Walls

The Importance Of And Tips For Cleaning And Preventing Damage To Walls

Removable adhesive putty

Care of walls

- Walls and ceilings account for the largest surface area inside your home.
- Keeping your walls in good condition makes them easier to clean and helps to avoid bigger repairs.

Preventing damage to walls

- Place furniture away from walls to avoid marking the walls and drawing frost or humidity through exterior walls.
- Use door stops to avoid making holes in the walls with door knobs.
- Use small nails rather than screws to hang pictures.
- Avoid applying wallpaper and borders to walls.
- Use removable adhesive putty ("Sticky Tac") rather than tape to put up posters, drawings, maps, etc.
- Supervise children when they are using crayons, pens, etc. to ensure they don't write on walls.
- Avoid piling or stacking items along exterior walls since it could cause mold and ice to form in winter.
- Report any wall damage to the housing authority in a timely manner to avoid further and more extensive damage. Do not make repairs to the walls in your unit without consulting the housing authority.

Did you know:
Magic Eraser can remove blemishes from crayons, markers, food, and stickers on walls and other surfaces. Test a small area first to ensure walls are not damaged in this process.

Cleaning tips

- Use a soft cloth and warm soapy water to clean walls.
- Avoid using an abrasive cleaner or cloth as this may take the paint off.
- Wash walls from the bottom of the wall to the top so that it is easier to wipe up cleaning solution before it runs and has a chance to cause permanent streaks, which do not wash off.
- It takes 30 days for new paint to fully dry. Avoid washing walls during this period or the paint may come off.

Something to think about…

Keep walls clean and in good repair so your residence looks good and to reduce maintenance and repair costs.

Contact your local housing authority for more information