



NPTHA's Quarterly Newsletter

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Potential Hazards, Helpful Tips, & How to Clean/Remove MOLD

INFORMATION on MOLD to help people better understand the possible hazards associated with indoor mold growth, helpful tips and how to clean and remove MOLD.

POSSIBLE HAZARDS

People with asthma and allergies are more susceptible to mold as well as the elderly, pregnant women, and the immune compromised (diabetes, HIV infection, liver disease, or those undergoing chemotherapy). Mold can cause allergic reactions similar to those caused by plant pollen (nasal stuffiness, eye irritation, sore throat, coughing, tightness in the chest, or wheezing). Mold-related health problems depend on the amount of exposure, length of exposure, and susceptibility of the individual exposed. Symptoms usually disappear soon after the exposure ends without causing long-term effects.

HELPFUL TIPS

- If you notice plumbing leaks, excess moisture, mold growth that reappears despite regular cleaning; immediate action is required.
- Malfunction with your heating, ventilation, air conditioning system, or laundry system; immediate action is required.
- Use exhaust fans regularly in the kitchen, bathroom and laundry room. Allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has been vented. If there are no fans, open windows and doors.
- Clean and dust your apartment on a regular basis.
- Periodically clean and dry the walls and floors around the sink, bathtub, shower, toilets, windows, and patio doors using a common household disinfecting cleaner.

- Ensure the clothes dryer is vented to the outside and clean the lint screen after every use.
- Do not overfill closets or storage areas.
- Keep your bed, dresser, and other objects pulled a few inches away from walls to allow moisture to escape.
- Do not block or close off heating and ventilation ducts in unused areas. Mold will attach to cold surfaces.
- Thoroughly dry any spills or pet urine on carpeting. You have 24-48 hours to dry something before mold will start growing.
- Keep doors and windows closed during rainy weather.

CLEAN/REMOVE MOLD

Occupants can be exposed to high levels of mold particles during the cleaning process. Cleaning stirs the air causing mold spores to become airborne. When cleaning, wear eye protection, a respirator or mask, rubber gloves and clothing that can be laundered or discarded after use. Be sure the area is well ventilated when using cleaning solutions.

After the moisture source has been identified and corrected, you must clean and dry the area within 24 to 48 hours. For surfaces such as cement floors, windows and counter tops, use a non-ammonia soap/detergent and hot water or a commercial cleaner. Scrub all contaminated surfaces. Rinse clean with water. After cleaning, you can apply a disinfectant solution such as household bleach (1/4 cup bleach per gallon of water) to the surface. Allow the bleach solution to dry naturally for 6 to 8 hours. If you have a persistent mold problem, cleaning and disinfecting may have to be repeated using a stronger solution.

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NPTHA'S New Custodian/Maintenance Worker



**Robert "Bert"
Williamson, Jr.**

Hello my name is Robert Williamson, Jr. many of you know me by Bert. I started working for the NPTHA on April 15th and successfully completed my 90 day probationary period on July 15, 2009. Before coming to the NPTHA I worked for the Nez Perce Tribe as a night custodian for 6 ½ years. At the NPTHA I will be focusing on custodial tasks, cleaning vacant units, and maintenance support as well as painting and groundskeeping.

I have three children, one boy and two girls. Their names are Dominick, Kayla, and Kelsey. I enjoy being with my family and friends, going to pow-wows, hunting and fishing. I pretty much like anything that will keep me out of the house.

I enjoy working here at the NPTHA.

It's very friendly and a different challenge. I would like to thank the NPTHA for giving me a chance to be a part of their team.

3rd Annual Pay-on-time & Win Contest and Tenant Appreciation Day

The NPTHA will be holding the 3rd Annual "Pay-on-time & Win" contest on Tenant Appreciation Day, December 4, 2009. The contest will be held in both of the NPTHA offices (Lapwai & Kamiah).

The Pay-on-time & Win contest and Tenant Appreciation Day was implemented in December of 2007. The contest and day was developed to acknowledge and appreciate NPTHA's current tenants who participate in the following programs: Low Rent, Mutual Help, LIHTC Rentals, Starter Home and Option-to-Purchase.

All NPTHA participants in any of the programs listed above are automatically entered. Participants who pay their rent on time for at least nine months through November will receive a chance in the drawing; those participants who pay all twelve months will receive two chances in the drawing. There will be two winners drawn and each will receive a \$200 credit towards their account. The total NPTHA participants from last year was 118 with 64 names entered twice and 54 names entered once. Last year's winners were Caroline Jordan and Toni Plummer.

On Tenant Appreciation Day the NPTHA also serves cake and punch and hands out door prizes. Last year the NPTHA awarded Angela Evans and Liz Minkey with a \$25 AVISTA gift certificate.

If you have any questions regarding Tenant Appreciation Day or the Pay-on-time & Win contest, please call the Housing office at (208)843-2229 or (208)935-2144.

