

Middleborough Housing Authority
Garden / Lawn Furniture / Play Equipment Policy
or Outdoor Yard Policy

MHA has established this policy for the safety of the residents and for the protection and preservation of the property.

The tenant shall submit a written request to the Authority prior to installing any recreation equipment. Permission will not be granted unless:

- 1) The tenant is current in rent and lease obligations.
- 2) The tenant provides proof of liability insurance of at least \$100,000 that covers the equipment prior to installation and at every annual recertification.
- 3) The tenant must maintain the equipment in a safe and sanitary condition
- 4) The equipment must be properly anchored to the ground.
- 5) The tenant must contact DigSafe to preserve the safety of utilities, if applicable.
- 6) The tenant shall supervise all person(s) using the equipment, at all times.
- 7) After installation is complete, the tenant shall notify the authority to perform a safety inspection.
- 8) The authority is not responsible or liable for any injuries caused by the proper or improper use of the equipment.
- 9) The tenant must remove the equipment upon vacating.
- 10) Permission will be revoked if the tenant does not abide by the policy

Lawn furniture and recreation equipment must be kept orderly to allow for maintenance to properly maintain the grounds. The tenant shall remove items from the grass on mowing days

Lawn furniture and recreation equipment must be properly stored off site during the winter season. No lawn furniture and/or recreation equipment will be allowed to remain on the patio/porch areas during the winter season.

No swing sets, basketball hoops, tents, skateboard ramps or other like items may be erected without written permission from the Director.

No swimming pools, trampolines, fire pits or external fire places are allowed under any conditions.

The use of outdoor grills is by written permission only. No grill, propane tank or other fuel (such as charcoal or lighter fluid) may be placed within ten (10) feet of any structure or flammable item such as toys or lawn furniture while in use. Under no circumstances shall an outdoor grill or a propane tank be used or stored indoors. No grill may be used on ground which is not sufficiently level, and there may be no flammable material (such as mulch) in the area. The location of grills will be inspected periodically. If the Authority discovers any grill placed in an unsafe location, the grill will be removed and stored by the maintenance department. The Authority will return the grill but revoke permission of use.

Per state regulation 527CMR17, mulch is prohibited within 18 inches of combustible exteriors of buildings. Per DHCD Facilities Management regulations, storage containers are not allowed within 2 feet of residential buildings.

Public housing regulations do not permit vegetable plants and herbs to be planted directly into the soil. Upon written permission, residents may grow vegetables in a "container garden". Residents must remove ripened fruit/vegetable so as not to attract animals

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**Middleborough Housing Authority
Lawn Furniture / Play Equipment Policy
Acknowledgement Form**

I, (name) _____

Of (address) _____

Have received the Lawn Furniture/ Play Equipment Policy

I hereby certify that:

- I am current in rent and lease obligations
- Have provided proof of liability insurance of at least \$100,000 that covers the equipment prior to installation **Date:** _____
- The equipment is in a safe and sanitary condition
- The equipment must be properly anchored to the ground.
- I have contacted DigSafe to preserve the safety of utilities, if applicable. **Date:** _____
- I shall supervise all person(s) using the equipment
- After installation is complete the tenant shall notify the authority to perform a safety inspection.
- I will remove the Lawn Furniture/ Play Equipment

Please Note: MHA is not responsible or liable for any injuries caused by the proper or improper use of the equipment.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

