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5 Things The IRS Will Never Do:

1. The IRS will never contact you by email or text.
2. Call to demand immediate payment using a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer.
3. Demand that you pay taxes without the opportunity to ask questions or appeal.
4. Threaten to bring in local police, immigration or other agencies to have you arrested.
5. Ask for credit/debit card numbers over the phone.



Sun, Mar 9, 2025

Daylight saving time

Daylight saving time, also referred to as daylight saving, daylight savings time, daylight time, or summer time, is the practice of advancing clocks to make better use of the longer daylight available during summer so that darkness falls at a later clock time. [Wikipedia](#)

An illustration at the top of the page shows a light blue sky with a musical note icon. Below the sky is a green field. In the field, there are several stylized trees: two green trees on the left, one yellow tree in the center, and two green trees on the right.

DOOR TO DOOR SALES PEOPLE

If you are approached by someone who comes to your door to solicit or sell you something, *you have the right to:*

1. NOT answer the door if it is not someone you know.
2. Ask to see a Peddler's license (which MUST be obtained through City Hall), it must be presented to you before they can speak with you.
3. Call the authorities, if they will not leave when asked or if they will not produce the appropriate license.

Recently our properties have been targeted by individuals posing as sales people. Do not give any personal information to anyone who is knocking on your door.

Ameren, nor any of their affiliates will come to your door offering you to join or buy anything.

With the weather getting warmer, we may see more people approaching you at your home to "sell". If this happens to you and you are not comfortable with the person or persons at your door, call the authorities.

NO ONE CAN COME TO YOUR DOOR WITHOUT A PEDDLER'S LICENSE ISSUED THROUGH CITY HALL.



Two Rivers Regional Council

Two Rivers Regional Council is a member of the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies. TRRC provides staff to develop and administer programs and policies which further the efforts of local governments and aid the economically disadvantaged throughout the region. Community Action includes programs like: Food Pantries, Reach-out Centers, and Energy Assistance.

Workforce Development Center

Workforce Development promotes the development and implementation of workforce education strategies for occupations in high-growth/high-demand industries. Workforce education often includes job search assistance, assessment, vocational classroom training, work experience, and supportive services. It further develops and implements workforce education programs that enable low-skilled, low-income, adults to embark on career pathways and earn family sustaining wages. Dislocated workers receive training and assistance to find and retain work after a layoff, Eligible youth, ages 17-24, in or out of school, can receive assistance with getting their GED, workforce education, work-based learning, or apprenticeship opportunities. Veterans receive preferential treatment.

Workforce Center Offices Pike County - 120 S. Madison, Pittsfield, IL 62363

217-285-2216

Pike County Food Distribution

Food pantry is open on a drop in basis during the hours below.

120 South Madison, Pittsfield, IL 62363

Monday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials Mission

To grow stronger and more positive communities through relationships. As a connected community of individuals, families, businesses and government; we focus on supporting the basic needs of our community, fostering resiliency, and developing economic opportunity for all.



Egress Reminder

You must have one window in each room that is not blocked, to provide a fire emergency exit.



2025 Inspections Will Begin Soon

Inspection property and dates will be announced at a later date. Do not wait until the inspection date to make sure your apartment is inspection ready. Lease requirements pertaining to the upkeep of the apartment, inside and out, can be found at our website www.pikehousing.com Page 8 Section K – Page 11-Section M. If you would like a copy of your lease, please call the office at 217-407-0707.





NO SMOKING



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE OFFICE.

IF YOU HAVE NOT UPDATED YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM IN THE LAST YEAR, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO REQUEST A NEW FORM.

It is very important that we have correct phone numbers for your emergency contacts.



Certain PCHA documents have been updated. You will receive an updated form from us if your file does not contain the most current documentation. Please sign, date and return the form to us within 10 days of receiving it.



THERE IS NO SMOKING IN PCHA APARTMENTS

**PCHA
838 Mason St
PO Box 123
Barry, Il. 62312**

217-407-0707



**Rent is due the 25th of
each month**

Our office remains closed to the public.

**If you need an appointment, please call
217-407-0707. If you do not get answer, leave
a voicemail for Lee Ann or Tonya. We will call
you back as soon as we can.**

**Voicemail available after hours,
weekends and holiday's.**

**Call 217-407-0707 Press option 1 or in case of
an emergency call**

217-779-2213.

**You must leave a message. Hard of hearing or
deaf may text the number to leave a message.**

**Emergencies include; water leak,
clogged drain, broken exterior door lock
or broken window lock, toilet not flushing,
or no heat at all.**

**Do not call or text the maintenance
number for a work order during normal
business hours.**

CONTACT

**PHONE:
217-407-0707**

**WEBSITE:
www.pikehousing.com**

**FAX:
[217-407-0708](tel:217-407-0708)**

HUD SMOKE-FREE HOUSING RULE



Why did HUD adapt a smoke-free policy rule?

The smoke-free rule was adopted to prevent fires, allows residents to breathe clean air and reduce maintenance cost.

What tobacco products are banned?

All lit tobacco products are banned including cigarettes, cigars, and pipes.

Is marijuana allowed at PHAs?

HUD **does not allow** marijuana on any PHA site. Marijuana is on the federally banned substance list, and is not allowed in any form on PCHA properties.

Where is smoking banned?

It is banned inside all Public Housing Authority (PHA) buildings, including patios, or within 25 feet of building.

Are PHAs required to build smoking shelters?

No, they are not required to do so.

If I have a physical disability can I smoke in my unit?

No, all residents are banned from smoking in their unit and within 25 feet of any building.

How is the rule enforced?

Like other rules, the smoke-free rule will be part of the lease agreement. Warning and fines may also be issued for people who violate the rule.

What help is offered to residents who want to quit smoking?

Residents can contact PHA staff for information on free quit counseling services. Quit smoking resources are also available to Medicaid enrollees, and military personnel and their families.

Tobacco Quit Line
1-800-QUIT-NOW
toll-free 1-800-784-8669
QUITLINE.COM





THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF **BERRIES**

EYE HEALTH

CANCER PREVENTION

HEART HEALTH

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

FIGHT INFLAMMATION

MIXED BERRY **FRUIT SALAD**

- 2 cups diced strawberries
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup blackberries
- 1 cup raspberries
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons poppy seeds
- Optional garnish: fresh mint leaves
- In a small bowl, whisk together the lime juice, honey, and poppy seeds.
- Place the berries in a large bowl and drizzle the dressing over the top. Toss gently to coat.
- Garnish with mint leaves and serve.

Mowing is starting soon.....

Tenants need to make sure **everything** is picked up out of the yards. Including any toys, dog leashes, animal waste or anything that is more than 2 foot away from the buildings. We are not responsible for any item(s) that are destroyed by our mowers because it was left in the yard.

YOU MUST PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS!!!

This is to be done year round. We have areas where no effort is being made to pick up after your animal. If maintenance has to remove the animal waste from your yard, you will be charged \$15.00 service fee each time. Picking up after your pet is part of the Lease Addendum A Pet Policy. If you are not taking care of your animals waste, indoor or outdoor, you will risk lease termination. This Pet Policy is signed by every tenant and is a part of your permanent file. As with any part of your lease, this can and will be used for lease termination for non-compliance.