Chimney Cleaning Schedule

Hitman Chimney Cleaning
\$30.00 must be pre-paid a week prior to service.

LAPWAI
September 17 & 18
October 15, 16 & 17

**Call Roxanne at the NPTHA office
to schedule an appointment (208)843-2229.**

KAMIAH
October 8, 9 & 10

**Call Danice at the NPTHA office
to schedule an appointment (208)935-2144.**

Service only available to NPTHA built homes.

FALL CLEAN-UP October 19-23, 2009

Dumpsters will be placed in each cluster site for NPTHA residents to dispose of any unwanted items. Postcards with the dates and locations for the dumpsters will be coming in the mail.

NPTHA will assist in picking up furniture, appliances, hardware, and any larger items on the following dates:

Kamiah/Orofino
October 21, 2009

Lapwai
October 22 & 23, 2009

If you need assistance with large items, you must sign up at the NPTHA offices. For the Kamiah/Orofino area call Danice at (208)935-2144; for the Lapwai area, call Roxanne at (208)843-2229.

ONLY . .Thirteen Sundown Heights Lots Left

After the NPTHAs next Tax Credit #3 Project is completed that will only leave 13 more lots left to build a home or place a manufactured home on.

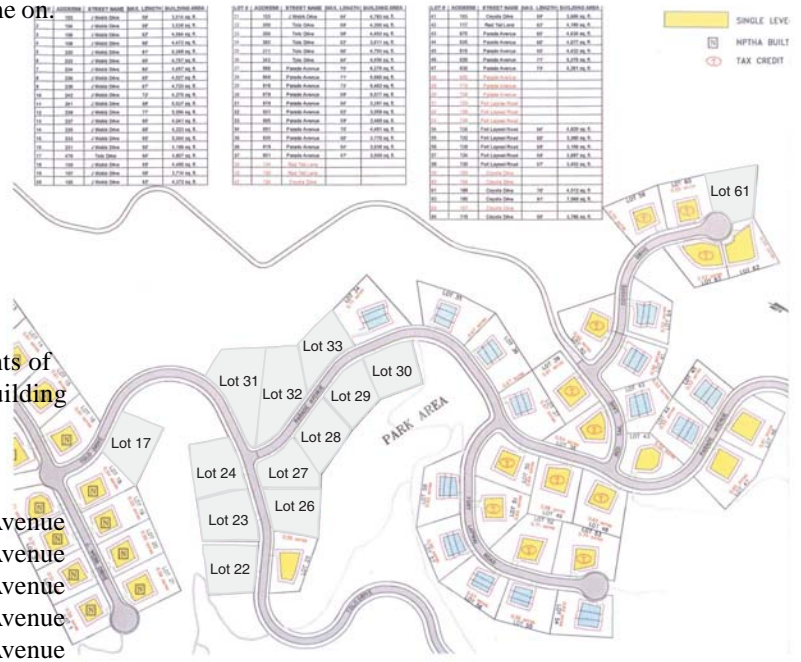
“How can I qualify for one of those Lots?”

- Enroll & Complete a Homebuyer Education Class
- Schedule a one-on-one meeting(s) with Homebuyer Counselors (Travis Wilkerson or Sonya Samuels).
- Fill out NPTHAs Intake Application.
- Must be First Time Homebuyer.
- Must be Nez Perce enrolled.
- Must be Mortgage ready
- Work with the NPTHAs Staff on qualifications and requirements of the policies, procedures and covenants of the Sundown Heights Project, in terms of the home building process.

“What Lots are available?”

- Lot 17: 478 Tolo Drive
- Lot 22: 300 Tolo Drive
- Lot 23: 350 Tolo Drive
- Lot 24: 382 Tolo Drive
- Lot 26: 343 Tolo Drive
- Lot 27: 986 Parade Avenue

- Lot 28: 940 Parade Avenue
- Lot 29: 918 Parade Avenue
- Lot 30: 878 Parade Avenue
- Lot 31: 979 Parade Avenue
- Lot 32: 931 Parade Avenue
- Lot 33: 905 Parade Avenue
- Lot 61: 188 Coyote Drive



NOTE: The thirteen lots that are available are pictured above to the right and shaded in gray. These Lots will go to Nez Perce tribal members who are able to qualify and complete the mortgage process. The selection is based upon “first come, first serve basis.”

MFA

Mortgage Finance Assistance



Congratulations to Corrina Williams!

The NPTHAs assisted Corrina with her Down Payment costs under the MFA Program. She qualified for a mortgage with a bank and is now in the process of owning her own home.





**The U.S. Census Bureau
is issuing a call to action for
every resident of our nation:
“Be Counted in 2010!”**



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

- WHAT:** The Census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- WHO:** All U.S. residents must be counted -people of all ages, races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.
- WHEN:** CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1, 2010. All questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. More detailed socioeconomic information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY.
- WHY:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state population counts and determines representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- HOW:** Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010; many households will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census workers also will visit households that do not return questionnaires.

The Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

