

# Resident Handbook

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## Welcome To Your New Home

We are pleased to have you as our resident(s) and we would like your experience with Northeast Florida Realty Inc. to be a pleasant one. Along with your Lease Agreement, this Resident Handbook is a very important reference tool. It contains helpful information that will make your tenancy a satisfying one. The Resident Handbook is designed to outline our responsibility to you and your responsibilities to us and the home. It is our sincere belief that when you as our resident, understand our policies and processes, we can better serve your needs.

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# Who to Call

All Information Provided Below Deemed Reliable, but NOT Guaranteed

## Utilities

### City Information

Jacksonville	<a href="http://www.coj.net">www.coj.net</a>	904-630-2489
Orange Park	<a href="http://www.claycountygov.com">www.claycountygov.com</a>	904-264-9565
St Augustine	<a href="http://www.ci.st-augustine.fl.us/citydirectory.cfm">www.ci.st-augustine.fl.us/citydirectory.cfm</a>	904-825-1010

### Water/Sewer

Jacksonville	Jacksonville Electric Authority	904-665-6000
Orange Park	Clay County Utility Authority	904-272-5999
Green Cove Springs	City of Green Cove Springs	904-529-2200

### Electricity

Orange Park	Jacksonville Electric Authority	904-665-6000
Orange Park	Clay Electric Cooperative	904-272-2456
Green Cove Springs	City of Green Cove Springs	904-529-2200
Keystone Heights	Clay Electric Cooperative	352-473-4917
Jacksonville	Jacksonville Electric Authority	904-665-6000

### Gas

Domestic Gas		904-282-2427
Sawyer Gas		904-269-2188
Teco People Gas		904-739-1211

### Trash/Waste Disposal

Jacksonville	Advanced Disposal	904-737-7000
	Waste Pro	904-731-7288
Orange Park		
St Augustine		904-825-1049

### Entertainment Services

AT&T	<a href="http://www.att.com">www.att.com</a>	844-827-7057
Comcast	<a href="http://www.comcast.com">www.comcast.com</a>	800-266-2278
DirecTV	<a href="http://www.directv.com">www.directv.com</a>	855-236-4388
Dish	<a href="http://www.dish.com">www.dish.com</a>	855-750-5134

### Police Department

Jacksonville		904-630-0500
Orange Park		904-264-6512
St Augustine		904-825-1074

### Fire Department

Jacksonville		904-630-0434
Orange Park		904-284-7703
St Augustine		904-825-1098

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## WHEN YOU FIRST MOVE-IN

### ***Get To Know Your Property***

When you first move-in, locate the breaker box and note the location of the Ground Fault Interrupt (GFI) breakers or switches, and the breakers for the stove/oven, water heater and air conditioner-heating system.

**Also locate the water shut off for the house.** It usually is in the front yard near the sidewalk or road. Also locate the water shut off for the hot water heater and for under all sinks. Locating these items now may prevent or minimize damage later.

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### ***Part of Your Lease***

This *Resident Handbook* is part of your lease agreement and is legally binding on both parties.

### ***The Property***

You have leased a home . . . think of it as your own. During the term of this lease, you are in possession of the house and yard. Your obligations are similar to those of the owner, and you are expected to care for and maintain the premises accordingly.

### ***Rental Payments***

**All rents are due and payable, in advance, on the first day of each month.**

Monthly bills will not be sent. Payment should be made in the form of a check or money order made payable to: **Northeast Florida Realty Inc.**

Office Address:

1999 Wells Rd

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WRITE YOUR ADDRESS on your payment to assure proper credit. All accounting is done by address of the property. Also, to avoid any misunderstanding, please put your address on every correspondence with the office. Be sure to allow enough days mailing time for delivery of the mail, as payment must be received on or before the close of business on the 1st.

You may pay in person, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For your after-hour convenience there is a mail slot in the window to the right of the front door. Rents remaining unpaid beyond the 1st day of the month are delinquent and are subject to additional fees. Rents remaining unpaid after the 3rd day of the month are subject to additional fees and rents remaining unpaid after the 5th day are subject to additional fees and Resident will additionally be responsible for charges and fees incurred to deliver a *Three Day Notice*. **Any funds paid late must be in certified funds. No personal checks will be accepted.**

### ***Returned Checks***

The amount of any NSF checks, plus a fee must be paid in either certified funds or a money order within 24 hours of notification, or legal action may be taken without further notice. If the returned check makes your rent payment late, additional fees will also be due. All amounts due must be paid in full at time of notification. If a personal check has been returned for any reason, Northeast Florida Realty Inc. reserves the right to insist that all future payments be made by certified funds.

