

### **Holiday Financial Safety**

The holiday season is upon us and our hearts may begin to feel the joy of the season, get excited to spend time with family and desire to be charitable and giving becomes more tempting. And while we give with good intentions, there are people looking to take advantage of our charity.

#### **Holiday Scams**:

Every year scammers are getting more creative with how they try to get your hard earned money. There are several avenues they attempt: charity scams, debt collection scams, debt settlement and debt relief scams, mail fraud, middleman/mule scams, grandparent/imposter scams and the sale of non-existent goods or services scams.

#### **Charity Scams:**

Charity scams often happen around the holiday's and high profile events such as natural disasters and residential fires. These scams can come from crowd funding, emails, social media or cold calls. You can always verify valid charities before giving by verifying them on www.charitywatch.org.

#### **Warning Signs:**

 Any time anyone claims that they are calling from the government or government agency, a bank or Business claiming they have a "great opportunity".

- Anyone asking you to wire them money or pay up front
- If you get a request to enter your online banking information
- A charity requesting money via a gift card or crypto currency
- Pressuring you to "Act Now" or playing with your emotions.

#### **Tips to Avoid Scams:**

- 1. Never share your account numbers or passwords for your accounts any other reasons.
- 2. Never give out your debit or credit card details via text or email
- 3. Never pay upfront for "taxes" on a prize you "earned" or "won"
- 4. Ask yourself, "is this deal too good to be true?"
- 5. Be aware of "Only for today" offers and compare the deals to other brands/services
- Ask, "why is this person/agency/service trying so hard to give me this great deal.
- 7. Do not click on links or QR codes that you are not expecting
- 8. \*Consider adding your number to the National Do Not Call Registry by calling 1-888-382-1222 or going online to www.donotcall.gov.

\*This service is unavailable during the government shutdown.

#### **Contact Numbers**

**Tenant Services** 360-716-4580

Tulalip Utilities 360-716-4840

Leasing Department 360-716-4129

Housing After Hours Emergency Line: 425-622-4855

#### Emergencies include:

- Leaks, flooding of sinks/toilets
- Electrical/hot water issues
- Appliances break
- Locked out/lost keys
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  - Windows, doors or garages broken and/or do not lock

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### **Maintenance Updates**

We are asking tenants to be aware of their gutters. As the leaves fall and winds after each use this winter and not pick-up, debris can land in the gutters and it can cause water to back up. The weight of water and debris can break or damage the gutters. If you notice that water is spilling over the sides or that there is no drainage coming from the downspouts, please reach out to your tenant services specialist to put in a work order. Tenants are not typically charged for gutter work.

Please do not wait to report issues. Waiting to report creates a delay for acquiring materials, delays other projects and increases damages to units and increases repair costs.

Hose bibs covers are used to protect the outdoor faucets from freezing during cold winter months. These covers are important to help prevent pipes from bursting and minimizing the risk of damages from expanding ice inside the pipes when temperatures drop.

Please remove your hoses after each use this winter and replace the hose bib covers.

Maintenance has been around to replace missing hose bib covers and may remove hoses and replace hose bibs covers as they work.

If tenants are not removing their hoses replacing the hose bib covers then experience a frozen or burst pipe as a result, tenants will be financially reliable for the repairs.

The Battle Creek apartments will be getting a much needed paint job in the near future.

During inspections, a common finding is missing and/or damaged window screens. If a tenant removes a window screen, they are responsible for keeping it intact and available to be seen during inspections. If your screen is missing or damaged, it will be replaced at the tenant's expense. Window screen pricing typically starts at \$100.00 each, but is dependent on the size.

Also with inspections, it will be noted if water heaters are in need of earthquake straps and those will be installed at a later date. This is at no charge to the tenants.

Silver Village is getting a playground! Be on the lookout for groundbreaking details

We recently received a grant for 1 million dollars that will be used to repair the roads and drainage in our Quil 1 neighborhood.

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#### **Tenant Services**

#### **Annual Inspections:**

Inspections are underway from now through December 18th. Notices have gone out and been posted on doors. Housing is using a 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspector so we cannot reschedule inspections.

We encourage tenants to be at the inspections but it is not required.

