

Rural Alaska Housing

What to expect when you're renting from a school district or village:

<p>Check-In/Check-Out –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAKE PHOTOS – inside and out! Just like any rental, you are responsible for damage. • Seasonal – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Check-In = August/September ○ Check-Out = May • Returning? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Storage available? ○ Extension of lease available? 	<p>District Accountability –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must follow landlord/tenant act • District is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintenance ○ Repairs ○ Availability ○ Quality • Send us a copy of your lease to info@neaalaska.org
<p>Bush Life 101 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't expect a mansion, although what you will be offered is as nice as or nicer than any other housing in your village. • Is your village "dry"? Dry or not, alcohol or marijuana is not allowed in most housing. • Settle in!* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make it look lived in ○ Put out personal items ○ Unpack <p>* Your neighbors and community members take notice. What you do with your personal items and how much you make your house look like a "home" will be an indication of your commitment to the village.</p>	<p>Housing 101 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock potable water as a precaution against water issues • Request a rental agreement – not just a copy of the agreement in the union contract. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you cannot get a rental agreement, do not move in without at least a minimum of written communication (email is fine) outlining stipulations and expectations. • Don't forget to ask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will you have roommates? ○ Average utilities costs? ○ Storage available during summer/winter breaks? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cost? Is it secure?
<p>Tenant Rights –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stability • Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You can install your own interior locks (like chain locks) on the doors • Deposit return upon check-out, once cleared (must be post-marked within 14 days or you are eligible to receive double the return) • The Landlord/Tenant Act applies to you too - http://bit.ly/AK_Rent 	<p>Questions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are having issues with your housing or just have questions about housing please call us at (800) 996-3225 <p>Join In On the Conversation!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with others living the Rural Alaska Housing Life in edCommunities – find us in the Groups tab at www.mynea360.org.

And above all, know what your contract says about housing!!!



- Your Rural Housing Resource

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