### ***Contact Phone Numbers and E-Mail Addresses***

All residents are required to have telephone accessibility and to provide Northeast Florida Realty Inc. with their home, cell, and work phone numbers. Please be sure to notify Northeast Florida Realty Inc. when you change any of your contact numbers. **Even unlisted numbers must be provided.** A contact e-mail address should also be provided. Please include your home and work numbers with your first rental payment after you move in, or you may send it to your property manager via fax or e-mail. Please include your full name and address with the phone numbers so the correct information will be placed in your file.

### ***Default of Rental Checks***

If the rent is not received by close of business on the 1st day of the month in which it is due, resident will be responsible for all fees, court costs, and legal and collection fees incurred by efforts to collect the rent due. If rent is paid while a legal action is in process, it must be in the form of certified funds. A separate written agreement must be reached if legal action is to be stopped.

### ***Sixty-Day Written Notice***

A sixty day (60) written notice (prior to the end of any lease ending date) must be given to Northeast Florida Realty Inc. if you desire NOT to renew the lease for another 12 month period. THE WRITTEN NOTICE IS REQUIRED EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO VACATE AT THE END OF THE CURRENT LEASE TERM. The notice should state a definite moving date.

### ***Keys and Locks***

All locks will be re-keyed with each new residency. Alterations or replacement of locks, installation of bolts, knockers, mirrors or other attachments to the interior or exterior of doors requires the approval of Northeast Florida Realty Inc. Northeast Florida Realty Inc. must have keys to each lock on the house. Northeast Florida Realty Inc. may gain access and re-key if at any time access is denied, and charge the cost to the Tenant. All keys are to be returned to Northeast Florida Realty Inc. upon vacating the premises.

If mailbox keys are needed, they may be obtained from the local Post Office. A copy of your lease agreement may be needed to provide proof of residence.

### ***Trash, Garbage and Recycling***

All trash, garbage, and recyclable materials must be placed in appropriate containers. Northeast Florida Realty Inc. does not provide trash receptacles and/or containers. The Resident is required to make arrangements to have garbage and trash picked up weekly. All containers are to be stored out of view from the front of the house. Containers are not to be out of the storage area except on pick up days. Any recycling items collected must be properly contained and discreetly stored. A total of no more than two 50 gallon trash bags of recyclable materials may be kept on the premises at any given time.

### ***Condominium/Homeowner Associations***

Resident is responsible to obtain a copy of the condo or homeowner association, restrictive covenants or declaration and rules, in the event the rental premises are subject to the rules, regulations, covenants and restrictions of a condominium or homeowners association. Resident agrees to abide by all applicable rules and regulations.

The lease is subject to the approval of the condo association or homeowners association and Resident agrees to pay any association application fees necessary for such approval (if applicable).

Should Northeast Florida Realty Inc. or the property owner receive notification from the COA/HOA of violation of the rules, regulations, covenants and restrictions the cause of which are the result of the Residents failure to maintain their rental home properly or any notice of violation, the cause of which is directly attributable to the Residents, the Resident's guest or their invitees, then the Residents are responsible for the cost of curing any violation, legal and attorney fees, court cost, any and all fees, fines, penalties, the cost of travel and other incidentals such as photos, film, video tape, etc. and other costs that may be incurred by Northeast Florida Realty Inc. or the property owner.

### ***Disturbances, Noise and Nuisance***

All Residents and guests are expected to conduct themselves in a way that will not offend or disturb the neighbors or passerbys. Any activity that causes extreme or excessive noise, traffic or disturbance of any kind may be cause for eviction. This includes loud, offensive music, vulgar or profane language, gathering in the driveway or front of the house drinking alcoholic beverages, etc. If music or other sound can be heard outside the perimeter of the premises leased, it is considered too loud.

### ***Move-In/Move-Out Condition***

When you rent a home from Northeast Florida Realty Inc., we strive to ensure that all items are in good working order. Please report any maintenance or repair request during your first 5 days of possession. If no report has been received, the property will be assumed to be in acceptable condition and any defects brought to our attention after the first 5 days of possession will be considered Resident's responsibility. No exceptions will be made.



### ***Periodic Property Reviews***

Northeast Florida Realty Inc. will conduct periodic reviews of the premises to note its condition. You will be notified of deficiencies, if any, that are a Resident responsibility and you will also be instructed to correct the deficiency in a timely manner. Failure to correct deficiencies once you have been notified could be considered a breach of the Lease Agreement and grounds for termination.

### ***Parking/Vehicles***

All vehicles shall be parked in assigned areas (garages, parking lots, driveways, parking pads, etc.) or curbside on public streets where allowed by controlling ordinances. Parking on the grass, sidewalks and any other areas not specifically designated for parking is strictly prohibited. All vehicles must be registered, licensed and operable at all times. No vehicle repair (except minor repairs such as changing a tire) is allowed at anytime. No oil/fluid stains are permitted on the garage floor, driveway, walkways or any other area on the property. If your vehicle leaks oil or fluids, place a protective covering or pan under the vehicle to catch the leaks.

