

HOUSING HOTLINE

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AUGUST

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Office CLOSED:

August 31st – At 3pm for end of month processing

Back to School! – School starts Mon, August 14 for both Clarksville and Lamar School Districts.

Clarksville students only need to bring a backpack, but may also bring a water bottle. Clarksville School is providing all school supplies.



Lamar students will have their first round of school supplies, including a backpack, provided to them.

Follow your school's Facebook page for more info.

Tax-Free Weekend – Beginning at 12:01a.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2023, and ending at 11:59p.m. on Sunday, August 6, 2023, the State of Arkansas will hold its sales tax holiday where certain electronic devices, school supplies, school art supplies, school instructional materials, and clothing can be purchased tax free.

**Note: Clarksville and Lamar School Districts are providing school supplies for their students. Clarksville students only need a backpack.*

Freebies! – A free bag of food for residents may be picked up Aug 1st – 4th when you pay rent or have your Annual Re-Exam! It is only one bag per household.

Work Orders – Work orders must be called in as soon as an issue is found. Do not wait until you see maintenance personnel to inform them of an issue.

Call the office from 8am-12pm and 1pm-4:30pm to place a work order. Use the emergency numbers given to you at lease signing for emergency work orders that occur after hours and on weekends.

Additionally, when a work order is placed and maintenance arrives, they should not be denied admittance into your unit. This has been happening frequently. Remember the cost of a maintenance labor increased July 1, 2023, and is now \$20 per hour. The charge can be applied if maintenance arrive and are not allowed entry to complete the requested work order.

Annual Re-Exams for New Rent Oct. 2023 – 24

Re-Examination time is in August. Tenants should have received a letter in July stating an appointment time and a list of documents to bring. If you have not, call the office to find out the date and time of your appointment.

Based on information you supply; new rents will go into effect starting October 1st. Prepare for your re-exam by gathering verifications and any other documents as requested by our office.

Verifications must be dated within sixty (60) days of your Re-Exam appointment

(for the year dated: August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023). Help us stay on schedule by coming at your assigned time, bringing the necessary paperwork and, if you qualify for medical expense deductions, having these papers together and totaled. If we do not have the required documentation at your scheduled appointment time, we will be unable to calculate your October 2023 rent amount & will need to reschedule your appointment or maximize your rent. If you have prepared paperwork, you may submit it to the office in advance and we will try to have it prepared for your signature(s) at the appointed date and time. Be prepared to **update your Emergency Contact numbers and register vehicles for parking permits. Bring current photo IDs**, so they can be updated during your exam. Thanks in advance for your understanding and patience during this busy month.

Vehicles – All vehicles must be registered during your Re-Exam appointment. Bring the most current vehicle registration. Inoperable vehicles and unregistered vehicles are not allowed to be parked on CHA property. All vehicles must have a parking permit. Any vehicle that is inoperable, unregistered, or without a parking permit is subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Clutter – Be mindful of clutter both inside and outside of your unit. Clutter makes a good breeding ground for pests like mice, snakes, and bugs. Remember your unit is not meant for storage, but for housing and living.

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| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | Delinquent Letters | | Late Fees Added | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | Eviction Letters | | | | | |
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| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | | | | | Lunch with Shelly 12-2pm |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Lunch with Shelly Join Executive Director Shelly Wood on Sat., Aug. 26 th from 12-2pm at the Foy Howard Community Center on 605 Lucas Street for lunch! | |
| | | | Presto-X & Inspections | Office Closes at 3pm to foot traffic | | |



National Center for Environmental Health

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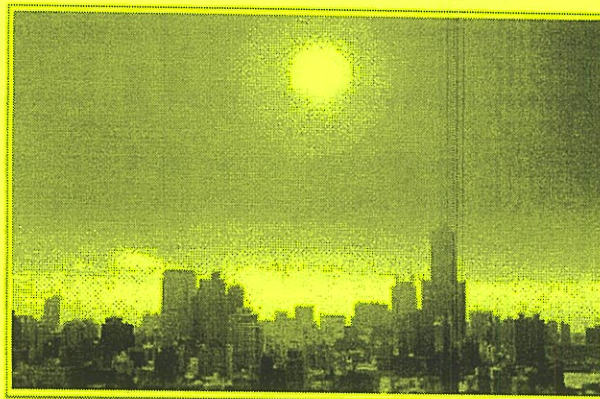
Keep Your Cool in Hot Weather!

Learn about heat-related illness and how to stay cool and safe in hot weather.

High temperatures kill hundreds of people every year. Heat-related deaths and illness are preventable, yet more than 700 people die from extreme heat every year in the United States.

Take measures to stay cool, stay hydrated, and stay informed. Getting too hot can make you sick. You can become ill from the heat if your body can't compensate for it and properly cool you off. The main things affecting your body's ability to cool itself during extremely hot weather are:

- **High humidity.** When the humidity is high, sweat won't evaporate as quickly. This keeps your body from releasing heat as fast as it may need to.
- **Personal factors.** Age, obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug and alcohol use all can play a role in whether a person can cool off enough in very hot weather.



Those who are at highest risk include people 65 and older, children younger than two, and people with chronic diseases or mental illness.

Closely monitor people who depend on you for their care and ask these questions:

- Are they drinking enough water?
- Do they have access to air conditioning?
- Do they need help keeping cool?



People aged 65 and older are at high risk for heat-related illnesses.

People at greatest risk for heat-related illness can take the following protective actions to prevent illness or death:

- Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as you can. Air-conditioning is the number one way to protect yourself against heat-related illness and death. If your home is not air-conditioned, reduce your risk for heat-related illness by spending time in public facilities that are air-conditioned and using air conditioning in vehicles. Contact your local health department or locate an air-conditioned shelter in your area.
- Do not rely on a fan as your main cooling device during an extreme heat event.
- Drink more water than usual, and don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- Check on friends and neighbors and have someone check on you.
- Limit use of the stove and oven—it will make you and your house hotter.

Even young and healthy people can get sick from the heat if they participate in strenuous physical activities during hot weather:

- Limit your outdoor activity, especially midday when the sun is hottest.
- Pace yourself. Start activities slowly and pick up the pace gradually.
- Drink more water than usual, and don't wait until you're thirsty to drink more. Muscle cramping may be an early sign of heat-related illness.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing.

If you play a sport that practices during hot weather, protect yourself and look out for your teammates:

- Schedule workouts and practices earlier or later in the day when the temperature is cooler.
- Monitor a teammate's condition and have someone do the same for you.
- Seek medical care right away if you or a teammate has symptoms of heat-related illness.
- Learn more about how to protect young athletes from heat-related illness by taking this CDC course.

Everyone should take these steps to prevent heat-related illnesses, injuries, and death during hot weather:

- Stay in an air-conditioned indoor location as much as you can.
- Drink plenty of fluids even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully.
 - Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing and sunscreen.
 - Pace yourself.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- Check on friends and neighbors and have someone check on you.
- Never leave children or pets in cars.
- Check the local news for health and safety updates.

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Have You Used Our Website?

Our website (cha-ar.com) just went live, so we welcome your comments. Please fill out this questionnaire and turn it in to the office. Or you can send an email to cha@cha-ar.com. Please title the subject "Website." We appreciate you taking the time to give your feedback. Thank you.

Was the website...

Easy to find? Yes | No

Easy to read? Yes | No

Simple to use? Yes | No

Please rate your overall experience with the website.

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Disappointing

Exceptional

Please rate the ease of finding what you were looking for on the website.

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Do you plan to use our website in the future?

Yes | No

What changes would you like to see on our website?

Please share any additional comments or suggestions.

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