



HOME CARE GUIDE

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# WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME AT GRAND TRIOMPHE 2

Tridel welcomes you to your beautiful new home at Grand Triomphe 2.

Today's new homes are built better than ever before. Enhanced construction methods, materials as well as technologies have had a tremendous impact on the entire industry. The end result is a new and improved home. Your home.

Homeownership is an exciting and rewarding experience. We would, however, like to emphasize that it is also an ongoing responsibility. Your new home will need some effort on your part. By taking the time to properly care for your home, it will continue to look its best, and work efficiently for many years to come.

We realize that as you settle into your new home, new questions may arise about its maintenance. For example, you may need to be familiarized with locations of your circuit breakers or water shut off valves. You may also wonder about things such as which items are covered under warranty, for what time period, and the most efficient methods in how to deal with any concerns.

This Home Care Handbook has been created specifically for the Grand Triomphe 2 community, to provide you with answers to the most commonly asked questions concerning home maintenance. We hope it also serves to make the transition into your new home, both easier and more enjoyable.

Should you have further questions or need additional information beyond what is covered in this Handbook, please do not hesitate to contact Customer Care and we'll be happy to assist you with your concerns, no matter how big or small! This is after all, one of the biggest purchases you will ever make.

Sincerely,

#### **Grand Triomphe 2**

Per:

Customer Care





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### INTRODUCTION TO YOUR HOME

### Team Members

#### Management

Del Property Management manages your new home. The office is located on the ground floor. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Hours of operation for Tuesdays are 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and for Thursdays is 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The office telephone number is [416] 221-7851 and fax number [416] 221-5635. If management personnel are required outside of office hours to handle an emergency please call the Del Emergency after hours number [416] 495-8866 for service.

#### The Concierge

The Concierge is responsible for access control of all guests to the property. Grand Triomphe 2 enjoys a 24-hour Concierge who is ready and willing to assist you. Should you be involved in leisurely interaction or conversation with the Concierge, please keep in mind that their primary task is the security of your community's residents.

#### **Customer Care**

Your Customer Care Office is located at 500 Doris Ave., Suite 322. You may call them to discuss your concerns at [416] 250-1310. We remind you that requests are to be submitted in writing.

Once the majority of homes are occupied, the Customer Care Office will move off site to Tridel's Head Office. At this time, you may contact Customer Care in one of the following three ways:

Telephone: (416) 650-1222 E-mail: customercare@tridel.com Fax: (416) 650-1230.

### Quick Reference Telephone List

NAME	TELEPHONE	COMMENTS	
Customer Care	(416) 250-1310	Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 500 Doris Ave., Ste 322 Email: grandtriomphe2cc@tridel.com Weekend & After hours appointments are available upon request.	
Del Property Management Head Office After hours Emergency	(416) 221-7851 (416) 661-3151 (416) 495-8866	Located on the ground floor level of Grand Triomphe 2	
EMERGENCY	911	POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE	
Rogers Cable	1-888-764-3771	Cable Television, Telephone and Internet Services	
Sales Office	(416) 222-3811	Office Hours Mon-Thurs 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Sat, Sun 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm Fri, Closed	
The Concierge	(416) 221-2561	24 hour service	
Tridel Call Centre	(416) 661-9394		





## HOMECARE HANDBOOK SURVEY

Congratulations once again and welcome to the Grand Triomphe 2 community. We hope that the Home Care binder serves as an excellent accompaniment to your new home in the many years ahead. As a reference tool, it is designed to assist you in getting the answers to questions regarding your new home and community, both quickly and easily. We also encourage you however, to review the binder in its entirety at your convenience, as there will be a lot of information that's useful to you.

We invest a significant amount of time and effort ensuring that the content is both accurate and relevant to you in your new home. We also strive to ensure that the format is designed for ease of use. As a new homeowner and valued customer, your opinion is of great importance to us. Your feedback will assist us in making certain that the homecare binder meets your requirements and desires, both now and in the future.

After you have settled into your new home we would greatly appreciate you taking the time to answer the following questions regarding your home care binder. To make it easy, we have attached the survey form on a separate page (see following page) which your Customer Care office will be glad to accept at any time. There is no hurry! If it is not during regular business hours, you may simply deliver it in the mail slot.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

#### **Grand Triomphe 2**

Per:

Danielle Feidler

Vice President of Customer Care





## HOMECARE HANDBOOK SURVEY

Did you find the format convenient for finding information?
☐ Yes ☐ No How effective was the information?
What information was missing from the binder that you would have liked to see included?
Did you find anything confusing?  Yes No If yes, please specify.
Did you find the maintenance section thorough? Was it applicable to your finishes and upgrades?  I Yes  I No  If no, please specify.
Did you find the home warranty section thorough?  Yes No If no, please specify.
Did it contain sufficient community and neighbourhood information?  Yes  No  If no, please comment on what you would have found useful.
Additional Comments:

Thank you for your time.





## **MOVES AND DELIVERIES**

### **Booking Your Elevator**

You should advise the Customer Care Office of your move in date as well as any deliveries as soon as possible. This will avoid any conflict with security personnel in allowing access into the building. It will also minimize confusion as there are generally three to four move-ins scheduled each day.

When your moving company arrives, the Concierge will direct them to the loading dock area and the Concierge will put the elevator on service.

Moving hours are:

Monday to Saturday [8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.] No moves on legal or statutory holidays.

Moves and deliveries must be booked with the Customer Care Office at least seven days in advance so that the elevator may be protected with moving blankets and placed on service for your convenience. Reservations are made during business hours and are on a first come - first serve basis.

Once the majority of move-ins have occurred, the elevator bookings will be passed over to the Property Management Office. A notice will be posted once this occurs.

The moving or delivery people should remove all cardboard and boxes from the site. Otherwise, you have to break the cardboard and boxes down and place them in the recycling containers located on the Ground Floor.

### Packing Tips - General

- Disassemble any items you can.
- Ensure items with sharp corners or projections are prevented from puncturing or scratching.
- · Reinforce the bottom of all boxes with tape.
- Pack one room at a time and label each box with room and contents.
- Mark boxes containing fragile items clearly as "Handle with Care", "Glass" or "Fragile". Load these boxes on top of all other freight and secure in place.
- Fill any unused space in boxes with paper or other filler to prevent shifting during transit.
- Dispose of items you do not need or want. Garage sales, consignment shops or charitable organizations are a great way to avoid moving unwanted items.
- Move your valuables, houseplants, necessities, and specialty items with you.

#### **Furniture**

Pad all furniture with blankets or bubble wrap. Secure padding to furniture. Remove legs from furniture if possible. Place wing nuts or screws in envelopes or plastic bags and tape to underside of furniture. Coat fine wood furnishings with wax to protect against scratches.

Stand sofas on end and secure in place to minimize cargo space used. Place loose cushions in bags and use as filler between furniture pieces.

Move dressers with contents in drawers to avoid repacking. Secure drawers from opening during transit.

#### **Electronics**

Whenever possible, use original shipping boxes for computers, printers, stereo equipment or televisions. Wrap each piece with bubble wrap or foam packing material. Immobilize any moving parts. Remove all cables and cords if possible. Color code or label wiring for easier reinstallation. Tape electrical cords to back of appliance to prevent plug damage. Follow manufacturer's instructions for moving when available. Do not move compact discs in hot weather.

#### Dishes & Glassware

Each piece should be individually wrapped and packed in shredded newspaper in stout boxes. Plates should be packed on edge instead of flat. For the best protection, purchase the "dish packs" sold at local equipment rental or packaging stores. Fine silver should be wrapped in cloth or silver paper. Place these boxes on top of load and secure the boxes in place to prevent shifting during transit.

#### Lamps

Remove all bulbs and shades before packing. Pack in sturdy cartons.

#### **Wall Hangings**

Wrap each painting or framing individually with bubble wrap, blankets, or towels. Load items in carton on their edges, not flat. Label and mark cartons as fragile. Be sure to load these cartons in a safe position.

#### Please do not pack the following items:

Fuels	Aerosol Cans
Paint/Mineral Spirits	Flammable Liquids or Corrosives
Liquid Bleach	Fire Arms or Ammunition
Matches/Candles	Food in Glass Jars
Live Plants	Pets
Perishable Goods	Cleaning Chemicals





## **MOVES AND DELIVERIES**

### Loading Tips

- Be sure to lift items using your knees (not your back) to prevent injuries.
- · Make sure ramps are sturdy and securely in place.
- · Use dollies to load appliances and other heavy objects.
- · Load heavy items on bottom, lighter items on top.

#### Redirection of Mail

When Canada Post commences service to the building, you may pick up your mail in the mailroom located in the lobby.

Your mailing address is:

Your Suite # 500 Doris Ave. Toronto, On M2N 0C1

### Mail Pick Up

The Concierge/Security will be glad to accept parcels on your behalf provided that a waiver is pre-signed with the Property Management Office. Waivers will be included in the Closing Package with your suite keys. We are however unable to sign for any registered mail.

### Vacations and Other Absences

If you intend to leave for an extended period of time, please notify the Property Management Office and include the names of people authorized to enter your home, as well as a contact person who we could call in case of an emergency. Place on hold newspaper and/or deliveries to your suite and make arrangements with a friend or neighbour to pick up your mail. You may also arrange with the post office to hold or forward your mail to a temporary address.

For instructions on further preventative measures that may be taken with regard to your appliances during extended absences, please contact the Property Management Office.





## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

### Where is the Garbage Room

The garbage chute is centrally located in the corridor of each floor. For the consideration of other residents, the garbage chute is only to be used between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Nothing is to be left on the floor of the disposal room.

All garbage must be properly bound, packaged, bagged and sealed to prevent any undue odour, mess or damage during its descent within the garbage chute. All garbage must be firmly pushed down the garbage chute and not left within the container at the opening of the chute.

Grand Triomphe 2 uses a three component sorter incorporated into a single waste/recycling chute. The tri-sorter system consists of one vertical chute, with an automatic sorting unit at the bottom of the chute where the waste is discharged. Each floor has one intake door equipped with 3 (three) option buttons that can be set for one of three categories: blue bin, garbage and organics. The default position is set for garbage. At the bottom of the chute an automatic sorting unit discharges waste into one of three separate compartments.

Following is a list of items that do not go down the chute. They are either hazardous material, or may block the chute, resulting in damage and costly repairs.

#### ITEMS THAT DO NOT GO DOWN THE CHUTE

- · Bulk Items i.e. coat hangers, cartons, kitty litter
- Paint
- Flammables / combustibles

The above-mentioned items, as well as larger refuse items, [e.g. boxes, move-in cartons, etc.] should be taken to designated disposal areas. If you are unsure of these locations please see your Property Management Office.

### All About Recycling

The building has a user friendly recycling program - please participate. The Property Management Office will advise you when recycling has begun. Although a little extra work is involved for you (and the building staff), the end results (including lower garbage collection costs and landfills that last longer) benefit everyone.

## ITEMS THAT MAY BE RECYCLED THROUGH THE CHUTE (TRI-SORTER SYSTEM)

- Glass bottles and jars (washed)
- Metal cans (washed, place loose lids inside)
- Plastic bottles & jugs (please remove caps, flatten if possible)
- Aluminium foil and containers (pie plates, baking pans, take out food)
- Corrugated cardboard, cleaned pizza boxes (no larger than 2' x 2' x 1", flatten)
- Newspapers, magazines, and catalogues, telephone books, books
- Egg cartons, milk and juice cartons (flattened), paper rolls and paper bags
- Cereal boxes, detergent boxes, drinking / juice boxes and shoe boxes
- Household paper (junk mail, envelopes, writing and computer paper)
- Gift wrap, cards (no ribbons or bows)
- Empty aerosol spray cans, empty paint cans (with lids removed)

Please do not bag any recyclable items. All items must be individually pushed down the chute under the correct designation to ensure proper function of the system.

### ITEMS THAT MAY NOT BE RECYCLED

GLASS	drinking glasses, dishes, cups, crystal, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, pottery, glass pots and pans and make up jars
PLASTIC	dish pails, toys, make up jars, caulking tubes, foam cups and dishes, margarine, yogurt tubs and motor oil jugs.
METAL	coat hangers, pots and batteries.
ALUMINUM	foil wrap and bags (potato chip bags)
FIBRE	tissues, wax paper, foil gift wrap and boxes with plastic windows (remove windows to recycle)





## **UTILITIES**

#### Cable Service

Although your suite is pre-wired for television programming it is your responsibility to arrange for commencement of services.

Company	Product	Contact
Rogers Cable	Cable Television	1-888-ROGERS
		1-888-764-3771
	Programming	www.shoprogers.com

### Telephone and Internet Service

Once again, your suite is pre-wired for telephone service installation, however, it is your responsibility to arrange for commencement of telephone and internet services. You will find the demarkation plates are typically located in the entry closet or laundry room.

Company	Product	Contact
Rogers	Telephone &	1-888-ROGERS or
at Home	High Speed	1-888-764-3771
	Internet Services	www.shoprogers.com

### Gas, Hydro and Water

The Condominium Corporation will be billed on a bulk basis for the usage of these utilities. You pay these expenses through common element fees.

For a typical, single fan-coil, suite at GT2 the metering consists of 3 meters, an electrical meter, hot water meter and a thermal meter. If a suite has more than one fan coil then that suite will have 4 meters. Typically, each suite will receive a monthly bill from Provident Energy Management Inc. that will have 3 different charges. The meters are read from an electronic metering system and do not require access to the suite. Access to the suite will be required if there is a problem with any of the meters located within the suite.

- 1. Electrical Meter this meter is physically located in the electrical closets in the hallway. This is a smart meter that time stamps the electricity so that eventually the resident will be charged based on time of use rates. Each resident will be charged for their actual hydro consumption.
- 2. Hot Water Meter is located within the suite near the central corridor wall behind the access plate where the main hot water shut off valve is located. This meters the total amount of hot water that is consumed in the suite. The charges for hot water will include both the cost of the water and the cost of the natural gas used to heat the water.

3. Thermal Meter – is located inside the fan coil unit in the suite. The meter measures the amount of cooling or heating being used by each individual suite. The charges for this consumption will be comprised of different components in the winter and the summer. In the winter it will be comprised of the natural gas used by the boilers to heat water as well as the electricity consumption of the main circulation pumps used to transmit the water to the suite. In the summer the charge will be comprised of the electricity used to power the chiller, cooling tower and the main circulation pumps.

### Tips to Save Energy Around Your Home

- Use kitchen exhaust fans to quickly remove excess moisture.
- Ceiling fans keep air moving, making you feel cooler.
- Save energy by setting your fan at various speeds the one to best meet your needs.
- Fluorescent tubes last 16 times longer than incandescent light bulbs and use only 30% of the energy.
- Using timers for lights helps you to use electricity only when you need it.
- Use a toaster oven or microwave oven whenever possible. Both use less energy than a conventional oven.
- · A clean air filter improves the efficiency of your fan coil.
- Redirect air that is being blocked by furniture for maximum efficiency.
- Dimmer switches reduce energy consumption and provide attractive lighting (must use incandescent bulbs).
- Lower your thermostat to 20°C (68F). For every degree above this setting your heating costs increase 5%.





## **ACCESS**

### Access to the Building

#### Residents -

Entry to the building is gained by using your access transmitter. The access transmitter works by simply placing it in close proximity to the readers mounted adjacent to the doors.

#### **Visitors -**

Visitors will register with the Concierge before entering the property. The Concierge will call to confirm you are at home and willing to have the guest authorized to enter the property. Please note that all staff have been given strict instructions to ensure all guests are announced before entering the building.

NOTE: For Security Purposes we strongly recommend that you DO NOT grant building access to people claiming they have forgotten their Access Transmitter.

### Touch Screen Telephone Entry System

The door entry system, located in the Ground Floor entries, is hooked directly into your suite's telephone line, and allows a visitor to quickly and conveniently announce their arrival. It is therefore a requirement for all residents to register their names and telephone numbers with the Property Management Office as soon as possible.

Using the enterphone is simple. Visitors first view the touch screen entry system. Multiple language MESH allows the user to select a desired language. Current languages supported include English, French, Spanish, Chinese and Hindi. MESH welcomes visitors and verbally assists the user by providing system instructions. Screen text also appears in the chosen language. MESH can easily be switched back to English in the event of error. Touching the desired language on the screen will display the building directory. All text is oversized to visually assist the user. The directory includes both tenant listings and additional important building information and "hot buttons".

Visitors use their finger to find a name on the directory or use the "Search by name" function. They dial a code or simply press the "call" button. The keypad will verbally confirm each keypad number as it is pressed to avoid errors. If the number is busy or goes unanswered, a secondary number can be programmed for each listing. Verbal prompts will tell the user if the system is dialing, busy, when the door is unlocked, if the wrong number was dialed or if they are denied entry. Flexible codes protect privacy and increase security.

#### To Answer the Enterphone

- To open the door: Answer the phone, speak to the guest and permit entry by pressing button "6" on the touch tone telephone.

- If you do not wish to allow a guest to enter, hang up. This will terminate the call.
- When you are on the telephone, you will be alerted that the Concierge or a guest in the lobby is trying to reach you when you hear the call waiting beep. Press the telephone hang-up button to speak to your visitor, then press "6" to open the door, then press the telephone hang-up button again to connect you back to your outside call.

NOTE: You must have the call waiting feature to hear this interruption.

#### TIPS WHEN EXPECTING GUESTS / VISITORS

When expecting visitors or taxis, informing the Concierge in advance will expedite their admittance.

If you intend to meet someone in the lobby please contact the Concierge in advance to advise them and avoid the guest being turned away.

Should you experience problems with your guest arriving unannounced please feel free to contact the Property Management Office with the details of the date and time of the occurrence. Residents' input is always welcome.

#### Access to Your Suite

On the suite occupancy date, it is your responsibility to contact the Customer Care Office either by telephone 416-250-1310 or email grandtriomphe2cc@tridel.com during regular business hours, to ensure that your keys have been released.

After obtaining your keys, please drop by the Property Management Office or the Concierge to register your name and telephone number if you have not already done so. At closing you will be issued two suite entry door keys. Please see your Property Management for extra suite entry door keys.

All suite door keys are on one master key. The master key system allows us to gain immediate access in case of an emergency. Residents are not permitted to change the suite door lock without authorization from the Property Management Office. Safety chain/double locks, etc., may not be attached to suite entry doors without consent from the Declarant or Board of Directors.