### ***Guests***

A reasonable number of guests may occupy the premises without prior written consent if stay is limited to 72 hours. Only those persons listed on the rental application have permission to occupy the premises. You are responsible for the behavior of any and all guests. All portions of this agreement also apply to your guests.

### ***Emergency Maintenance and Repairs***

An emergency exists when danger is present or property damage has occurred or is about to occur. **Do not abuse the emergency system with other types of calls.** In many cases, what a resident considers an emergency is not truly an emergency.

To report an emergency, call the office of Northeast Florida Realty Inc. at 904-386-7877 and follow the instructions on the voice mail.

**Be sure to report the specific emergency and include your telephone number along with your property address in your message. The call back will be coming from a “Blocked” telephone number. Resident MUST be able to receive this call. If the emergency involves a fire or similar emergency, please notify the proper authorities at 911 before calling Northeast Florida Realty Inc.!!**

If there is a major water leak, immediately turn off the water supply to the premises and contact Northeast Florida Realty Inc.

If there is a gas (natural, LP, propane, etc.) leak, immediately turn off the gas supply valve and contact the gas company that provides service to your location, and then notify Northeast Florida Realty Inc.

See Emergency/Disaster Procedures (page 21) for additional procedures.

### **Insurance**

It is strongly urged that you obtain a renter's insurance policy. A copy of your declarations page should be given to Northeast Florida Realty Inc. the first month you move in. Please notify your insurance company that Northeast Florida Realty Inc. is the Lessor and must be notified of any change. Resident understands that the Home Owner's property insurance does not cover Resident's personal property or protect Resident from loss or liability. Resident is responsible for obtaining, and is strongly urged to obtain, renter's insurance to protect Resident's personal property against loss or damage.

### **Pets**

No pets, animals, snakes or birds, etc. of any kind are allowed on the premises, regardless of whether such pet or animal is owned by Resident, unless you have specific written permission from Northeast Florida Realty Inc. in the lease document (a pet addendum), have completed the pet application and have paid a non-refundable application fee for each pet. **Exception:** Medically necessary animals.

Should Northeast Florida Realty Inc. find that a pet is being or has been kept on premises without the required permission, application, application fee and an executed Pet Addendum, the fee will immediately be assessed, and in addition, the non-compliance may be considered grounds for termination of the Lease Agreement.

Resident will be charged for spraying for fleas and/or repair of any damage caused by the pet. Resident is responsible for your animal at ALL times. **Having a pet is a privilege and permission to have the pet on the premises may be revoked at any time without terminating your lease agreement.**

### **Smoke Detectors**

Check to be sure the smoke detectors are operational upon move-in. Notify Northeast Florida Realty Inc. if you are not able to operate them. Please check the battery regularly, and replace the battery as soon as it begins to lose charge. Disabling a smoke detector is a violation of your lease and the law. **DO NOT DISABLE THE SMOKE DETECTOR AT ANY TIME.**

### **Security/Alarm/Video/Television/Satellite Dish**

Please make no additional or auxiliary security/alarm/video/telecommunication or satellite dish installation at the property without prior written permission. Any necessary written authorization must be provided for Management's signature by the resident with specific location of the installation and name of the service provider. The security/alarm code is to be provided to Northeast Florida Realty Inc. within 48 hours of the activation of the system.

## IN AND AROUND THE HOUSE

### ***Circuit Breakers***

Circuit breakers move slightly when tripped. It may appear to be ON when it is has “popped” or “tripped”. The Ground Fault Interrupt (GFI) breaker or switch detects even slight voltage changes and cuts the power during fluctuations. They are usually used in locations where a water source may be present, such as bathrooms, kitchens, exterior plugs and garages. If you lose power to a plug near a water source, it is usually the GFI circuit. Most GFI's located at the breaker box are marked with a red or yellow button. Many houses have the GFI at the plug outlet. There may be more than one GFI plug in the house. If these “pop” or “trip”, reset them. Refrigerators, freezers and other appliances that require constant power should not be plugged into GFI outlets.

### ***Pest Control***

Please report any pest problem within your first 5 days of possession. If not reported in writing, it is agreed that the premises have no infestation of any kind. Any future infestation of any kind, less termites, is considered a Resident responsibility. Resident is responsible for reporting any suspected or known insect infestation. Northeast Florida Realty Inc. assumes no responsibility for the control of roaches, mice, rats, ants, fleas or other pests. Resident will be charged for any damage caused by uncontrolled pests, including but not limited to ants building nests in the HVAC system and damaging the system.