Tenant Services need to be able to have access to each unit. Pets need to be locked up. Minor children cannot be alone during inspections.

There is an inspection tip sheet included with each notice and can be seen below.

#### Pets:

If you have recently gotten or plan to get a pet, please contact tenant services to fill out a pet addendum, pay the \$200 pet deposit, submit the vaccinations records and provide a photo of your new furry family member.

#### Yard Tags:

Reminder, if you get a yard tag, hazardous conditions must be corrected within 24 hours. All other issues identified must be corrected within 72 hours, unless otherwise approved in writing by TTHD.

#### **Waiting List Update:**

These are the current waiting list numbers for each of our programs. The numbers are broken down by bedroom size and the waitlist for each bedroom size. Additionally it has been broken down to the type of applicants on the waiting list. Tribal Member preference is priority in all programs but each program can have additional priority points based on policy.

#### **Rental Deposits: 12**

• Tulalip Tribal Members: 10

• Other Native: 2

#### **Emergency Housing: 13**

• Tulalip Tribal Members: 9

Other Native: 4

#### Low Rent/Disabled: 310

• 2 bedroom: 217

Tulalip Tribal Members: 194

• Other Native: 18

No preference: 5

• 3 bedroom: 54

Tulalip Tribal Member: 41

o Other Native: 10

No Preference: 3

• 4 bedroom: 24

Tulalip Tribal Members: 19

• Other Native: 2

No Preference: 3

• 5 bedroom: 15

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#### Inspection Tip Sheet

Your annual Inspection is scheduled soon. Your unit must pass the inspection to continue to qualify for housing assistance. Following are some tips for your consideration. Please review this list and ensure that your unit is ready for inspection at the scheduled time.

#### Access to Your Home

- The inspection must be completed on the day that it is scheduled This is a federal requirement!
- Make sure to allow access to your home on the scheduled inspection date
- If you are not going to be home for the inspection, be sure to arrange for another adult to be present or contact the Tulalip Tribes Housing Department office to reschedule the inspection.
- The inspector must be able to access <u>ALL</u> rooms and areas of your home, so do not lock doors or otherwise obstruct or restrict access to any areas of your home.
- Pets must be secured at the time of the inspection so as not to endanger the inspector.

#### Maintenance Items

- If you know of maintenance or repairs that need to be completed in your home, take care of these items prior to the inspection.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are installed and operating properly. Remember to replace batteries regularly.
- Make sure your windows are accessible.
- All windows must open if they are designed to open.

#### Cleanliness and Organization

- Make sure that furniture and personal items in your home are arranged in a way that
  provides a clear path or walkway throughout the unit, especially to exits, and does not
  present a fire hazard.
- Make sure that your kitchen appliances are clean and operating as intended.
- Make sure that your kitchen countertops and stove/range are wiped down and free of any
  grease or food build-up.
- Make sure your bathroom sinks, toilets, and bathtubs/showers are clean and sanitary.
- Make sure all trash is placed in proper receptacles.

#### Pest Control / Infestation

 If you have a problem with pest control, please resolve the problem promptly with the appropriate pest control treatments.

If your home does not pass the inspection on the first try, a re-inspection will be necessary. Re-inspections require additional time from you and from us. Your help to ensure your unit can pass the Annual Inspection on the first visit is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the Inspection process, please feel free to contact our office during normal business hours. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Tulalip Housing Wellness invites you to attend a workshop. Please **sign-up** with our Wellness Activities Coordinator Floralynn (Flo) Boon by calling 425-716-4452, texting 425-923-4432, or emailing: fboon@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

# WELLNESS

**WORKSHOPS** 

2025

11/18

ACCESSING CREDIT ROOM 264

**1PM - 3PM** 

11/20

BUDGETING ROOM 264

**1PM - 3PM** 

11/25

TUE

**KEEP IT CLEAN- SANITATION &** 

ORGANIZING ROOM 264

1PM - 3PM

12/2

BUDGETING ROOM 264

**1PM - 3PM** 

12/4

UNDERSTANDING CREDIT

ROOM 264

1PM - 3PM

**12/9** 

**BUDGETING**ROOM 264

1PM - 3PM