### Opening of Suite Doors

In order for our Concierge to grant access to the building for any individuals, either residents or their guests, you must sign a waiver in advance whereby releasing the Condominium Corporation and the Declarant from any liability. The waiver has been enclosed in your Key Closing Package should you wish to do so for future use. The Concierge will grant access to the building only. Residents are responsible for providing a suite key to the person they wish to grant access to their suite.





## **ACCESS**

#### Lockers

Access to lockers is provided by a common area key, which was turned over to you at occupancy. This gives you access to the locker room only, within the room there are several other lockers separated by caging. Keys to your individual locker will be provided to you in your closing package. Parking lockers are private lockers whereby your specific locker key gives you entry to your private locker. These lockers are located adjacent to some parking spaces.

#### Common Area Access

Two complimentary access transmitters are issued to each new purchaser. Should an owner require additional access transmitters please contact the Property Management Office to purchase them. All keys and access transmitters must be turned over to the new owner upon sale of the unit. Non residents, agents, and/or visitors are not permitted to be given access transmitters.

### Access to the Garage

Access to the parking area is gained by using the grey button on your access transmitter received in your closing package.

Please be careful not to press the red panic button as this will identify your transmitter as needing assistance.

These are considered a part of the dwelling unit. If an access transmitter is lost or stolen, you must report it immediately to the Property Management Office (at which time it will be de-activated from the system to avoid illegal entry into your community by non-residents). Replacement devices will be available from the Property Management Office at a nominal fee.





## PARKING, LOCKERS & BICYCLES

### Resident Parking

Please lock your vehicle at all times and avoid leaving valuables inside. When entering or leaving the premises, please operate your vehicle safely and drive at a speed of no more than 10 km/h and adhere to all posted signs.

Please ensure the Property Management Office has your correct license plate number and always use your own parking spot. In the event that you are unable to park in your designated space for whatever reason, PLEASE contact the Concierge for alternative parking arrangements. Vehicles parked in unauthorized spots will be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense. Parking tickets will not be paid or cancelled by the Condominium Corporation or the Declarant. Please keep in mind that for legal reasons, it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove unauthorized vehicles that are in your designated parking spot.

Repairs, washing, oil changes and storage of non-functional vehicles or other items is not allowed in the parking areas, either underground or outside. Parking spaces are for vehicles only and are not to be used for storage of ANY articles. Items left in the garage will be discarded.

Residents must park within their parking boundaries.

When entering the garage or barrier, use the access transmitter at all times. Any damage caused as a result of not using the access transmitter will be the responsibility of the resident.

Residents are not to park in visitors parking at any time.

### Visitor Parking

All Visitor parking is located on the Level A parking garage. Visitor parking spots are indicated with a "V." Visitors are unable to access resident parking units. Overnight visitor passes are required when guests intend to spend the evening past 2:00 a.m. It is the resident's obligation to notify the Concierge to ensure that the parking pass has been obtained and clearly displayed in the windshield of the vehicle. Visitor parking is available on a first come first served basis.

### Parking Garage

A rubberized membrane installed on the garage floor surface of P1, P2, and P3 levels only prevents water and road salt brought into the garage on tires, from penetrating the cement.

This coating is very sensitive to oil, other chemicals and stress from turning tires when the car is not in motion. A quick look at the floor under your car will help you determine if the coating in your space is damaged, i.e. cracks or holes. If oil leaks or spills of any kind occur, please clean them with soap and water or throw an absorbent material on the spot to soak up the spill and later clean the area. Leaks left for any period of time will result in damage to the garage surface and will be the financial responsibility of the owner of the parking space to repair to its original condition. Repairs to the membrane are expensive. A few minutes of your time could avoid this unnecessary expense.

#### Lockers

Please ensure that all articles stored in lockers are kept within the space you have purchased. Remember that you have purchased the locker space itself not the area above or around the enclosure. We encourage you to ensure that all items within the locker room are kept elevated from the floor, and that the items are placed under a plastic cover as the Condominium Corporation or the Delcarant is not responsible for any items which are damaged as a result of water leakage. Do not store gasoline, propane or any other combustible material.

Additional parking and lockers may be available for purchase through the Sales Office.

### Bicycle Storage

Bicycle storage will be available at the Grand Triomphe 2 community within certain parking levels.

Residents must provide their own locks and register their bicycles with property management, any unregistered bicycles are subject to removal without notice.





## **SECURITY**

### Alarm Panels

The monitored Group 4 security system is an added security feature, which monitors access to your suite through the suite front entry door, operable windows and motion sensors (where applicable). The security panel in your suite is located at the resident suite entry door.

- 1. Activating the security system. You can "arm" the security system by entering your personal four-digit code. The panel will beep and momentarily display (ARMED!). Then return to the normal state displaying the alarm status.
- 2. Deactivating the security system. To disarm the security panel, simply re-enter your four-digit code. The panel will beep and momentarily display (DISARMED!) Then return to the normal state displaying the status.

Please note if the alarm is not disarmed, the Concierge will receive a computer-generated signal, which informs them that someone has entered your home and the alarm system will be activated. The Concierge will then immediately contact the appropriate authorities.

NOTE: Detailed security system instructions are provided in a separately enclosed document prepared by Group 4 Systems Inc with your program master code.

It is essential that you provide Property Management with this master code. Please contact Customer Care or Property Management if you are not in receipt of this document, or have equipment/service issues.

### Intercom System

This is a two-way communication intercom that has been installed in the garage and some common areas where the closed circuit cameras have been installed. This allows anyone to communicate with security on a twenty-four hour basis. If you need assistance or if you experience trouble with your common area access devices please do not hesitate to contact the Concierge for assistance.

### Security Channel

The lobby entrance can be brought up on visual display through your television set, allowing you to see guests from within your home, prior to allowing entry. Turn to channel 59 or if you have a digital box, channel 998. A preset channel is designated for viewing. Please contact Property Management for further information.

### Panic Alarms

If you feel there is a threat or an emergency while you are in the residents' garage, simply press the red button on the access transmitter which will automatically activate the horns and strobe lights. At this same time, the Concierge will be notified of an alarm through the computer system and a channel of communication to the area will be opened. As closed circuit cameras monitor the underground parking areas, the Concierge will be able to view your location and alert the appropriate authorities.

Access transmitters are considered a part of and belonging to the dwelling unit. If one of these devices is lost or stolen, you must report it immediately to the Property Management Office (at which time it will be de-activated from the system to avoid illegal entry into the building by non-residents). Replacements may be purchased from Property Management for a nominal fee.

### Soliciting

Solicitation on the property is completely prohibited. Should you see someone suspicious please report it to the Concierge as soon as possible. If you receive a flyer at your door or witness someone distributing flyers please contact the Concierge or the Property Management Office.





### **Emergency Procedures**

For ambulance, call 911 directly; and then call the Concierge to secure an elevator.

When calling outside emergency services, be sure to use the appropriate address:

Your suite number 500 Doris Ave. Toronto, ON M2N 0C1

### Fire Safety

This section outlines procedures and responsibilities for Residents and building personnel in a "fire emergency". For your own protection, please take a few minutes to read the following procedures. The complete co-operation of each person is mandatory if the plan is to be successful.

High rise condominiums are generally considered to be safer from the spread of fire than the average single family dwelling. The Building has been constructed of fire resistant materials. Solid concrete walls and floors inhibit the spread of fire from one suite to another suite.

#### To avoid fire hazards you are advised of the following:

- Do not permit anything to be done in your home which will in any way create a risk of fire.
- Do not bring anything into your home which will in any way create a risk of fire.
- For safety reasons, only artificial, non-combustible Christmas trees are permitted.
- Do not store propane, gasoline or any other combustible material in your locker or on your balcony.
- Please avoid careless smoking and always use ashtrays for butts and ashes. Never smoke in bed.
- Do not put burning materials, such as cigarettes and ashes into garbage chutes.
- Do not dispose of flammable liquids or aerosol cans in these chutes.
- Never force cartons, coat hangers, or bundles of paper into the chute because it may become blocked.
- Avoid unsafe cooking practices such as deep fat frying, using too much heat, leaving stoves unattended and wearing loosely hanging sleeves.
- Do not use the oven for drying garments.
- Do not use fuses in your stove of higher amperage than specified.
- Do not use unsafe electrical appliances, frayed extension cords, over-loaded outlets or lamp wire for permanent wiring.

The safe and orderly evacuation of all personnel in the building is of paramount importance. The following procedures are intended to achieve this goal in the event of a crisis, not only from fire, but from any other physical emergency.

The issue of whether to stay or go is an officially unresolved matter. The policy of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, and the approach widely accepted by the fire department is that the best place to be in case of a fire is outside the building. However the Coroner's Jury investigation recommends you should remain in your suite. When you hear a fire alarm, you must make up your mind right away whether to leave the suite or stay. Not leaving immediately may be too late because smoke, which contains poisonous gases may have filled the corridor or the stairwell.

#### In general, occupants are advised to:

- Know where the alarm pull stations and exits are located.
- Call 911, ask for the Fire Department immediately.
- Know the correct building address and suite number.

To assist you in understanding what to do in the event of fire, and/or the sounding of the fire alarm, we recommend the following:

#### If you discover a fire in your suite or common area

- · Leave the fire area, take your keys.
- · Close all doors behind you.
- $\bullet$  Activate the fire alarm, use pull stations in the corridor.
- Use exit stairwells to leave the building immediately.
- Telephone 911, ask for Fire Department. Never assume that this has been done. Know and give correct address and location of fire in the building.

#### Do not use elevators

• Do not return until it is declared safe to do so by a fire official.

