

PEST CONTROL POLICY

The Fall River Housing Authority recognizes the importance of pest and vermin control in providing a living environment of adequate health and safety for its residents. To achieve this control the authority has adopted a pest control policy that will be implemented by the Director of Management.

PEST CONTROL AND EXTERMINATION

The Fall River Housing Authority will make all efforts to provide a healthy and pest-free environment for its residents. The Authority will determine which, if any, pests infest its properties and will then provide the best possible treatment for the eradication of those pests.

The Authority has determined that the most cost-effective way of delivering the treatments is the use of a licensed private contractor.

The extermination plan will requires that the Contractor visit each site once per week on a schedule determined by the Director of Field Operations or his/her designee. Director of Field Operations or his/her designee shall make sure that this schedule provides adequate treatment to address any existing infestation. Special attention shall be paid to cockroaches and bedbugs. The schedule includes frequency and locations of treatment. Different schedules may be required for each property. Additional treatments may be required at times other than the scheduled visits and the individual Site Managers inform the extermination contractor of the specific additional needs and arrange for proper treatment.

Resident cooperation with the extermination plan is essential. All apartments in a building must be treated for the plan to be effective. Residents will be given information about the extermination program at the time of move-in. All residents will be informed at least one week and again twenty-four hours before treatment. The notification will be in writing and will include instructions that describe how to prepare the unit for treatment. If necessary, the instructions shall be bi-lingual to properly notify the resident population.

Management will work closely with residents that are physically or emotionally unable to comply with the necessary preparation to ensure effective treatment. Failure to prepare or allow access constitutes a health and safety violation for the residents of the development. If able residents do not comply by adequately preparing for extermination, they will be fined for noncompliance. The charge for failure to allow access to exterminators or failure to prepare shall be \$75.00. If noncompliance continues beyond one instance, lease enforcement proceedings will commence and continue until compliance is achieved.