



## PEST CONTROL ADDENDUM

This Pest Control Addendum is an addendum to, and shall be incorporated into, the Dwelling Lease dated \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ between Seattle Housing Authority and the undersigned tenant(s) located at the property and unit # listed below.

### **Tenant Responsibility**

Effective pest control requires a division of responsibility among the Housing Authority, the pest control division and tenants. Tenants must maintain housekeeping practices that do not support pest infestation and must cooperate with the Housing Authority's pest control efforts. To maximize infestation prevention or control in the dwelling unit, the resident must do the following:

1. Tenants may not place belongings on the floor of their units that prevent access into and through the unit.
2. Tenants may not keep papers, magazines, and other combustible materials in their units in an amount that provides a habitat for insects and other pests.
3. Tenants shall notify property management if they intend to bring used furniture of any kind into the apartment building in which they reside. If the furniture is found to be infested, SHA shall require the treatment of the infestation prior to allowing it onto the property.
4. Tenants shall report any pest infestation immediately to management staff. Tenants shall not attempt to eradicate pests using over-the-counter pesticides.
5. Tenants shall allow access to their units for inspection by pest control staff. Tenants will be given proper advance notice and written preparation instructions.
6. Tenants shall follow and comply with all inspection preparation instructions. Inspections may be performed using SHA's scent detection K9 dog when needed.
7. If pest treatment is necessary, tenants must comply with all written treatment preparation instructions. Adequate time will be allowed to complete the preparation tasks required and tenants will be advised of the scheduled treatment date. Failure to prepare properly may postpone any treatment and lease enforcement steps may be taken to enforce lease compliance up to and including lease termination.
8. **Bedbugs:**
  - If the tenant has been informed, or otherwise has knowledge that his or her unit is infested with bedbugs, the tenant must place all laundry items in a sealed plastic bag prior to going to the laundry room. When items are removed from the bag(s), the tenant must place them directly into the washer. To prevent re-infestation, all items should be dried at the highest dryer setting available, and when dried should be placed in a new plastic bag which should remain sealed except when an item is being removed for use. Tenants should carefully dispose of all plastic bags used to bring items to the laundry room. Tenants will continue to be responsible for all of their laundry costs.
  - If discarding small items from tenant units in preparation of bedbug treatment, tenants shall place the items in tightly sealed plastic bags prior to taking items to the dumpster. If discarding

items like furniture, tenants shall contact the Property Manager for specific instructions. Plastic bags will be provided by property management staff upon request.

- Discarded items from any dumpster, dumpster area or public space may be infested with bedbugs or other pests. Tenants shall not take any discarded items or any items from such places and bring them into the apartment building or their unit.

The tenant's failure to comply with the requirements of this addendum, can lead to the tenant being held responsible for the infestation to the apartment and any health problems that may result.

***By signing below, tenant acknowledges receipt of a copy of this addendum.***

Tenant(s) understand and agree to abide by the requirements of this ***Pest Control Addendum***. I/we will report any infestation problems to Seattle Housing Authority promptly.

\_\_\_\_\_

Head of Household

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Co-Head

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SHA Representative

\_\_\_\_\_

Date