#### If you are in a suite and fire alarm is heard

- Before opening door, feel door and handle for heat. If not hot, brace yourself against door and open slightly. If you feel air pressure or hot draft, close door quickly.
- If you find no fire or smoke in corridor, take suite keys, close door behind you and leave by nearest exit stairwell.
- If you encounter smoke in corridor or stairwell, consider taking corridor to other side of building where stairwell may be clear, or return to your suite.





## If you cannot leave your suite because of fire or heavy smoke, remain in your suite and:

- · Close the door.
- Unlock door for possible entry of fire fighters.
- Dial 911 and ask for the Fire Department. Tell them where you are, then signal to Fire Fighters by waving a sheet.
- Seal all cracks where smoke can get in by using wet towels or sheets.
- Crouch low to the floor if smoke enters the room.
- Move to the balcony or most protected room and partially open the window for air. Close the window if smoke comes in.
- Wait to be rescued. Remain calm. Do not attempt to escape through a window or balcony. Listen for instruction or information which may be given by authorized personnel or over loudspeaker.

### Fire Detection System

#### **Smoke Detector**

Each suite has a smoke detector (larger suites may have 2 or more smoke detectors) located on the ceiling. The smoke detector is activated by the presence of smoke such as burning toast etc. The alarm will only be heard within your suite and can be de-activated by clearing the air around the detector. The smoke detectors do not require a battery, as they are hardwired to the breaker panel.

Maintenance: Check at least once a month to ensure the smoke detector is functioning properly. To do this, simply depress the test button on the smoke detector until it sounds. Should it not sound within a second or two, notify the Property Management Office immediately.

**Heat Detector:** Each suite is equipped with a heat detector. This additional safety feature detects intense heat build up in the home and activates the fire alarm in the building. The heat detector is hard wired to the Concierge and should intense heat be detected within the suite, the Concierge will be notified.

Speaker: Each suite has a fire alarm speaker (larger suites may have 2 or more speakers) located on the ceiling in the vicinity of the smoke detectors) as required by the fire code. The building fire alarm will be heard in each suite through the speaker. When this alarm sounds, the Concierge will follow with an announcement stating the nature of the alarm. Each suite is equipped with a 5-10 minutes alarm silencer. The alarm silencer will be overridden by announcements made by the Concierge.

NOTE: It is prohibited for any resident to disconnect the fire alarm speakers within your suite. In doing so, charges can be made against you as a result.

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### Fire Equipment

#### Fire extinguisher, control and confinement

In the event a small fire cannot be extinguished with the use of a portable fire extinguisher or the smoke presents a hazard to the operator, then the door to the area should be closed to confine and contain the fire. Leave the fire area, ensure the Fire Department has been notified and wait for the Fire Department.

NOTE: Suite smoke alarms do not activate the fire alarm system however, under severe heat conditions the heat detectors will send a signal to the main fire panel. We suggest you take appropriate action to sound an alarm. In case of fire, proceed immediately to the closest pull station.

Once the pull station has been activated the nature and location of the alarm is automatically indicated on a fire alarm/annunciator panel, located in the main entrance foyer.

#### Safer use of household fire extinguishers

In addition to working smoke detectors, every household should have a fire extinguisher strategically placed in rooms such as the kitchen.

Don't just hang your extinguisher on the wall or in the cupboard! Plan ahead, read the instruction manual and know your extinguisher's capabilities before trying to fight a fire. Portable fire extinguishers are useful for putting out small fires, but recognize your limits and the limits of the extinguisher.

Using the wrong type of extinguisher on a fire can actually make it spread so its important to plan ahead when purchasing and placing fire extinguishers.

There are four types of household extinguishers:

#### **Extinguisher Rating - Intended Use**

Type A - For use on fires involving combustible materials such as wood, cloth and paper.

Type B - For use on flammable liquid fires, including kitchen grease. Never use water on this type of fire!

Type C - For use in fires involving energized electrical equipment.

Type ABC - Works on all three types of fires listed above.

The manufacturer's use and care booklet provides guidance on the type and size of fire with which your extinguisher may be used. The booklet also provides tips on how to properly use and maintain your extinguisher.





## Here's some basic rules to keep in mind when dealing with household fire extinguishers:

- If a fire breaks out, your first step is to call the fire department and get everyone out of the home. If the fire is not spreading and is confined to a small area, use the appropriate type extinguisher for the fire. Know both your limits and the fire extinguisher's limits.
- Periodically inspect your extinguishers to determine if they need to be recharged or replaced. Extinguishers need to be recharged or replaced after each use—even if you haven't used all the extinguishing agent.
- When using a portable extinguisher, keep your back to an unobstructed exit that is free from fire.
- Check the manufacturer's instructions for operating guidelines, including proper distance between the extinguisher and fire.

  Always aim at the base of the fire.

#### Fire hose cabinets and extinguishers

Fire hose cabinets are strategically located, equipped with 100 ft. of hose and a nozzle. Each cabinet is also equipped with a fire extinguisher. Additional fire extinguishers may be found in mechanical areas.

#### Stand by power - emergency generator

The building is provided with emergency stand-by power in the event of an electrical power loss. During an emergency, emergency lighting, fire alarm and detection systems, sprinkler, fire pumps, stair and elevator pressurization systems go into effect.

The building air handling system automatically shuts down when a fire alarm signal sounds.

#### **Elevators**

When the fire alarm is activated, all elevators will be brought to the ground floor lobby level automatically. Elevators will stop on the second floor if a fire alarm is activated on the ground floor. One elevator will remain operational for use by the fire department.

### Special Evacuation Procedures

The Fire Department requires that the Concierge have readily available a list of handicapped Residents or any Resident requiring assistance to evacuate the building. This list enables Fire Fighters to attend to handicapped or people with special needs without delay in the event of an emergency.

It is crucial to keep this list accurate and up-to-date. Therefore, if there are any handicapped residents or residents with special needs within your home requiring assistance in case of an emergency please contact the Property Management Office to advise your disability and complete the appropriate form included in the Home Care Guide.

#### **Electrical Cords**

Any electrical tool or appliance is only as good as the cord that connects it to the power source. It is important to use the right cord for the job and to use the cord properly.

#### General tips

Follow these tips for the safe use of electrical cords and extension cords:

- Look for the CSA mark on all electrical cords. This shows that the cord complies with recognized safety standards.
- Check appliance and extension cords regularly and replace them if they are worn or damaged. In particular, look for worn insulation and splices on the cord, and loose or exposed parts on the plug.
- · Use an extension cord only as temporary connection.
- Make sure the extension cord is heavy enough for the intended load. For any device that draws more than 7 amps, use a heavy duty cord with No.16 or No.14 wire. (To determine how many amps a device will draw, divide the wattage by 110.)
- If a cord or plug becomes hot when it is plugged in, it may be overloaded. Unplug it immediately and replace it with a heavier cord.
- When working with power tools, use a heavy duty, grounded three-pronged cord.
- Never connect more than one extension cord together; instead use a single cord that is long enough to reach from the appliance to the outlet without stretching.
- Avoid using a cord that is too long for the job because a coiled or tangled cord can overheat and can also be a tripping hazard.
- Never run an electrical cord through a doorway, because if the door closes on the cord the insulation could be damaged. Similarly, never run an electrical cord under a carpet or rug, because when people walk over the rug the weight and friction could damage the cord, increasing the risk of fire or electric shock.
- Always match the wide blade of the plug to the wide slot of the outlet. NEVER force a three-pronged plug into a twopronged outlet or extension cord.
- Store extension cords only indoors at temperatures above 0° C (32° F). Outdoor conditions can deteriorate extension cords over a long period of time.
- Outdoors, use only cords that are clearly marked for outdoor use.
- Use electrical cords only in dry locations.
- Always unplug an extension cord when it is not in use.
- TUG BY THE PLUG: Never unplug an electrical cord by pulling on the cord.





### **Emergency Service Requests**

A true emergency exists when you are physically unable to occupy your home. They are most often a result of one of the following:

Total Loss of Heat Total Loss of Water Total Loss of Electrical Power Fire or Flood Major water leak

In the event of an emergency, whether it be water, electrical or heating, we recommend you do the following:

- · Determine the Problem
- Call the Appropriate Person

Del Property Management Emergency [416] 495-8866

Tridel Call Centre (416) 661-9394

Emergency Service is your version of a 911 call. It is to be treated with the same sense of urgency and sensitivity. We also want to emphasize that you do not hire independent contractors to make warranty repairs for you. We will not be responsible for expenses incurred by others, unless authorized in writing by our Customer Care Department.

#### KITCHEN FIRES

The following information describes the types of fires you might expect in the kitchen ... and what to do about them.

#### **Dry Cooking Fires**

The most common type of cooking fire is the dry cooking fire. The water or moisture boils out of the pan and the food left in the pan scorches, producing smoke. This usually doesn't cause a great deal of damage other than the heat may sometimes damage the surrounding area and the smoke may leave a residue and an odor. Hopefully a little cleaning up is all it takes.

#### **Grease Fires**

The grease fire occurs when oil or grease type foods are heated and ignite. A grease fire can do significant damage. Open flames can extend to surrounding cabinets or other combustible items. If unnoticed, a grease fire can extend to a major fire, engulfing the entire kitchen and adjacent rooms in the condo. This becomes a dangerous life-threatening fire.

