

**MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EXPERIMENT STATION
HOUSING GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE RULES**

PURPOSE

The purpose of these rules is to ensure well-maintained facilities and grounds are available for those who choose to occupy MAFES Housing.

MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY

The occupant is expected to maintain the property in a presentable condition. This includes grounds (lawn/ shrubbery) and exterior of all buildings that are in use by the Occupant. At the R&E Center/department discretion, some facilities are maintained by the R&E Center /department when it is to the benefit of the R&E Center /department to do so.

MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS RULES

1. Grass – Occupant should mow grass to acceptable standards on a weekly basis (including times that Occupant may be on vacation). At no time should the height of the grass exceed six inches.
2. Parking/Driving - Parking/driving on property should be limited to the designated driveway/garage and parking areas.
3. Garbage – Garbage should be managed per the guidelines applicable to each unit.

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING RULES

1. Prompt reporting of any condition which might cause additional damage to the building such as roof leaks, plumbing leaks, broken windows, or evidence of termites.
2. Prompt requesting of necessary repair to/ or reporting of/ any malfunction of equipment such as heaters/air conditioner, water heater, stove, light switches, window shades, smoke detectors or fire extinguishers.
3. Monthly inspection of fire extinguishers.
4. Monthly inspection and testing of smoke detectors and replacement of detector batteries.
5. Replacement of light bulbs.
6. Cleaning of the premises should be in accordance with Housing Minimum Cleaning Standards.
7. Storage of wood or cardboard in crawl spaces under the building is prohibited.

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ALTERATIONS TO GROUNDS OR BUILDING RULES

1. Construction which requires removal of soil or installation of equipment must be approved by the Associate Director or his designee prior to starting of any work. This includes but is not limited to television antennas, playground equipment, fences, sheds, clotheslines, and gardens.
2. Installation of expanding wall anchors will result in a charge for repairing the wall after vacancy.
3. Alterations to property such as painting must be approved by the Associate Director or his designee.

INSPECTIONS

MAFES shall have the right to enter the premises occupied by the Occupant for any lawful reason, including periodic inspection of the premises, with or without notice to Occupant.

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