### ***Changing Paint, Wallpaper, Etc.***

If you want to change the house décor in any way, please put your proposal in writing and submit it to Northeast Florida Realty Inc. along with a sample of the paint/wallpaper or drawing of the proposed work (e.g., adding a fence). If approved, you will receive a written confirmation. All work tasks must be done in a professional manner, and must be inspected and approved by Northeast Florida Realty Inc. after completion. Any reimbursements agreed to, if any, will occur after inspection and approval of Northeast Florida Realty Inc.

### ***Attic & Crawl Spaces***

The rental resident(s) in the home, townhome or condo and their guest **are not permitted in these spaces at any time**. The attic and crawl spaces are for **maintenance purposes only**, these spaces are not intended for storage or usage of any kind. Drywall in the attic is not structural and does not support weight. Usage of these spaces can cause personal injury, even death.

## MAINTENANCE, DAMAGE AND REPAIR

### ***Put Maintenance Requests in Writing***

Maintenance Request Forms are included with your *Move-In Package*. Put all routine maintenance/repair requests in writing using this form. Be specific about the problem. Write clearly and legibly. If you are not contacted by a repair person within 48 hours (not including weekends or holidays) after reporting a problem, please notify Northeast Florida Realty Inc. so the call can be reassigned. You may fax or e-mail your requests to your property manager.

### ***Scheduling Maintenance***

If you have contacted Northeast Florida Realty Inc. for maintenance and/or repair, you are responsible for scheduling any necessary service calls with vendors once the vendor has contacted you. Resident is responsible for granting the vendor access to the premises. Northeast Florida Realty Inc. does not provide keys to vendors. Be polite to the vendors. The vendors are there to solve your maintenance problems. They did not cause the problem and they are not obligated to remain on the premises if you are verbally or physically abusive or threatening in any way, even if the repair is not complete.

### ***Who Does What***

All "breakdowns," system failures and structural defects must be reported to Northeast Florida Realty Inc. immediately. If an urgent repair is needed (i.e., hot water heater leaking) **Resident is responsible for stopping further damage from occurring**, if possible. If there is a leak, stop the water source immediately. If the problem is electrical, turn off the breaker serving that appliance or area until the repairman arrives. Northeast Florida Realty Inc. will arrange with vendors to make necessary repairs within a reasonable time. Resident will not be reimbursed for any unauthorized repairs made.

### ***Unauthorized Repairs***

Northeast Florida Realty Inc. must authorize ALL repairs and/or maintenance that the resident wishes to do. Please do not make any repairs or authorize any maintenance without written permission from Northeast Florida Realty Inc. Rent cannot be withheld because of needed repairs nor can the cost of needed repairs be deducted from the rent.

### ***Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems***

All HVAC filters need to be changed once a month. The A/C return vents should be kept clear of obstruction, such as furniture and clothing. Keep the "condensation drain line" clean and clear of obstructions. The area around the condenser (outside unit) should also be kept clear of debris and other obstructions. Do not allow grass and weeds to grow up around the condenser unit.

**NOTE:** An HVAC system failure **does not** constitute an emergency. Every effort will be made to get a service technician scheduled as soon as possible. However, if the problem occurs on the weekend or on a holiday, it may not be possible to have the unit serviced until the next regular business day.

### ***Lawns and Grounds***

Resident is expected to care for the lawn and grounds, keeping them in as good a condition as when you took possession of premises. This care includes regularly cutting the grass; watering and fertilizing the lawn; trimming shrubs; edging all driveways, walkways and curbs; treating fire ant mounds; treating for lawn pests; treating for chinch bugs in St. Augustine grass; cleaning the roof and gutters of leaves, debris, and pine needles and preventing vines from growing onto the house. Keep shrub and tree growth away from the roof, eaves, and sides of the house. Resident is required to report any condition which can cause damage, permanent or temporary, to the grounds. Flowering trees must be pruned at the proper time of the year for their species and all flower/shrub beds must be kept free of weeds, grass, etc. Resident must maintain mulch cover.

### ***Lawn Irrigation/Sprinkler Systems***

Any problems or repairs needed to the irrigation/sprinkler system must be reported in writing to Northeast Florida Realty Inc. within 5 days of taking possession of premises. If no notice is received, Northeast Florida Realty Inc. will assume that the irrigation/sprinkler system is in good working order and any needed repairs/maintenance will become the responsibility of the Resident. It is the responsibility of the Resident to keep the irrigation/sprinkler system in good working order, including resetting the electric timer if necessary and replacing broken sprinkler heads. It is the responsibility of Resident to comply with water restrictions for your area.

### ***Light Bulbs***

All burned out light bulbs are to be replaced during the Resident's occupancy (including floodlights). Upon move-out, all lights must be equipped with the proper number and kind of bulb. For decorative bulbs, all bulbs must match.

