The second annual Kamiah Block Party was held on August 21st at the Riverview playground and was hosted by the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority. Kamiah tenants and community members enjoyed summer sun with games, food and a chance at winning 20 door prizes. Twelve Tribal departments and local vendors were available giving out information about various resources. Children enjoyed a jumpy castle. NPTHA is excited about the attendance where 45 adults and 20 children attended the Block Party.
Admissions & Occupancy

- Annual Application
- Clean Deduction
- Dependent
- Electricity Expenses
- Family Size
- Fifty-Five
- Garbage
- Health
- Homes
- Minimum Rent Pay
- Pending File
- Preference Points
- Procedure
- Rates
- Reduce
- Risks
- Second Hand Smoke
- Senior
- Smoke-Free Housing
- Utility
- Water

Only burn firewood that has been stored - out of the weather - for more than 6-12 months.

Properly dried wood has cracks on the end and sounds hollow when knocked against another.
### Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority
#### October –December 2018 Classes/Events

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Sign up: Lapwai - (208)843.2229 or email roxannea@nezperce.org  
Kamiah - (208)935.2144 or email danice_c@yahoo.com
Fall “Spring” Cleaning To-Do’s

We all want our homes to feel comfortable and inviting during the holiday season. To spruce up your home, here are a few pointers to help you with the preparation:

~ Focus on public rooms: living room, family room, entryway, guest bath.
~ Clean from top to bottom. Vacuum drapes and window treatments. Clean window sills and window wells. Vacuum baseboards and corners.
~ Vacuum upholstered furniture, or have professionally cleaned if needed. Move furniture and vacuum beneath and behind it.
~ Wash interior windows.
~ Turn mattresses front-to-back and end-to-end to equalize wear.
~ Launder or clean all bedding: mattress pads, pillows, duvets, blankets, comforters. Tuck the family into a warm and cozy winter bed.
~ Schedule professional carpet cleaning early this month! Carpet cleaning firms get busy by the end of October, so schedule now for best service.
~ Prepare the kitchen for holiday cooking. Clean and organize kitchen cabinets, paying particular attention to baking supplies, pans and equipment.
~ Clear kitchen counters of all appliances not used within the last week. Clear counters look cleaner--and provide more room for holiday cooking.
~ Pull refrigerator away from the wall, and vacuum the condenser coils. For bottom-mounted coils, use a long, narrow brush to clean coils of dust and debris.
~ Wash light-diffusing bowls from light fixtures.
~ Inspect each appliance. Does it need supplies?
~ Check and empty the central vacuum's collection area.
~ Inspect washer hoses for bulges, cracks or splits. Replace them every other year.
~ Check dryer exhaust tube and vent for built-up lint, debris or birds' nests! Make sure the exterior vent door closes tightly when not in use.
~ Clean out the kids’ closets of summer clothes which will not fit them next year.
~ Organize for upcoming events; Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas.
~ Earn some extra cash by having a yard sale.
Holiday Budgeting

Planning for the holidays can be one of the most practical tasks in managing your finances. We are within double digit days before Christmas and it is coming faster than the rest of the year went by. Unplanned events can always have a negative effect on our wallets. This can cause stress during a time of year that we want to share peace, joy and happiness with our family and friends. We don’t want to worry about what bills won’t get paid during or after the Holidays. Also, what extra fees and interest we will pay when we finally make those payments. This practice/habit really creates bigger problems down the road.

What is the solution?

One idea is to try to pay some bills ahead of time. Another idea is to shop early. The more sacrifices that you make NOW the better you will feel later.

A few other ideas discussed in our September class on this topic were:

1. Make a gift list and budget for each item.
2. Try using mobile apps such as Christmas Gift List.
3. Compare costs on particular items.
4. Utilize free shipping, especially for family long distances.
5. Amazon offers optional gift wrapping with shipping.
7. Shop throughout the year.
8. Create a Christmas savings plan.

Don’t forget to plan and budget for holiday parties and get togethers. “BE BLESSED, NOT STRESSED” this holiday season.
“UPDATED AND REVISED”
ADMISSIONS & OCCUPANCY POLICY

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2018

The NPTHA has adopted new changes to our Admissions & Occupancy Policy. This policy is utilized for managing all of our rental and homeownership units. Generally, the policy describes the process from application intake, determining eligibility, selection of tenants, rent calculations, maintenance responsibilities and other rules of occupancy.

There are a few major changes while most of the changes are current procedures that are being incorporated in to the policy. There are also many grammatical revisions to improve clarity. Below is a summary of the changes that have been approved. The ones in bold are considered major changes that will affect some tenants:

1) **Created a new section for Smoke free housing.** All NPTHA homes and buildings will be smoke free to reduce the irritation and adverse health effects of secondhand smoke, as well as reduce risks of fire and maintenance cleaning costs.
2) Clarified that when an application is being processed or waiting for more information, it is held in a Pending File.
3) Clarified when an application is incomplete and the required documentation is not received as requested, the file becomes inactive.
4) Incorporated the requirements for living at the Senior Citizen apartments: must be at least age 55 years or permanently physically disabled and no children.
5) Added a new definition which allows Nez Perce Tribe Law Enforcement officers to be considered for rental units.
6) **Clarified that families who have been served in the past 7 years lose 10 preference points.**
7) The section for rent calculation rates was reworded for clarity but the calculations rates have not changed.
8) **The annual deduction for a dependent has been increased from $480 to $800.**
9) **A new deduction for utility expenses in the amount of $2,400 has been added for households that pay water, sewer, garbage and electricity.**
10) **The current minimum rent is being replaced with minimum rents for each bedroom size while requiring families to maintain sufficient income or services to maintain rent and utilities.**
11) Incorporated the minimum rent for the Starter Home Program at $225.
12) Changed the inspection schedule for new tenants from monthly to quarterly
13) Added the procedure to test any vacated homes for meth contamination and ensure vacant units are cleaned. This provision also requires the NPTHA to report to NPT Social Services if any home that tests positive included any children or vulnerable adults.
14) **Added a section to require families to transfer to appropriate size home when their family size changes long term.**
Fall Prep

Heating costs can throw a wrench into your winter budget. You can limit the discomfort by addressing the gaps, cracks and waste that drive up fuel costs. Inspect your home and consider five small things you can do to be prepared:

1. Cheapest repair is Caulking. Use a candle, near windows when it flickers you have a leak.
2. Check your smoke detectors and change batteries.
3. Change your air filters about every 3 months.
4. Clean your Wood stove and chimney and check for needed repairs.
5. Check your weather stripping around doors and windows.

Hitman Chimney Cleaning

SIGN UP TODAY!

Oct 13  Lapwai
Oct 14  Lapwai
Oct 20  Kamiah
Oct 21  Kamiah

Admissions & Occupancy
Beginning November 1, 2018
all NPTHA units are now smoke free