



HAP CHECK NEWS

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45 Years of Serving Long Beach

Can you believe it? The Housing Authority has been serving the families of Long Beach for 45 years. Established in 1969, the Housing Authority has grown to an agency that provides over \$71 million a year in rental assistance to over 6,800 families in Long Beach. And, this was all possible with our partnership with you (over 2,600 owners) in providing rental assistance to the low income, elderly and disabled community of Long Beach so they can live with dignity in decent, safe, and sanitary housing conditions. So, thank you!

Just as a reminder of all the wonderful programs that you help us support, here is a list of the various programs operated by the Housing Authority to serve the citizens of Long Beach:

- Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)- the largest program offered by the Housing Authority
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)- provides rental assistance and case management
- Shelter Plus Care for the chronically homeless and disabled
- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) for homeless veterans
- NED housing for the non elderly disabled
- Family Preservation which aims to strengthen and preserve families whose children are at risk of placement in out-of-home care
- Multi-Service Center housing referrals through the City's Continuum of Care Program

In addition the Housing Authority also administers a project based voucher program designed to assist youth aging out of the foster care system and the Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS), which helps participants to become more economically self-sufficient.

Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program

Does your unit have peeling paint, maybe a loose stair railing, perhaps a broken window? Do you need a little help making repairs that can make your unit a healthier place to live?

If the answer is yes, you may qualify for a Health Department program (funded by HUD) that eliminates lead-based paint hazards and makes minor repairs that promote healthy living for low-income families. Please read the enclosed flyer to see how the program works and what your benefit may be.

For additional information on the Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program or to enroll, please call (562) 570-4488, and leave a message, or send an e-mail to lead-hazard-control@longbeach.gov
What do you have to lose?

Housekeeping Basics

Going forward, if during any type of inspection of a unit, if one of our inspectors notices a tenant having issues with housekeeping and/or hoarding, the tenant will be required or encouraged to attend a training session on housekeeping.

Housing Authority staff will be providing Home Maintenance classes that will cover housekeeping issues. In addition, the Housing Authority has permission from Nan McKay and Associates to show their video, ***Housekeeping Basics***. This video gives affordable cleaning methods and tips, and preventative suggestions to keep family units clean and in good condition--the video presents common sense approach to housekeeping.

The areas of the house covered and topics in the video are:

- Kitchen (food storage, dish washing tips, preventing hard water stains, avoiding mildew)
- Bathroom (using non-abrasive products, preventing hard water deposits, avoiding mildew)
- Bedroom (dusting and vacuuming techniques and tips)
- Living room (toy storage, reducing clutter)
- Indoor cleaning strategies
- Home exterior, outdoor, and lawn maintenance
- Reporting repair problems

The classes are scheduled to be offered twice a month and will last about 90 minutes. After completing the class the tenant will receive a certification confirming completion of the class.

REMINDERS:

Upcoming Holidays in 2014

Please be advised, the Housing Authority Bureau will be closed for the following holidays:

- Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day
- Monday, February 17, in observance of Washington's birthday

Property Owners and Managers!

Was your rental property built before 1978?



Do you rent to low income families with children under six years old, or pregnant women?



Does your property need paint or minor repairs?



The Lead Hazard Control Program May be Able to Help!

The City of Long Beach Lead Hazard Control Program hires contractors to fix the lead-based paint hazards and other health hazards in low-income rental units. To receive help from this program, each unit that receives assistance must have a 1) child under six years old in residence, or 2) a pregnant woman living there, or 3) a child under six who spends a significant amount of time in the unit (six hours per week). Eligibility rules change over time, please call today to see if your property qualifies.

The program is free to tenants, and very low-cost to owners.

Not everyone will be eligible for this program. Contact us today to see if you qualify.



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