When a pan filled with grease is heated to a high temperature during cooking, the vaporized grease can begin to burn. The additional heat energy released by the open flame will cause

more and more grease to be vaporized and join in the combustion reaction. You should NEVER throw water on to a grease fire, since this will intensify the reaction. This is due to the fact that when the water comes in contact with the superheated grease, it will immediately vaporize. The liquid water vapor expands approximately 1000 times its volume as a liquid, carrying more grease particles with it. This increases the surface area of the grease, causing the rate of combustion to dramatically increase. The result is a flash of heat and light energy as the grease bursts into flames.

You might be able to extinguish a grease fire on the stove in several different ways. The simplest way is to place a lid on the pan and the fire should suffocate. A large amount of baking soda can also be used to extinguish a grease fire. Once you have the fire extinguished, don't forget to turn off the burner. But if the flames are too high, don't risk getting burned.

#### **Oven Fires**

Most of the time an oven fire is not serious. The fire is usually contained in the oven, which is designed for high heat anyway. The oven fire usually suffocates or is easily extinguished.

#### **Home Fire Safety Tips**

- Make it a habit to unplug all counter appliances when not in use.
- Store cigarette lighters and matches out of the reach of children.
- Practice home fire drills regularly. Make them realistic.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector, if you don't have one.
- Test your smoke detector monthly to make sure it's working properly.





## **INSURANCE**

### Building Insurance

The corporation's insurance covers full replacement value of the units and common elements in the event of a fire or other damage as outlined by the policy. Improvements, betterments, items not covered under the Standard Unit By-law or personal property of the owner are excluded from this policy. [Improvements and or betterments are upgraded items to a home, at an additional cost - such as carpet, appliances, cabinets etc.] Please check your Condominium documents for Standard Unit By-law items not covered under the Corporation's Insurance.

#### Homeowner Insurance

We recommend that all owners obtain minimum insurance coverage as follows: \$ 1,000,000 liability insurance, contents insurance, betterments and improvements insurance, loss assessment and contingency insurance.

If you are renting your suite we suggest that you obtain coverage to cover your contents, liability, appliances, betterments and improvements. A tenant would be responsible in obtaining a specific tenant insurance package.

The Corporation's policy is that the individual home owner is responsible for the Corporation's deductible. Should the claim be below the deductible amount the owner is responsible for the entire cost. There is a contingency policy available which covers the Corporation's deductible. Kindly speak to your insurance broker to confirm that your coverage is a condominium policy.

We suggest that after settling in you take an inventory of all your contents (visual demonstration of the items is preferable to verify lost items' value)

We would like to advise you that as a result of the Condominium's security, fire alarm system and the 24-hour Concierge, some insurance companies offer discounts. Property Management would be pleased to provide you with a copy of this letter for your convenience, which you are able to submit to your insurance company.





## WARRANTY

### TARION Warranty Corporation

The Ontario New Home Warranty Plan Act was enacted by Provincial legislation designed to protect the rights of homebuyers by providing industry-wide protective measures and consistent compensation. The Tarion Warranty Corporation is the administrative body, which enforces the Act and it acts as a private non-profit corporation.

Anyone building a new home in Ontario must register with Tarion and enrol each new home or condominium unit. When a home is completed, the buyer and the builder sign a Certificate of Completion and Possession (CCP) which confirms to the Corporation that the sale has taken place. The builder will give you a copy of the CCP and will send another copy to the Corporation. Signing the Certificate during the Home Orientation does not sign away your right to have Tridel repair any other items that are under warranty that may arise during your first year in the home.

### Tarion Warranty Program and Tridel

Each purchaser receives a new Homeowner Information Package, on or before P.D.I. The package explains your rights and responsibilities under the Tarion Warranties Plan Act, particularly what you need to do within the first 30 days after you get possession of your new home.

Please keep your Homeowner Information Package in a safe place along with copies of your Certificate of Completion and Possession [CCP] and your Purchase Agreement (and it's attachments).

If you sell your home within seven years of the date of possession please give the Homeowners Information Package to the new owners.

Tridel has been rated excellent every year since the rating system was put in place. Tridel has successfully closed thousands of homes and has maintained an impeccable record throughout ONHWP history with not a single chargeable conciliation!

Tridel has been given the rating of "excellent" for 17 consecutive years by the Tarion Warranty Corporation for our After Sales Service. We were also given the additional honor and recognition in 2002 of Homebuilder of the Year Award, High Rise Category, or what is more commonly referred to as the Ernest Assaly Award.

The Ernest Assaly Award is especially significant because the construction and service excellence standards are so rigorous, only a few builders out of the 4800 across Ontario are invited by Tarion to submit. The demanding qualifying process involved: written submission, surveys with customers and municipal officials.

This is the second time Tridel has won the coveted Ernest Assaly Award, since 1992, when we were the first condominium developer ever to be bestowed with it. While we are very proud of the award, we feel that our ultimate recognition is the satisfaction of our homeowners. Our goal is to make your homeownership everything that it should be, providing many years of enjoyment for you and your family.

Tridel has been honoured five of the last seven years with awards of achievement for the TARION Warranty Corporation's <u>Award of Excellence</u> for exemplary after sales service. We will continue to uphold our service commitment at the Grand Triomphe 2 community. Thank you for choosing Tridel.

### Insuite / Building Warranty

Condominiums have two sets of warranties: One for the homeowner, covering his or her home, and another for the condominium corporation, covering the common elements of the building.

Common elements are covered from the date the Condominium Corporation is registered, but an individual home is covered from the day the homeowner takes possession. The homeowner will not actually get title to their home until the entire complex is registered.

When a home changes owners, it continues to be covered up to the end of the original warranty period. The seller transfers the Warranty Certificate, along with any other related documents to the new owner. Basic warranty coverage applies to defects in workmanship and materials for one year. The builder warrants for one year from the date on the Warranty Certificate that the home is free from defects in workmanship and materials, that it is fit to live in and that it meets the requirements of the Ontario Building Code.

There is also a two-year warranty for "Power Train" items. The builder must warrant that the home is free of defects in material or workmanship in the electrical, plumbing and heating delivery distribution systems.

The "building envelope", referring to the wall and roof assemblies, must be free of defects in materials including caulking, windows and doors such that these materials prevent water penetration. Leaks in condominiums are warranted for two years, which includes all below ground areas such as parking garages.





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There is further protection against major structural defects for seven years. Under the Act, major structural defects are defined as failure of a load-bearing part of the home's structure or as defects in material or workmanship that effect the use of the building as a home.

Condominium buyers receive full warranty protection, like any other homebuyer, but because condominiums are made up of both individual homes and shared areas called common elements, there are some differences.

### Submitting a Request Form

Any concerns regarding the interior finishes of your home should be addressed to the Customer Care Office, within the warranty period. For any concerns with the common areas please contact the Property Management Office. To ensure that all requests are addressed promptly, please provide Customer Care with written documentation of any outstanding concerns. Written documentation is essential as it allows our Customer Care department to maintain a complete history for your home. Written documentation may be in any of the following three forms:

Email: grandtriomphe2cc@tridel.com

Written or Typed Letter Eminent Construction Limited

Customer Care

500 Doris Ave. Suite #322 Toronto, ON M2N 0C1

Fax (416) 250-5438

Once the majority of homes are occupied in your community, Customer Care is then transferred to Tridel's Head Office. You will be notified of this transfer. The information for any written correspondence following this transition is as follows:

Email: customercare@tridel.com

Written or Typed Letter Customer Care

4800 Dufferin Street Toronto, ON M3H 5S9

Fax (416) 650-1230

When reporting a request within your suite, please include the following information:

- Name of your community.
- · Your full name.

- Your suite number.
- Your home, business, cellular telephone numbers and e-mail address.
- Indicate whether permission to enter is granted to carry out the necessary repairs.
- A detailed description of the request, where it is located, what visible signs, what it is effecting.

Please keep in mind that it is essential to speak INITIALLY with Tridel Customer Care regarding any warranty service, since we are the ones actually responsible for approving and expediting any service. By overriding the Customer Care Department and Personnel, and speaking with others (including Tarion) you may actually hinder the process, and cause a potential delay in resolving your issue.





### Table of Maintenance and Repair T.S.C.C. (Toronto Standard Condominium Corporation)

	ITEM	RESPONSIBILITIES	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
1.	Plumbing and Related Systems and Components thereof.	All maintenance, repair and replacement of all or any portion of system exclusively serving subject dwelling unit situate within the dwelling unit (but excluding suite shut off valves).	The Homeowner's responsibility.
2.	Plumbing and Related Systems and Components thereof.	All maintenance, repair and replacement of all or any portion of system serving more than one dwelling unit and/or the common elements, or situate outside the dwelling unit boundaries and suite shut off valves.	The Corporation's responsibility (except as indicated above).
3.	Electrical and Related Systems and Components thereof.	All maintenance, repair and replacement of all or any portion of system exclusively serving subject dwelling unit situate within the dwelling unit (but excluding individual suite panel disconnect).	The Homeowner's responsibility.
4.	Electrical and Related Systems and Components thereof.	All maintenance, repair and replacement of all or any portion of system serving more than one dwelling unit and/or the common elements or situate outside the dwelling unit boundaries and individual suite panel disconnect.	The Corporation's responsibility.
5.	Heating/Cooling and Related Systems and Components thereof.	All maintenance, repair and replacement of all or any portion of system exclusively serving subject dwelling unit (including fan coil units, filters, etc.) situate within the dwelling unit exclusively.	The Homeowner's responsibility. (But to be arranged by the Corporation)
6.	Heating/Cooling and Related Systems and Components thereof.	All maintenance, repair and replacement of all or any portion of system serving more than one dwelling unit and/or the common elements or situate outside the dwelling unit boundaries.	The Corporation's responsibility.
7.	Building, Exterior Roof, Vertical Walls, Foundations, Corridors, Lobbies and Common Areas	All responsibilities.	The Corporation's responsibility.
8.	Patios/Terraces	Maintenance (cleaning, sweeping).	The Homeowner's responsibility.
9.	Windows, Glass Balcony, Railings	Cleaning of the interior surfaces of all windows serving the dwelling units, and the cleaning of all exterior surfaces accessible by patio, terrace or balcony, (including railing), plus breakage of any windows through dwelling unit Owner's/tenant's negligence.	The Homeowner's responsibility.
10.	Windows	All exterior surfaces (except those accessible by patio, terrace or balcony) and all other common element area windows.	The Corporation's responsibility.