### ***Plumbing/Septic Systems***

Resident is responsible for keeping all sink, tub/shower, lavatory and toilet drain lines open. Do not allow anyone to throw anything into the plumbing system or to use it for any purpose other than for which it is designed. Sanitary products, diapers, diaper wipes, condoms, cotton swabs (Q-tips), coffee grounds, cooking fats or oils are not to be flushed down any toilet or otherwise deposited into the house sewer.

If your property is on a **septic tank** sewer system, in addition to the items listed above, do not flush wet-strength paper towels, facial tissues, cigarette butts, and other non-decomposable materials into the property sewer. These materials will not de-compose and will fill the septic tank and plug the system. Regular septic tank maintenance is critical to avoid blockage, backing up of waste into the property and responsibility for costly repairs. Resident **must** purchase an appropriate enzyme product and flush into a functioning toilet, as directed on product.

Resident will be responsible for any damage or stoppage unless it was caused by mechanical failure of the plumbing system.

### ***Waterbeds/Flotation Bedding Devices***

Resident will be responsible for ANY damage caused by a waterbed or flotation-bedding device. Resident will have a current waterbed/flotation bedding device insurance policy in effect during possession of waterbed/flotation bedding device.

### ***Walls and Ceilings***

Please keep the walls of the home clean and unmarred. You are welcome to hang pictures on the walls as long as the walls are clean and unmarred when you move out. Do not paint or wallpaper without prior written approval of Northeast Florida Realty Inc. All walls, baseboards and trim must be washed and ceilings must be dusted and free of cobwebs before vacating premises. If you are a smoker, you will be held responsible for any smoke/tar residue, odor and/or damage to premises that result from smoking. Additional security deposit may be required for smoking on the premises.

### ***Vinyl/Ceramic Tile Floorings***

With normal household use, vinyl floors may be washed with a solution of warm water and soap. Do not use gasoline, benzene, naphtha, turpentine or any agents containing these solvents. Do not apply varnish, lacquer or shellac to the floor. Do not apply any type of wax to ceramic tile floors. Resident will be responsible for damage to the flooring such as broken tiles, torn vinyl or improper cleaning procedures.

### ***Hardwood Floors***

Dust mop, sweep, or vacuum floors regularly. Do not wet-mop wood floors. Standing water can dull the finish and discolor and damage the wood. Do not let any water drip, pour or accumulate on floors. Clean liquid spills with a dry cloth and sticky spills with a slightly dampened cloth. Do not use soaps, detergents or oil soaps on your wood floors. When mopping is needed, use a wood cleaner applied lightly with a cloth or mop and then buff dry. Resident shall not shellac or refinish floors without management's prior written approval. Use fabric-faced guides under the furniture legs to prevent scratches. Do not drag or slide furniture across the floor. Resident will be responsible for damage to the flooring.

### ***Carpet Care***

Routine carpet care requires a thorough vacuuming at least once a week to remove the soil from the carpet and to keep the pile erect. Heavy traffic areas require more frequent vacuuming. Before moving in, the carpets are professionally cleaned and you must have them professionally cleaned upon vacating. A receipt is required at the time the keys are returned. We recommend Carpet Surgeons Inc. carpet cleaners, 904-638-9508.

### ***Stoves***

Do not use oven cleaner on self-cleaning or continuous cleaning ovens. For solid surface stoves, use only cleaners approved for those surfaces. Resident will be charged for damage to an appliance caused by improper use or cleaning, or by lack of maintenance.

### ***Dishwashers***

The dishwasher should be used at least once a week. Seals may dry and the motor may be damaged by long periods of inactivity. Clean the door and check the bottom of the dishwasher after each use for items that may fall from the racks. Check the perimeter of the door for food items falling from the counter.

### ***Garbage Disposals***

Garbage disposals are not for bones, eggshells, greasy items, meat, pasta, rice or any other similar materials. **If the motor buzzes**, turn the switch off. Something may be jamming the blades. Verify that the object jamming it isn't something that shouldn't be placed in the disposal, such as a bottle cap or kitchen utensil. There is usually a reset button on the bottom or the side of the disposal (this is usually a small red or yellow button). Almost all disposal jams are from what is put into the disposal.

### ***Washer/Dryer Hookups***

Check all hoses and washers to prevent or correct leaks. When installing a washing machine, use “**burst resistant stainless steel braided**” washing machine hoses only. If you are going to be absent from the property for an extended period of time, turn off the hot and cold water supply valves. Check the walls and floor by the washing machine monthly for evidence of leaks. Keep dryer vent and lint trap clear of lint or other build up as this can cause a fire.

