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MEMO: All Residents – Federal and State Subsidized Housing  
From: Pittsfield Housing Authority  
Re: Spring Clean-Up and Community Safety

Date: May 28, 2026

As we move into the spring and summer season, the Pittsfield Housing Authority would like to thank residents for helping to keep our communities clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

We understand that some residents have concerns regarding the recent reminders and policy updates that were distributed concerning grills, propane tanks, lawn areas, and outdoor items. We appreciate the feedback and understand that many residents have enjoyed certain outdoor activities and traditions for years.

Please know these policies were not created to take enjoyment away from residents. They are intended to address important health and safety concerns that affect everyone living in our communities, including families with children, seniors, and residents with disabilities.

As a public housing provider, PHA must follow federal and state housing safety standards, insurance requirements, fire prevention guidance, lease obligations, and property maintenance responsibilities. Many of these policies are designed to help reduce:

- fire hazards,
- pest and rodent activity,
- blocked walkways and emergency access,
- trip-and-fall risks, and
- damage to buildings and common areas.

The restrictions involving grills and propane tanks were implemented out of concern for resident safety and the proximity of apartment buildings and

shared outdoor spaces. Likewise, policies regarding clutter, feeding wildlife, and storing personal belongings in common lawn areas are intended to help maintain safe and sanitary living conditions for all residents.

PHA recognizes that change can sometimes be frustrating, and we appreciate residents who have shared their concerns respectfully. We remain committed to listening, answering questions, and working together to maintain communities that everyone can enjoy safely.

Our goal is not to create hardship, but to promote a safe, clean, and healthy environment for all residents throughout our federal and state subsidized housing communities.

We thank all residents for their cooperation and continued partnership in helping make our neighborhoods pleasant places to live.