#### T.S.C.C. (Toronto Standard Condominium Corporation)

	ITEM	RESPONSIBILITIES	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
11.	All Entry Doors and Door frames to Dwelling Units	All repairs except those due to dwelling unit Owner's and/or tenant's negligence.  Maintenance of exterior.  Maintenance of interior surfaces.	The Corporation's responsibility.  The Corporation's responsibility.  The Homeowner's responsibility.
12.	Doors Situate Within Dwelling Units (including all interior surfaces, locks, frames, hinges and hardware on doors providing access to dwelling units)	All responsibilities.	The Homeowner's responsibility.
13.	Refuse Collection System	All responsibilities from point of drop off.	The Corporation's responsibility.
14.	Parking Garage and Units	Sweeping, maintenance, repair.	The Corporation's responsibility.
15.	Recreational Facilities	All.	The Corporation's responsibility.
16.	Dwelling Unit Appliances	All.	The Homeowner's responsibility.
17.	Locker Rooms	Locker room: repair and maintenance of exterior walls, corridors etc. Maintenance of heating and ventilation.	The Corporation's responsibility.
18.	Terraces/Patios	Concrete pavers and dividers.	The Homeowner's responsibility.
19.	Terraces/Patios	All waterproofing/weatherproofing materials beneath the concrete pavers.	The Corporation's responsibility.
20.	Central Exhaust System	All maintenance, repair and replacement of all or any portion of the system serving more than one dwelling unit/and or the common elements or situants outside the dwelling unit boundaries.	The Corporation's responsibility.

#### Notes:

- 1. This chart and the titles and headings used herein are not intended to describe or encompass all maintenance functions nor to delineate all respective responsibilities between the dwelling unit owners (singly or severally) and the Corporation. The placement of responsibility under any specific column does not always accurately reflect the precise character and nature of ownership. Notwithstanding any of the above, in all instances, the appropriate sections of the Declaration should be referred to, in order to determine both responsibilities and ownership.
- 2. The items listed are illustrative and not exhaustive.
- 3. Responsibility for determining and providing for the maintenance, repair and replacement requirements for the common elements and determining the costs thereof shall be primarily the responsibility of the Corporation and such designees to which it may delegate certain such responsibilities.
- 4. Responsibility for determining the maintenance, repair and replacement requirements of the exclusive use common elements shall be a shared responsibility between the Corporation and the owner of a dwelling unit to which a specific exclusive use common element is exclusively appurtenant, provided however, that the Corporation shall have the final responsibility for determining the need for and accomplishing such maintenance, repair and replacement activities.
- 5. Damage to other units or common elements resulting from the negligence of any unit owner/occupant will be repaired by the Corporation; however, the Corporation will seek reimbursement from the responsible unit owner/occupant.





Please contact Customer Care for any concerns during your 1st year of occupancy, with the exception of your appliances, in which case you are to contact the supplier directly.

The telephone numbers provided below are to be used following the post-warranty period, or for post-occupancy upgraded items.

Item	Contractor Name	Telephone	Warranty Period	Additional Information
Appliances	Whirlpool	(800) 807-6777	2 years	See the user manual for extended warranties on individual parts.
	INTE	RIOR FINISHES		
Drywall	Highrise Drywall	(905) 629-9944	1 year	
Painting	Cervini	(905) 789-8293	1 year	
Carpentry	Professional Carpentry	(905) 760-1736	1 year	
Locks & Hardware	Citywide	(905) 264-4401	1 year	
Cabinetry	Normac Kitchens	(905) 889-1342	1 year	
Signature Cabinetry	Selba Kitchens	(416) 967-3600	1 year	
Granite	Connolly Marble	(905) 832-8002	1 year	
Vanity Countertops	Mr. Marble	(905) 669-3877	1 year	Some restrictions apply.
Windows	Toro Aluminum	(905) 738-5220	1 year	2 years on seals please see Management.
Shower Enclosures Sliding Doors & Shelving Vanity Mirrors	J.J. Homeproducts	(416) 798-7785	1 year	
Plaster Cornice Moulding	Canamould	(905) 264-4436	1 year	
FLOORING				
Carpet	Quality Rugs	(905) 731-4443	1 year *	10 year warranty against stains.
Hardwood Flooring	Rosewood Flooring	(416) 633-5757	1 year *	
Marble & Ceramic Tile	Sterling Tile & Carpet	(905) 585-4800	1 year *	



Item	Contractor Name	Telephone	Warranty Period	Additional Information
	ELECTRICAL, PL	UMBING AND MECHA	ANICAL	
Softwire	Softwire Solutions	(416) 736-2513	2 year	
Security System	Highrise Networks	(905) 542-9626	2 year	
Electrical	Speedy Electric	(905) 264-2344	2 year	
Light Fixtures	Litemode	(905) 738-8889	1 year	
Plumbing	Network Mechanical	(905) 761-1417	2 year	
Plumbing Fixtures	Delta	1-800-345-DELTA	Lifetime Warranty	Lifetime warranty on cartridges.
Bathroom and Kitchen Ventilation	Belmar Ventilation	(905) 264-0455	2 year	
Heating/Cooling System	Network	(905) 761-1417	2 year heating 1 year cooling	

<sup>\*</sup> Some restrictions may apply

### **Appliances**

Included with your suite keys at the time of closing, is a package providing you with operating, care and maintenance instruction. We recommend you read and follow the instructions, which will provide you with valuable information. Also enclosed in the package are the warranty documents. Please send these completed documents to the manufacturer to initiate the warranty.

All appliances are the owner's responsibility. If you experience problems with your appliances please contact the appliance manufacturer (see in suite warrantable items in previous table). No service charges apply to warrantable problems reported within the first year.

As an additional measure we have provided some additional instructions regarding your appliances below. We trust they will be of assistance to you.

#### **ENERGY STAR® DISHWASHER**

Only use dishwasher soap made specifically for dishwashers, as substitutions may result in leakage and excessive bubbles. In order to prolong the life of your dishwasher we urge you to ensure plastic items are dishwasher safe and ensure food is rinsed off tableware before placing it in the dishwasher.

Failure to rinse dishes will result in food particles blocking the main drain, and unnecessary repairs. Any blockages caused by food particles will be the owner's financial responsibility.

#### **MICROWAVES**

Do not use metal or metal trimmed pots or glasses, or metal foil in the microwave. The microwave must not be used to dry garments, as fire may result.

#### **ENERGY STAR® REFRIGERATOR**

Your refrigerator may have one or two controls that let you regulate the temperature in the freezer and refrigerator compartments (one control with the manual defrost models and two with the frost-free models). The refrigerator control is a thermostat, which measures the refrigerator temperature and regulates the compressor running time.

The freezer control balances the amount of cold air between the freezer and refrigerator compartments.

#### STOVE

Your oven is a self-cleaning model. Conventional oven cleaners should not be used as they may cause damage. Please refer to the operating, care and maintenance instructions provided by the manufacturer. (Baking times may vary due to the lower voltage of 208V in condominium living).





### DRYER

You should clean the lint from the dryer door and lint trap, which is located in either the wall or the ceiling, after each use. The exhaust fan automatically comes on within a minute, as it is triggered by a current sensor. The exhaust fan helps direct moist air to the exterior. If the humid, moist air remains in the room you may see signs of mildew build up. We do not recommend shoes being put in the dryer as this may cause damage to your drum.

We also suggest that on an annual basis, you call in a technician who will inspect the following four items, namely;

- (1) Lint Trap
- (2) Transition Duct
- (3) Exhaust Duct
- (4) Drum

If need be, Property Management can provide you with the name of a qualified technician.

Should the lint not be cleared from the drum, you will find that clothes will take a longer period of time to dry properly, with excessive humidity, or a burning odour which may cause damage to the dryer motor and switches.

The transition duct, which extends from the back/top of the dryer to the ceiling/wall outlet, should be cleaned two times per year.

#### YOUR CLOTHES DRYER

Over the course of a year the average washer and dryer sees about 477 loads of laundry, or about nine loads per week. These machines are designed to handle this type of activity and they will do it efficiently if they are properly maintained.

Lint that is allowed to build up, however, does not only interfere with the performance of the appliance, but is also a significant fire hazard. Preventative maintenance is simple and effective. Most people clean out the lint trap before drying the next load – a good habit to get into. But more maintenance is needed to minimize the fire hazard.

