

February Newsletter

SNOW REMOVAL POLICIES

At the recent Town Halls and Tenant Association meetings, residents voiced concern regarding snow removal. One area of concern for many residents was neighbors pushing snow from their driveways into the street **after** the snow plows have gone through the housing area-*this is not allowed*. Another concern was

residents pushing snow into the streets prior to the plows-*which is allowed, but* leaving the snow mounded as to make passage by cars difficult.

In response to these concerns, Aurora Housing inspectors will increase monitoring for this problem, and issue Grounds Inspection

Notices to residents who push snow into the plowed streets, or leave snow piled deep enough to make vehicle travel difficult.

Remember-If snow plows have been through your neighborhood-even the once for the primary clean-up; do not shovel your snow into the street. Instead shovel the snow onto your yard area.



Pushing snow into the street after the snow plows have come through is not allowed and will result in an inspection report notice.

Be sure to read the enclosed flyer regarding changes to the recycling pick-up schedule to see if your housing area days have changed!

BAH Rate Updates- MAC vs. MyPay

Currently 72% of all Aurora Housing residents are enrolled in the MAC allotment system. For MAC residents, their 'with dependent' rate allotment will automatically be adjusted to the correct rental rate.

The residents who are **not** enrolled in the MAC system, and whose BAH rates have increased for 2008, need to update their allotment using MyPay and ensure Aurora receives the correct rent payment for each month until the

allotment is corrected.

If you have any questions regarding whether your allotment is via the MAC system or the MyPay system, please give Aurora a call at 753-1023.

DANGER.....DANGER....DANGER....

Running/idling your automobile in the garage is very DANGER-OUS even when the garage doors are open. CARBON MONOXIDE could still ENTER your home with the garage door open. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE cars running in your garage. All Aurora housing unit garages are heated and vehicles parked in the garages normally do not need warm up time. If tenants wish to further warm up the vehicle they must back the car out of the garage.



Phase 1 Utilities Allowances Update

The monthly utility allowances are undergoing a big change effective January 1st, 2008. This change will benefit all residents whose utility usage is metered.

Each housing unit's yearly allowance is based on the past 5 years overall utility usage for that housing area, divided by the number of housing units in that housing area, with an additional 10% added.

Previous to 2008, yearly usage was divided by 12 months to provide the monthly allowances. This resulted in many residents having to pay utility costs in the higher usage periods of winter, and getting reimbursements during the lower usage periods of spring/summer. Under the 'new' flexible allowance system, the yearly allowance is figured the same, **but** then is divided into quarterly allowances-*larger in the darker winter months, and lower during the lighter spring/summer*. This should result in very few tenants ever facing having to pay any out of pocket utility costs, as long as they practice basic energy conservation.

1st Quarter-Jan, Feb, & Mar

<u>Area</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Electricity</u>
Chugach		\$34.81
Sunflower		\$31.07
Silver Run	\$171.32	\$33.64
Dallas	\$168.67	\$39.95

2nd Quarter-Apr, May, & June

<u>Area</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Electricity</u>
Chugach		\$29.56
Sunflower		\$26.84
Silver Run	\$91.96	\$26.60
Dallas	\$91.07	\$30.97

3rd Quarter-Jul, Aug, & Sept

<u>Area</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Electricity</u>
Chugach		\$27.91
Sunflower		\$25.73
Silver Run	\$46.98	\$24.95
Dallas	\$47.87	\$28.83

4th Quarter-Oct, Nov, & Dec

<u>Area</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Electricity</u>
Chugach		\$35.87
Sunflower		\$30.34
Silver Run	\$124.58	\$35.19
Dallas	\$123.70	\$40.82

Phase 2 Utility Allowance Update

The Utility Allowance Program for the Phase 2 housing areas (Cherry Hill, New Sunflower, Houston, Dayton, Denver, Fo/Co, GOC, and Moose Crossing, has been delayed until at least January 2009 so that more complete data can be gathered (*usages are based on the past five years of energy usage data*).

Saturday March 1st

The Aurora Housing Office and U-Fix-It will be open from ***1pm-4pm only***. Normal Saturday hours will resume Saturday March 8th.