

Maintaining Heat in your Unit

Heating homes accounts for over 70% of household energy consumption. Reducing this figure – while keeping homes warm enough can assist in cutting down your energy bills. Below are some tips to keeping heat in your unit during the cooler months:

- Open curtains during the day to let the sunlight in
- Move furniture away from heaters
- Keep windows closed
- Ensure the heat remains on and at an adequate temperature in the unit

Fire Safety Drills

This fall we will be completing fire safety drills in Housing buildings. A fire alarm should always be taken seriously. If you can evacuate the building safely, please do so. If you are unsure of what to do in a fire emergency, please contact a Housing staff member immediately to review your building's fire safety plan. All fire safety plans are posted in buildings.

Clocks Back 1 Hour

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2:00 a.m. At this time, we “fall back” one hour! Don't forget to change your clocks.



New Staff/Roles

Kiara Brunet, Alex Underbakke and **Martina Williamson** have taken on

the new roles of Housing Case Coordinators (Homelessness Response).

They will provide support and coordination via

outreach to individuals

needing or using emergency short term accommodations.

They will provide intensive wrap around housing

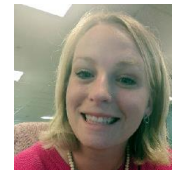
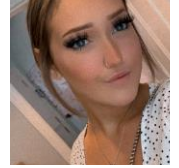
supports to engage,

educate, and assist with

connecting clients to

appropriate services and

housing options.



Kristine Snider will be taking on the role of By-Names Waitlist Coordinator and will support the administration tasks of the Coordinated Access System for Grey County by monitoring and overseeing the data for the Grey Bruce By-Name List and Homeless Individuals and Families Information System.

Caitlin Currie will take on the new role of Homelessness Response Supervisor and is

responsible for coordinating

and developing the Grey-Bruce By Name List,

Homelessness Coordinated Access System and

the coordination of the Homelessness

Response Steering Committee.



Short-Term Shelter Program

NOWHERE TO GO?

If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness, the Short-Term Shelter Program is here to help.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AT ANY TIME, CALL 2-1-1



The Short-Term Shelter Program can offer immediate shelter with supports, help find alternative housing, and work with individuals and families on a plan for stable housing. Learn more at grey.ca/stsp.

Don't Flush

Reminder not to flush unwanted items. Putting anything in your toilet that does not break down quickly can cause plumbing and septic backup issue and result in costly repairs. Examples of things that should not be flushed are: Paper Towels, Cat Litter, any type of wipes, fats including oils and grease, feminine hygiene products. *Take note: Even though your wipes say they are flushable, they are not!

Canada Post Parcel Boxes

We are working with Canada Post to install parcel boxes in some of our buildings that don't have close access to a post office. This will help improve the delivery experience for tenants, as the lockers are accessible.



Halloween Safety

With Halloween festivities approaching, below

are some Halloween safety tips:

- Children should be accompanied by an adult
- Children should wear clothing that can easily be seen at night
- All candy should be inspected by an adult to make sure that no one has tampered with it
- Children should wear masks that do not interfere with vision
- Children should watch for moving vehicles when crossing streets
- Trick or treaters should dress appropriately for the weather
- If you light something (such as a candle or jack-o-lantern), never leave it unattended. We recommend using flameless candles instead!



Reporting Maintenance Issues in a Timely Manner

Maintenance issues can be reported by completing a maintenance request form or sending an email to housingrepairs@grey.ca. If there is an emergency after hours such as a flood, fire, lockout, plumbing or electrical issue, please contact the afterhours line. It is important to report maintenance issues in a timely manner to prevent further damage, ensure safety and avoid unnecessary charges to hydro bills, water, etc.

Home Recycling

It's hard to believe (but it's true!) that up to 60% of the garbage that ends up in the bin can be recycled. A newspaper could be recycled and back in your hands as another newspaper in just 7 days! Here are some interesting facts:



- 1 recycled tin can has enough energy to power a television for 3 hours
- 1 recycled glass bottle has enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes
- 1 recycled plastic bottle has enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 3 hours

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

Grey County: Colour It Your Way