



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5122-31-13 Housekeeping and property maintenance.

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- (A) A recovery housing residence is to meet applicable standards of the department of health or certified local health departments regarding the proper cleaning of dishes and utensils, as well as the proper storage, preparation, and serving of food. Where mandated, the residence is to obtain a food service permit.
- (B) A recovery housing residence is to utilize sufficient and appropriate garbage and refuse receptacles. Such receptacles are to be durable and, except for individual room wastebaskets, are to be kept covered with a tight-fitting lid. Trash receptacles are to be located in appropriate places throughout the residence and be emptied as necessary for hygienic purposes.
- (C) A recovery housing residence is to be kept free of offensive or unpleasant odors.
- (D) A recovery housing residence is to provide for the prompt, thorough, and routine cleaning of all areas of the residence, including all bathroom fixtures, kitchen appliances, refrigerators, counters, sinks, tubs, commodes, and floors. Dining areas are to be appropriately cleaned after meals and dishes washed and stored. A residence is to provide all necessary and appropriate household cleaning supplies.
- (E) A recovery housing residence resident is to have access to general use items including, but not limited to, bath soap, toilet paper, sheets, pillowcases, pillows, blankets, and towels. Sufficient supplies of such items are to be stored in an area directly accessible to, and obtainable by, residents. Soap and toilet paper are always to be available in bathrooms. No resident is to be mandated to sleep on soiled sheets.
- (F) A recovery housing residence is to provide at least one set, per resident, of permanent dishes, cups, glasses, and flatware. All such items are to be free of defects that create a hazard to the user.
- (G) Each resident's responsibility for assisting with the cleaning and maintaining an acceptable housekeeping standard for the recovery housing residence is to be specified in the resident agreement between the operator and resident. Regardless of the resident agreement, the operator remains solely responsible for assuring a clean residence.
- (H) A recovery housing residence is to make reasonable efforts to be entirely free of insects and rodents. If the department determines, in its sole discretion, that a residence needs insect or rodent removal or exterminator services, the residence is to provide for such services.
- (I) A recovery housing residence is to maintain room temperatures appropriate for the comfort and health of residents but is not to have the temperature of any room of



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the residence be below sixty-five degrees fahrenheit or above eighty-one degrees fahrenheit.

- (J) Each resident in a bedroom containing separate heating and cooling systems who is capable of controlling them may maintain the temperature of their bedroom at any level they desire except the residence is to take appropriate intervention if a resident's desired temperature level adversely affects or has the potential for adversely affecting the health and safety of the resident or the health, safety, and comfort of any other resident sharing the same bedroom.
- (K) A recovery housing residence is to develop a plan for responding to temperatures outside the range specified in paragraph (I) of this rule. The plan is to include measures to be taken to ensure the health, safety, and comfort of residents.
- (L) A recovery housing residence is to provide for interior and exterior repairs to promote an acceptable appearance of the residence and be free from hazards. The need for re-plastering, painting, repair or replacement of flooring, replacement of furniture, or the repair of sidewalks, steps, windows, porches, ceilings, and roofs is to be assessed by the department during routine inspections and prior to the issuance or renewal of certification. The department may mandate that a residence complete repairs before receiving certification or having certification renewed.
- (M) A recovery housing residence is to provide for the proper maintenance of the exterior of the premises. The premises is to be kept free of trash. Lawns and shrubbery are to be appropriately maintained to promote an acceptable appearance.
- (N) All structures of a recovery housing residence are to be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, as well as a reasonable state of repair.