestations.
3. Place garbage in bags or garbage cans. Set garbage out promptly, do not let garbage accumulate. This will minimize the chance of pest infestations.
4. Remove recycling regularly, do not let recycling accumulate. This will minimize the chance of pest infestations.
5. Use ventilation to keep moisture from accumulating. This will minimize the chance of mold.
6. Do not remove screens from windows.
7. If your landlord allows you to have pets it is your responsibility to control pet odors and keep your pet from becoming a safety or health hazard.
8. Keep yard clean a free of junk and refuse. Remove all unlicensed and inoperable motor vehicles.

Keep Your Home Safe

1. Keep passageways and exits inside your apartment clear and accessible.
2. Use extension cords safely and minimally.
3. Do not remove batteries from smoke detectors.
4. Use sleeping rooms for sleeping for yourself and guests.
5. Respect occupancy limits set by your landlord.