

# MEXICO HOUSING AUTHORITY

February 2016 Newsletter

## 10 Day Income Reporting

Tenants have 10 days to report any income or household changes. This means adding additional family members such as birth or adoption to the lease, new job, loss of job, increase or decrease in hours or pay, changes in TANF, SSI, SSD, etc.

## Notice of Interim

Starting on February 1, 2016 MHA will begin conducting Interim exams to raise rent amounts for all Public Housing Tenants who have an increase in household income before or after their annual recertification time.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

MHA will be closed on Friday, February 5, 2016  
for Administrative Workday

MHA will be closed on Monday, February 15,  
2016 in observance of Presidents' Day



RAB and the Resident Association Meeting will  
take place from 3:00 to 4:00pm on Thursday,  
February 19, 2016 at the Community Center.

**Mexico Housing Authority**

**573-581-2294**

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**Housing Authority of the City of Mexico**

REAC IS COMING!!!!!!! March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 we will be having REAC Inspections. Please do your part in keeping our property up to standards. Porches and yards should be clean and free of clutter and hazards. Units must be kept in safe and sanitary conditions at all times. We depend on passing REAC inspections to continue receiving funding for our programs. Thank you all for your cooperation. See attached sheet for more information.

### BUG OUT PEST CONTROL

Bug Out Pest Control and Management will be in your units on the following days. Please make sure your screen doors are unlocked and your pets are secured before our entry.

Friday, February 12, 2016---Trinity, Central, Seminary, Garfield, Walnut, Union, Calhoun, Bolivar  
Friday, February 26, 2016---Hassen, Boulevard, Buchanan, Singleton, Breckenridge, Missouri, Liberty, Wade, Macfarlane, Fieldcrest, Holt, Lafayette

*When the POWER of LOVE overcomes the LOVE of POWER, the world will know PEACE – Jimi Hendrix*

**When the day is over, LET IT GO. Don't dwell on what you could've or should've done. Tomorrow is another day and another chance – Mandy Hale**

# Happy Valentine's Day

- Candle Light
- Cards
- Chocolate
- Cupid
- Date
- Dinner
- First Kiss
- Memories
- Movie
- Pink
- Poem
- Proposal
- Red
- Romance
- Roses
- St. Valentine
- Sweetarts
- Teddy Bear
- True Love



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Chicken Scratch NY

**Mexico Housing Authority's hours of operation will remain the same. Our hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:00am-Noon and 1:00pm-5:00pm.**

# Notice to Residents

**FREE WEEK!!!!**

**REAC Inspections** are coming to Mexico Housing Authority  
**March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

**Please take this time to:** make sure that your unit is clean and free of clutter, make sure that you can move freely around the unit, make sure that NO doors or windows are blocked, make sure that all bath and kitchen sink stoppers are in view, make sure there is no mildew in window seals, place all trash cans and BBQ grills neatly on the back porch, keep your yard free of trash and toys, make sure that all cable wires are taped securely to the floor, make sure there are no flammable items such as propane tanks in the unit, do not store anything in the furnace area, make sure no items are blocking electrical service panels, and that your smoke alarm is working properly.

MHA is offering a **FREE** call in maintenance work order **WEEK** so you can help us prepare for this important inspection.

This **FREE WEEK** will be **February 22-26, 2016**. No exceptions or exclusions apply. Call in your work order this week, leave a message on the work order phone, and maintenance will get to it at their quickest availability. **Please call in any maintenance requests such as: screen door repairs, broken windows, holes in walls or doors, cracked or missing floor tiles, cracked electrical outlet covers, clotheslines in need of repair, and any other maintenance issues AT NO COST TO YOU DURING THIS WEEK ONLY!!!!!!!!!!**

**MHA Staff will be in your units during the week of February 29-March 4, 2016 to complete smoke detector battery checks, dryer vent attachment checks, and to check all range burner ignitions.**

**INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH A COMMUNITY  
PROJECT?**

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**CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS OR DAYS IN A  
MONTH TO ASSIST WITH THE ONLY SERVICE OF  
THIS TYPE IN THE COUNTY?**



## **Room at the Inn**

Caring for those in need of Shelter

Winter Overnight Shelter serving the Mexico, MO area  
Audrain County Shelter Resource Coalition

**[acsrc.mo@gmail.com](mailto:acsrc.mo@gmail.com)**



@ Audrain County Shelter Resource Coalition

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE JANUARY &  
FEBRUARY EMERGENCY SHELTER**

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If you think you may have bedbugs please remove the contaminated furniture immediately, wash all bedding and clothes in HOT water and contact Mexico Housing Authority immediately!!!

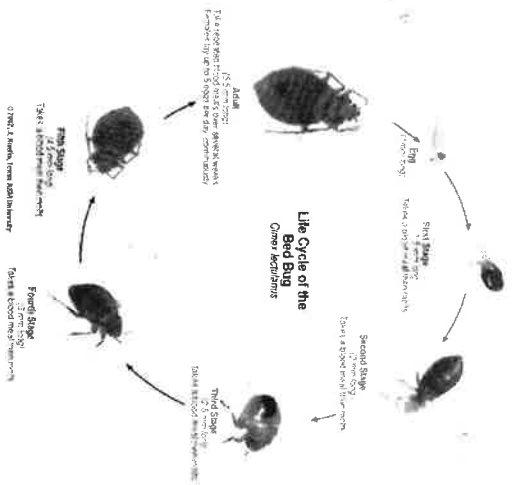
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# Bed Bugs

Tips for  
Prevention and  
Safe  
removal





## What are bedbugs?

Bedbug infestations are becoming a **very serious** issue in housing authorities throughout the country. No matter how rich or how poor, how clean or how dirty, anyone or any home can get bedbugs. Bedbugs typically hide in cracks and crevices in dark and undisturbed locations close to their hosts. They can live for long periods of time and although visible to the naked eye, they may be difficult to detect. Bedbugs live on human and animal blood and need this food in order to mate. A female can lay up to 500 eggs in her lifetime so having just a few bed bugs can turn into an infestation very quickly.

## Prevention

Bedbugs prefer to live in cracks and crevices such as baseboards, window/door frames, headboards, bedframes, mattresses, furniture, clothing, molding, and even screw holes.

Tips to prevent bedbugs:

- Inspect in and around sleeping areas once a month
- Do not pick up or buy used or discarded furniture and mattresses
- Inspect for bedbugs when traveling away from home or staying in hotels
- Seal baseboard, cracks, crevices, heat, plumbing, and electrical services shared between apartments with pest proofing sealants.
- Enclose mattresses and box springs in a commercially certified, high quality, sealed, plastic cover.



## Removal

**Early Detection is Critical.** Bedbugs can spread quickly so the longer you wait the more likely the problem is to spread and become more difficult and expensive to control and remove.

Tips for removal of bedbugs:

- Thoroughly vacuum all observed and suspected sites where the bedbugs have been observed as well as your entire home. Place vacuum bag in a tightly sealed plastic bag and discard immediately.
- Launder all clothes, bedding, curtains, and towels in **HOT** water and place in dryer at high heat for atleast 20 minutes
- Place and seal all recently laundered items inside new large plastic bags or tightly closed bins to prevent any bedbugs from reinfesting them
- Never use insecticide bombs, total release foggers, camphor, kerosene, diesel, gasoline, alcohol, or other similar products for in home treatment.
- Isolate and contain items that have been properly cleaned and carefully introduce the cleaned items back into the household
- Notify Mexico Housing Authority **IM-MEDIATELY**