During the lint screen cleaning, some of the lint becomes air borne and settles in the surrounding area. This lint, along with the pipe lint particles that happen to escape the lint trap in the normal drying process, can accumulate and build up, increasing the fire hazard. The areas behind and under the dryer are typical areas where this build-up can occur unnoticed.

Although dryer manufacturers typically recommend the use of rigid aluminum duct venting systems with a minimum of direction changes and not longer than 15' to the outside, many people have dryer ventilation systems, which utilize flexible vent

tubes. This is another area where lint collects. In condominiums the ducts are typically greater than 15 feet. Installing a booster fan, which pushes moist, humid air outside of the building, compensates for this excess length. All these areas need to be cleaned on an annual basis. One area that most people do not clean or even think about is the inside of the dryer cabinet. Removal of the back service panel is best left to the professional, however; so we recommend a service specialist to thoroughly clean your dryer.

#### **LINT SAFETY TIPS:**

- Clean the lint screen after every load. Your clothes will dry quicker, your dryer will operate more efficiently AND you'll reduce the fire hazard.
- · Vacuum the area around the appliance weekly
- Softener sheets can cause a waxy build-up on the lint screen. Wash the lint screen in warm soapy water and dry it completely before replacing it in the dryer.
- Do not operate the dryer if the lint screen is clogged or missing.
- Do not block the flow of ventilating air. Keep the area around the machine and the exhaust opening clutter free.

#### **DRYER/WASHER TIPS**

Sometimes you go to the clothes dryer and find clothes you had forgotten or didn't get to immediately. They are a mass of wrinkles! Don't re-wash or iron, just toss a damp towel in the dryer and re-run it for a few minutes. The wrinkles will release and you can hang up the clothes.

To keep jeans and cordurous wrinkle-free, fold the wet jeans as you normally would and lay as flat as possible in the dryer. They should come out wrinkle-free.

Rust is probably the biggest enemy your clothes washer has to face. After every use leave the lid to the clothes washer open so moisture inside it can evaporate.

#### PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE TIPS:

- Keep the area around the dryer clear of combustible items.
- Inspect the electrical supply cord for fraying, cracking or exposed wires.
- Do not leave damp items in a warm or hot dryer start the drying cycle immediately.





#### DON'T LEAVE WET CLOTHES INSIDE YOUR DRYER

Leaving damp clothes inside the drum may have adverse effects. A chemical chain reaction may occur when and if the conditions are right. Spontaneous ignition has proven to be the source of numerous laundry fires. The damp cloth plus the hot dry environment creates the conditions that support unassisted combustion.

Once a fire starts inside the clothes drum it has the opportunity to grow and consume everything that is combustible. Lint in the trap, around the outside of the drum, under and behind the machine is fuel that ignites easily. When the fire reaches the outside of the machine, it is free and will search for more fuel. Any clothing piled up on the floor in front of the washer and dryer becomes that fuel. Unchecked fire will double its size every minute, and will quickly reach ceiling temperatures of 704 degrees celsius.

- Have the interior of the dryer, lint screen and exhaust duct cleaned by a qualified service technician every 18 months.
- Follow manufacturer instructions in manual on using fabric softeners in dryer, and do not use any type they warn against.
- Be careful in using laundry products not to spill them on the
  exterior surface of any washer or dryer. Wipe up any spills
  promptly with a damp soft cloth or paper towel. Most exteriors are
  painted synthetic enamel, which can be damaged or removed
  by chlorine bleach, ammonia, solvents or other chemicals often
  used in laundering and stain removal.
- Do not use dryer top as work-top for stain removal unless it is protected by heavy plastic cover, or for rust removal. Use sink instead.

#### **ENVIRONMENT TIPS:**

- The best time to do laundry is in the early morning or late evening. There is usually less demand on the energy resources making it less expensive to operate washers and dryers.
- To reduce drying times, use a wash cycle with a fast spin speed to remove water from heavy items.
- Choose the automatic drying cycle for accurate drying time to save energy and time.
- If you are drying multiple loads, keep the time short between loads. This way, the dryer will need less time to reach the desired temperature.

#### **WASHER**

When not using your washing machine, we suggest that you turn the shuts off valves to the OFF position to avoid flooding. We urge you to periodically inspect the washer hoses for signs

of wear and tear and possible loose connections. Hoses that break can cause substantial water damage not only to your suite but to suites below. Replacement hoses require 250 PSI working pressure and 1,000 PSI burst pressure.

Do not overload the washer. Load the drum evenly or the washer will vibrate excessively.

Do not leave the apartment unattended while appliances are operating. A potential leak or electrical short may occur, resulting in a flood or fire.

#### **LAUNDRY SYMBOLS**











- 1. **Washing:** Wash as usual, but be delicate when there's a line underneath. A hand in the washing tub means hand washing. Do not wash anything marked with an X.
- 2. **Bleaching**: An empty triangle indicates garments that may be bleached. Diagonal lines inside recommend non-chlorine bleach.
- 3. Ironing: Dots in the iron symbol denote the temperature of the iron. Keep it cool with one dot; three indicates a higher level of heat. Small lines from the bottom refer to the use of steam.
- 4. **Dry-Cleaning:** A cleaning drum indicates items that are to be dry-cleaned.
- 5. Tumble Drying: A filled in circle in the square means tumble dry but with no heat.

#### Stain Removal

Stains should be treated as soon as possible, as they become more difficult to remove when they have dried, but do not attempt to remove the stains until you can determine what the spillage or stain is and which form of stain remover to use. Only as a last resort should chemicals be used to remove stains. Stain removers either dissolve the substance that causes the stain, absorb the stain, or act as a bleaching agent. Examples of these three types are listed below.

Solvents – include carbon tetrachloride, which dissolves grease, chewing gum, lipstick etc.

Absorbents – includes chalk, talcum powder, blotting paper or cotton which will absorb fresh grease or moist stains.

Bleaches – includes household ammonia, hydrogen peroxide, acetic acid or lemon which will discolour stains.





#### **STAIN REMOVAL TIPS**

Following are some suggested stain removal tips.

ITEM	METHOD OF REMOVAL
INK	Hold stain against towel, spray from behind with hairspray.
BEVERAGES	Soak in cool water. Re-wash with stain remover. Launder using chlorine bleach (if safe for fabric) or oxygen bleach.
BLOOD	Immediately rinse with cool water. For dried stains, soak in warm water with a product containing enzymes. Launder.
CANDLE WAX	Scrape off as much as possible with dull side of knife, then iron between absorbent paper, changing paper until wax is absorbed.
CHOCOLATE	Pre-wash with product containing enzymes in warm water or treat with pre-wash stain remover. Launder.
COLLAR, CUFF SOIL	Pre-wash with stain remover, liquid laundry detergent or paste of granular detergent and water. Launder.
COSMETICS	Pre-wash with stain remover, liquid laundry detergent or paste of granular detergent and water or rub with bar of soap. Launder.
DAIRY PRODUCTS	Soak in a product containing enzymes for at least 30 minutes (hours for aged stains). Launder.
DEODORANTS/ ANTI-PERSPIRANTS	Pre-treat with liquid laundry detergent. Launder. For heavy stains pre-treat with pre-wash stain remover.  Allow to stand 5 to 10 minutes. Launder using an oxygen bleach.
EGG	Soak in product containing enzymes. Launder.
FRUIT JUICE	Rinse with cool water.
GRASS	Soak in product containing enzymes. If stains persist, launder using a chlorine bleach (if safe for fabric) or oxygen bleach.
GREASE SPOTS, OIL	Pre-treat with pre-wash stain remover or liquid laundry detergent. For heavy stains, place stain face down on clean paper towels. Apply cleaning agent to back of stain. Replace paper towels under stain frequently. Let dry, rinse and launder using hottest water safe for fabric.
LEMON, LIME JUICE, VINEGAR	Rinse immediately with cool water.
LIPSTICK	On pure linen, rub with a little salad oil to dissolve lipstick, then launder to remove oil.
RED WINE	Cover with salt if stain is fresh, then rinse with cool water. If stain has dried, try club soda.
TOMATO	Rinse with cool water.
WHITE WINE	Use club soda.

### Interior Finishes

### Drywall, Stucco, Painting and Mouldings

As your new home begins to settle and drying occurs you may notice small cracks developing on your walls or at joints between walls and trim. Do not be alarmed, as this is a natural occurrence in new homes.

Drywall nail pops or shrinkage cracks will be repaired ONCE if requested by the Homeowner, just prior to the expiration of the 1-year Builder Warranty period. Repairs will be limited

to Drywall only, any wall decorations such as paint etc. will be the responsibility of the Homeowner. Any wall with wallpaper applied will not be repaired unless wallpaper is removed by the Homeowner prior to drywall repair.

Wood doors - Wipe wood doors with a damp, soft cloth. Dry immediately with another dry, soft, cloth and follow with a coat of high quality liquid or paste furniture polish. Clean and wax occasionally, at least every six months.





#### Cabinetry

Regular cleaning of doors – Wipe with a damp cloth and dry immediately with another dry soft cloth.

Major cleaning of doors – Wipe door with a mild soap and water solution and dry immediately with a soft dry cloth. Excess moisture is the worst enemy of any finish. Dry off any water immediately with a soft dry cloth.

#### **Granite Countertops**

Cleaning the surface – Clean with a damp soapy cloth. For stubborn stains use a household solvent, rinsing thoroughly with clean water. Household bleach should not be allowed on the surface. Never use abrasive cleaners or steel wool to clean your countertops. You will damage the surface.