### ***Water Heaters (Gas/Electric)***

If you have an **electric water heater** that is not functioning, you may want to first check to see if the reset button or the breaker may have tripped before making a maintenance/repair request.

If you have a **gas water heater**, the pilot light may have gone out. Check manufacturer's instructions or contact the gas company.



## **CLEANING AND HOW TO**

Northeast Florida Realty Inc. works hard to deliver to you a clean, well maintained and comfortable home with all the mechanical equipment operating properly. Proper cleaning and maintenance will keep the home and its equipment usable for you. A properly maintained home is a team effort involving the property owner who keeps structural and mechanical maintenance up-to-date; the Property Manager who keeps a record of necessary maintenance and places responsible people in the property; and the Resident who keeps the property clean, performs cosmetic maintenance and promptly reports any structural or mechanical failure to Northeast Florida Realty Inc.

### ***Cleaning Standards***

- 1) Keep windows and storm doors clean, inside and outside; interior cleaning at least once a month, exterior cleaning every six months. Wash between windows and screens quarterly.
- 2) Clean dust, dirt, and debris from the upper and lower sliding glass door tracks monthly.
- 3) Clean stove, drip pans, under drip pans, oven racks and drawer, broiler pan, hood, filter and vent biweekly.
- 4) Mop vinyl floors biweekly.
- 5) Dust baseboards, window sills, window grids, tops of windows, ceiling fans, doors, ceilings and corners of the room monthly.
- 6) Clean AC/Heat air return grate and change filter each month. (A good rule is when you pay your light bill, change your filter)
- 7) Clean and sweep out fireplace. Clean fireplace grate, screen and glass.
- 8) Replace burned-out light bulbs as needed, clean lighting fixtures as needed.
- 9) Blinds, if provided, should be cleaned or washed semiannually.
- 10) Bathrooms should be cleaned weekly. This includes toilet bowls and base, sink, mirror, floor, bathtub and shower (including walls). Wipe out medicine cabinet, drawers and cabinets.
- 11) Caulk tub as necessary.
- 12) Sweep out garage as needed.

### ***Counter Tops and Cabinets***

Always use cutting boards and hot pads when chopping, cutting or placing hot items on counter tops. Do not use abrasive cleaners on counter tops as they will scratch. All cabinets must be vacuumed out and the drawer/door fronts cleaned before vacating.



### ***Kitchen Appliances***

Each kitchen appliance must be cleaned regularly particularly, the stove hood, the filter in the stove hood, the oven, under the burners on the stove and the drip pans. Please do not put aluminum foil on the drip pans. Upon moving out, all drip pans must be clean. Please clean under the refrigerator, washer, and dryer regularly. Not cleaning all these items regularly can cause excessive wear and tear, for which Resident will be responsible.

### ***Fireplaces***

If there is a fireplace in your home, do not burn pine or any other "sappy" wood. This causes a buildup of residue in the chimney and increases the possibility of fire. The fireplace is not a place to burn cardboard, Holiday wrappings, pine needles, etc.

When using the fireplace in your residence:

- 1) Open the flue before starting the fire and keep it open until the ashes are cool enough to touch.
- 2) Close the fireplace screen or door when the fireplace is in use to keep sparks from flying out.
- 3) Do not put anything, including paper and kindling, closer than three (3) feet to the fireplace while it is in use.
- 4) Never leave a fire unattended.
- 5) Burn only dry, seasoned hardwood. Do not use green wood, treated lumber or painted wood.
- 6) Never use combustible liquids such as kerosene, turpentine, lighter fluid or gasoline to start or accelerate the fire.
- 7) Do not stuff scrap paper, gift wrapping paper or old Christmas trees into the fireplace.
- 8) Do not use excessive amounts of paper or wood to create a roaring fire.
- 9) Do not dispose of burnt logs or ashes until they cool completely. Dispose of cooled ashes in a metal container. Usually, you can re-burn logs. If you must dispose of a log, wait until it is completely cool, then douse it with water and place it outside away from combustible materials.
- 10) Notify Northeast Florida Realty Inc. of any problems with the fireplace, such as smoke backing into the room or the flue not working.

## MOVING OUT

### ***Written Notice***

Before notice to vacate is accepted by Northeast Florida Realty Inc., it MUST be put in writing. The notice must include the date you plan on vacating the premises. This notice must not be less than 60 days before termination. Once Northeast Florida Realty Inc. receives notice from Resident, Move-Out Procedures will be sent to Resident. Follow the Move-Out Procedures to ensure the full return of Resident's security deposit.

