Housekeeping

How To Maintain the Cleanliness Of Your Home, Including Your Appliances

Benefits of cleaning regularly

- Cleaning regularly reduces damage, limits hazards, and contributes to a healthy life.
- Cleaning also discourages mice, insects, and other pests from making your unit their home.

Dirt, dust, and grime

- Shoes and clothing bring dirt into your unit where it settles on the floor and furniture. Depending on the amount of dirt or dust generated by traffic and weather conditions, sweeping or vacuuming may be necessary daily, semi-weekly, or weekly.
- Dust particles are lifted into the air by traffic and circulated throughout the home by the heating system or open doors and windows. Dust on household objects is a sign that cleaning is needed. Wipe surfaces with a damp cloth.
- Residue from spills or cooking can stick to surfaces like counter-tops, walls, windows, or appliances and can build up over time. Wipe the area with a mixture of hot water and a cleaning solution.

Something to think about…

Keep your home clean so it looks nice and to avoid issues (e.g. bugs, household pests, smell) that may arise if you don't.

Appliances

- Since the fridge and stove are in constant use, they accumulate food particles, spills or drips, and mold.
- When spills, spatter, or drippings occur, clean the area with a damp cloth immediately.
- To reduce buildup, wipe the surface of the stove after each use. Wipe fridge trays/grills, storage bins, and interior surfaces periodically with cleaner.
- When doing laundry, check for and remove loose articles and tissue from clothing before washing and from the base of the agitator.
- Check for and remove lint build-up on the lint screen in the dryer and retrieve loose articles that could wedge between the drum and the fixed interior.
- Periodically clean the surface of the washing machine and dryer.

Other cleaning tips

- Avoid clutter by storing too many items in your unit. Clutter makes cleaning difficult and might attract mice, insects, and other pests.
- Tidy everyday, but assign each room a day to clean it from top to bottom for half an hour so the workload never gets overwhelming.

Contact your local housing authority for more information