### ***Move Out Procedures***

Upon moving out at the end of your lease, it shall be the Resident's responsibility to:

- 1) Clean the interior and exterior of the house including all appliances and floors. This includes all floor coverings.
- 2) Dispose of all garbage and trash.
- 3) Close and lock all windows and doors.
- 4) All carpeting must be cleaned by a professional cleaning company and you must provide a receipt when turning in your keys. We recommend Property Medics of Jax 904-287-5907. (Mention Northeast Florida Realty for discounted pricing)
- 5) Cut the lawn, weed the flower beds, edge, and trim the shrubs.
- 6) Inform all utility services and Postal Services of the departure date and forwarding address.
- 7) TURN OFF YOUR ICE MAKER (IF APPLICABLE) AND EMPTY ICE BUCKET.
- 8) Turn in ALL keys on the expiration date with the "Tenant's Return of Possession" form completely filled out including a forwarding address and signed by all responsible parties on the lease, to Northeast Florida Realty Inc.
- 9) The electricity and water must be left on for three days after vacating the premises so Northeast Florida Realty Inc. can inspect all electrical outlets, lights and appliances. Failure to do so will result in a charge against your security deposit for power turn on.
- 10) Northeast Florida Realty Inc. may be placing a "For Rent" sign on the property and showing the property for rent prior to the time you vacate the premises. Please be considerate when we request a convenient time to show the property.

### ***Marketing During the Notice Period***

After you have given notice that you intend to move, the property may be listed for rent. The most probable showing hours are between 9:00am and 7:00pm. Northeast Florida Realty Inc. will make an effort to accommodate your schedule, however, the property must be available and in good condition during the market time. Illness and children's birthday parties are acceptable reasons for rescheduling a showing.

Inconvenience, out of town guests, and no one home are not acceptable reasons to reschedule. You will be called prior to showing. If there is no answer or no answering system, we will call your work number to give notice of a showing Extra effort on your part is expected in keeping the house and yard neat and clean during marketing. Animals should be out of the way and litter boxes should be clean and odor free. The better a home shows, the more likely it will rent quickly. The faster a new resident is found, the less you will be bothered by showings. A home that shows well benefits everyone!

### ***The Move-Out Process***

Once the Resident has vacated the premises and keys have been received by Northeast Florida Realty Inc., we will begin the Move-Out process to determine and expedite return of the Resident's security deposit. Keys MUST be returned to Northeast Florida Realty Inc., please do not leave keys at the premises, per your lease agreement. Resident is fully responsible until the keys have been given to and received by Northeast Florida Realty Inc. All utilities are to be left on for three days after your keys have been returned to Northeast Florida Realty Inc.

### ***Breaking the Lease***

If you default on your lease, you will be responsible for all costs incurred in securing a new Resident, as well as any damage to the Lessor, monetary or otherwise, incurred as a result of Resident's default. If you find you must move before the end of your lease, we will market the property promptly, providing that you have given the required 60-day written notice. You must pay a full months rent for every month until the property is re-leased or your lease obligation ends, whichever comes first.

Forfeiture of your security deposit does not excuse you from other obligations of the lease. You must follow all procedures for marketing, cleaning, and move-out. The most common charges for breaking a lease are:

- a) A re-leasing and/or breaking lease fee.
- b) Rent until the new lease takes effect.
- c) Lawn maintenance (you need to arrange for that before leaving)
- d) Utilities (keep them on in your name until notified of a new Resident)
- e) Advertising

### ***Return of the Security Deposit***

RESIDENT MAY NOT DICTATE THAT THE SECURITY DEPOSIT BE USED FOR ANY RENT DUE! The security deposit will be refunded within 30 days of your move-out and return of the keys and garage door openers if applicable. Return of the Security Deposit is subject to the following provisions:

- a) Resident has given sixty (60) days written notice prior to vacating. The full term of the Agreement has expired and Resident has complied with all other provisions.
- b) All charges due including rents and fees, maintenance or repair costs that are a Resident obligation, utilities costs that are a Resident obligation and any other fees or charges that may be required to be paid by Resident have been paid in full.
- c) No damage to Premises or its contents beyond normal wear and tear is evident. All walls are clean and unmarred. Resident understands that any expenses incurred by Lessor to return Premises to the same condition as when Resident moved in, allowing for reasonable wear and tear shall be paid by Resident.
- d) The entire dwelling, including but not limited to carpets, bathroom and fixtures, floors, windows inside and out, window blinds, ceiling fans and light fixtures, all appliances, closets and cupboards are thoroughly clean and free of insects.
- e) All debris, rubbish, and all personal property has been removed from Premises and disposed of properly.
- f) The HVAC system has been left clean and in satisfactory condition and the filter has been changed.
- g) The lawn has been cut and edged, shrubs have been trimmed and debris properly removed from Premises.

## EMERGENCY/DISASTER PROCEDURES

### ***Make Your Plan Now***

The key to safely and properly handling any emergency/disaster is pre-planning and staying calm during and after the event. Being prepared is every individual's responsibility. Don't rely only on the authorities. Take charge and plan now so you can be better prepared to take action when the time comes. Advanced planning allows for fewer mistakes and greater safety for you, your family, and the home you are caring for. It is easy to forget even little things in the anxiety which often comes with an emergency. To avoid unnecessary stress, get ready now.

### ***Two Types of Emergencies***

The first type is a Non-Disaster Emergency, one that is specific to the property you rent (i.e., a tree falls on the house, or the hot water heater bursts).

The second type of emergency is an area wide Disaster (i.e., a hurricane or tornado).

### ***Hurricane/Storm Watch/Storm Warning***

Living in Florida, the chances of experiencing a hurricane or heavy storm are quite high. It is important to know and follow proper procedures to safeguard yourself and the property you live in and minimize potential risk and damage.

A Hurricane/Storm **Watch** is when hurricane and/or storm conditions **are** possible in the specified area of the watch, usually **within 36 hours**.

A Hurricane/Storm **Warning** is when hurricane conditions **are expected** in the specified area of the warning, usually **within 24 hours**.

### ***What You Do***

Everything an Owner would do to protect the property, the Resident is expected to do. The first priority is to stop additional damage. We have many thunder and lightening storms, power outages and high winds. An emergency could happen at any time. Be prepared.

Because we get advance warning for a hurricane, many people choose to leave town. If you leave, you still must secure the property prior to leaving.

## **DISASTER PROCEDURES**

Have an emergency preparedness plan, a checklist and a storm kit. Stay tuned, to the local news media and follow all recommended precautions and instructions. During the storm or before leaving, please be sure to:

1. Turn off main breaker to house.
2. Turn off main gas line to house. (Call Power Company for instructions)
3. Turn off main water supply to house.
4. Take all recommended precautions by the local news media and storm bulletin publications. Do not put tape on the windows!
5. Secure your pets, inside. If it is not safe for you outside, it is not safe for your pets either! If you are leaving the property, do not leave your pets behind.
6. Secure all outside items. Bring in swings sets, play houses, small planters, anything that could turn into a flying object during high winds.
7. Secure house against damage. Follow all recommendations by the local news and the emergency preparedness teams for your area.
8. Make sure Northeast Florida Realty Inc. has a key for your house (have you changed locks lately?)

**RESIDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING THE HOME AGAINST POSSIBLE DAMAGE. EVERYTHING A HOMEOWNER SHOULD DO, RESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO DO.**

## **NON-DISASTER PROCEDURES**

*(i.e., Kitchen Fire, Water Pipe Burst, Hot Water Heater Burst, Tree Falls on House)*

**Upon first occurrence or discovery of problem, secure from further damage immediately.** Then notify the property manager or Northeast Florida Realty Inc. immediately. Keeping everyone on schedule is a cooperative effort and you are part of the team.

### **Resident Responsibility**

Take steps to prevent additional damage immediately.

- a) Turn off the source of water or electricity or gas, as the situation demands.
- b) Notify Northeast Florida Realty Inc., if it is after hours use emergency line.
- c) Make claim on Resident's insurance.
- d) Notify Northeast Florida Realty Inc. of Resident's insurance coverage.
- e) Provide emergency (police, fire, etc.) report to Northeast Florida Realty Inc. within 5 days of the incident.
- f) Provide access for insurance, repair people, etc. to assess and repair damage.
- g) Notify Northeast Florida Realty Inc. of delays, "no show" appointments, problems with repairs.

Resident is responsible for any loss to the Owner due to Resident negligence. If the damage was caused by a current resident or a guest, please be aware all charges not covered by insurance will be billed to you.

## **OUR PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU**

**Congratulations** on the selection of your new home. Welcome to the Greater Jacksonville area and to your new association with Northeast Florida Realty Inc. We are pleased to have you as our resident(s) and want to make your new association with Northeast Florida Realty Inc. a pleasant experience.

Our aim, on behalf of the owner of the property, is to give you quality property management service. In return we look forward to your being a responsible resident who pays the rent on time, takes care of the property, and enjoys the home you have rented.

We are located at: 1999 Wells Rd, Suite D - Orange Park, FL 32073. Our regular office hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. The office phone number is 904-386-7877.

One property manager has been assigned the responsibility of overseeing the property you are renting. A business card has been included in your lease folder for easy reference. You may contact your property manager using their direct contact information; i.e. email address and direct fax and office telephone number. If they are unavailable they will contact you within a reasonable amount of time. If you have an emergency anyone at the office or the emergency line can help you.

We are looking forward to having you as part of the Northeast Florida Realty Inc. resident family, and hope your rental experience with us will be a long and pleasant one.

Sincerely,

***The Staff and Management of Northeast Florida Realty Inc.***



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