Due to settlement in the home, the Dap filler between the countertop and wall might come loose. If so, cover with Dap or silicone caulking. Joints between cabinets and the wall as well as the adjustments on doors and drawers may need to be resealed or adjusted at a later date because of the settling and drying out of the home. This is not a warranty item.

#### **Windows**

In accordance with the Ontario Building Code, all of the windows in your suite will only open four inches. This safety feature helps to prevent the possibility of large items falling from the windows. All windows are tinted to minimize heat gain in the summer and protect furniture from the damaging ultra violet rays of the sun. An additional benefit to tinted windows is a reduction of the fading in both carpets and furniture that can occur due to prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.

The manufacturer warrants thermal pane sealed units for two years. If you notice that there is moisture between the panes of glass causing visibility to be effected it may mean that the seal on your window has failed. Please contact the management office immediatly to arrange the replacement of the window unit.

Cleaning of the interior side of the windows is the homeowner's responsibility. The Condominium Corporation will clean all inaccessible exterior windows annually. You will be notified in advance of exterior window cleaning.

#### **SCREENS**

Unclip to remove screen. Hold the screen inline with the frame to reinstall.

#### **Shower Enclosures**

- 1. Do not use abrasive cleaners Always use a glass cleaner to clean residue from glass. The same cleaner can be used for aluminium.
- 2. Maintenance of silicone Be sure to check and touch up silicone semi-annually in order to maintain effectiveness.

Do not use any force - Never force a shower door open or closed. Be sure not to use excess force when cleaning shower enclosure seams.

Reducing cleaning time - It is suggested that a good quality car wax be applied to the complete interior glass and aluminium finish in order to help water bead and run off smoothly, therefore reducing regular cleaning time. This should be carried out on a monthly basis.

### Flooring

#### Carpet

New carpet is prone to shedding. For easy maintenance ensure that the carpet is vacuumed regularly. Characteristics of carpet seams may be visible. Check for loose threads and trim as necessary. The easiest and most efficient maintenance for your carpet is simply to keep it fresh and clean.

There are three things you can do to keep your carpet looking brand new:

Avoid soil accumulation - Keeping soil from collecting on your carpets can be as simple as controlling the "traffic" through your home. Positioning mats at the front door can prevent a lot of dirt being tracked through your home. Rearranging the furniture in your home periodically can also increase the life of your carpet by distributing heavy traffic areas more evenly. Cleaning the filter in your vertical fan coil unit on a regular basis will also reduce soil accumulation.

Vacuum regularly - This may sound like a simple solution, but it is a very important factor in extending the life of your carpet. The best time to vacuum is before the carpet looks dirty. Through time, even dust can be transformed into gritty particles, which can wear away your carpet in the same manner that sandpaper affects wood. Regular vacuuming can prevent this problem and greatly reduce the need for frequent steam cleaning.

An upright vacuum or tank/canister type with separate beater bar brushwork is best to extract soil from your carpet. Check your vacuum's belts, motor beater brush often to ensure that the vacuum is at its most effective and has a clean, properly rotating brush. A vacuum, which requires a dust bag, will work better when the bag is less than half full.

Remove spills immediately - Your carpet will last longer and look better if spills are cared for as soon as possible. Most spills will stain or discolour a carpet if left unattended. To protect the colour and look of your carpet, you should always pre-test any spot or stain cleaning procedure on a hidden area of your carpet.

Solutions, solvents, water and other liquids should be applied to a clean white paper towel. The towel can then be used to dampen the carpet. Never wet the carpet through to the backing.





For most stains, you need to blot the area. Blot by pressing straight down with a clean white paper towel. Do not rub spots as this can change the carpet texture and often will spread the stain. Once the bulk of the stain is blotted, be sure that you have soaked up all traces of the staining material possible by placing 1/2" thick pad of paper towel on the cleaned spot with a weight and leaving it overnight.

When scraping is required, gently scoop or scrape up the stain with the blunt edge of a spoon. Work from the outside of the spill or spot toward the centre to prevent spreading the stain.

Occasionally, a carpet may buckle through normal stretching of materials; this is not a defect in workmanship. In cases of excessive buckling, the carpet will be re-stretched. Please advise our Customer Care Office should you experience this problem.

#### **Engineered or Solid Hardwood**

You may see slight variation in the colour of wood finishes in your home. Due to the difference in the natural colour and grain, each piece of wood will not be exactly the same. They will also react differently to the finishing materials used.

The key to lasting beauty of your wood flooring investment is proper maintenance for the life of your floor.

- Never clean your hardwood floor with water or use a cleaner that is mixed with water. Do not use vinegar or bleach on your hardwood flooring.
- Keep floor mats at all entrance ways to keep dirt and moisture from being tracked on your floor. Place walkoff mats at all exterior entrances. This will capture much of the harmful dirt before it ever reaches the hardwood floor. Shake out, wash and vacuum mats and rugs frequently.
- 3. To avoid water marks, never let spills of any type remain on the surface of the floor. Wipe up spills immediately.
- 4. Rotate area rugs occasionally to minimize discolouration from sunlight.
- 5. Use soft furniture protectors under all furniture.
- 6. Vacuum and sweep your floor as often as required to eliminate dust and debris from your floor. This may have to be done on a daily basis; depending on the amount of traffic in your home.
- 7. When moving heavy furniture or appliances put a large heavy blanket underneath them to avoid scratches and dents.
- 8. Do not wear high heels on your hardwood floor. Spiked shoes exert approximately 1000 pounds of pressure per square inch. Old, unprotected tips will dent any hardwood floor.
- 9. Use a recommended hardwood flooring cleaner. Hardwood Cleaner has been specially formulated to eliminate streaking and residue.
- 10. Minimize surface scratches by keeping your pets nails trimmed.

#### **Humidity and Wood in your Home**

Wood is a hygroscopic material. Always containing water, it constantly exchanges water vapour with the air, picking it up when humidity is high, and giving it off when humidity levels are low. Since wood swells as it absorbs water, and shrinks as it releases water, both its moisture content and its dimensions are controlled by the humidity of the surrounding air. Natural expansion and contraction resulting in separation between boards is not considered to be a defect, yet an inherent quality of wood as a product of nature. It is therefore not covered under your warranty. Seasonally your wood floor will expand and contract in response to its inherent qualities.

A way to control the humidity level in the winter is with the installation of a humidifier. This not only works for any hardwood flooring, but also furniture, especially in the preservation of antiques. Humidity must not be excessive as it may result in swelling. Air conditioning in the summer keeps the humidity level comfortable. Prolonged cycles of shrinkage and swelling may result in squeeks. This can be easily corrected.

## Common Solutions to Common Problems Associated with Hardwood Flooring.

1. Problem: A squeaky, noisy floor.

Probable Cause: Integrity of the subfloor is poor, improper nailing of floorboards or it has been subjected to excessive moisture and/or drying.

Solution: To quickly rectify the problem, contact a qualified hardwood floor installer or your nearest hardwood flooring dealer, to determine the best way to solve the problem.

 Problem: Flooring is changing colour over time; it's yellowing, darkening, etc. You moved your area rug and underneath it's a different colour.

Probable Cause: U.V. rays entering your home through windows, patio doors, and skylights will over time change [modify] the colour of your floor. This is especially common when moving area rugs and low-lying furniture. This is a natural occurrence and is common in the flooring industry. Solution: Minimize the amount of sunlight coming in direct contact with the floor. Remove and rotate area rugs and furniture occasionally. This will allow the rest of the floor to even out over time.

3. Problem: Dents, indentations, surface scratches and gouges. Probable Cause: High heels, chair legs, moving of furniture or appliances without protecting the floor, pets (particularly dog toenails), debris under hard shoe soles and poor maintenance. Solution: Use soft protective pads under all furniture and chairs. Avoid wearing high heels on the hardwood floor. Clip dog nails. Maintain floor by sweeping or mopping on a regular basis with a hardwood floor cleaner. Replace or repair any damaged or defected floor boards. Resurface.





4. Problem: Excessive or early wear.

Probable Cause: Improper maintenance and/or protection.
Too much localized foot traffic.

Solution: Maintain floor by vacuuming and removing debris on a regular basis. Use felt pads under all furniture. Use protection in front of kitchen sink and working area. Touch up repairs immediately.

#### **Laminate Floors**

A truly "forgiving" floor

- Wear and stain resistant (heels, stains, cigarettes, lipstick, dirt and grime) – Unlike carpeting or solid wood flooring, where stains can be extremely destructive, stains can be removed with a slightly damp cloth.
- Impact-resistant the high-density fiberboard allows the flooring to withstand sudden and localized impact such as heels and falling objects. Long term local strain from furniture legs, pianos and refrigerators are also withstood.
- Although scratch-resistant this floor like all other floors is not scratch proof. Metal and sharp edges can scratch the floor. It is recommended that felt protectors be used to reduce this possibility.
- Cigarette resistant A burning cigarette dropped on the floor for a few seconds will not cause discoloration or markings.
- Fade resistant guaranteed against fading. Unlike wood floors, these floors will not tend to discolor from normal sunlight exposure.
- Laminate flooring is easy to clean and specifically designed with pigments that are warranted against fading and resins that are warranted against staining.

#### Hygenic

Due to the sealed surface, dust cannot attach to the surface. House mites and other allergy-causing substances cannot survive on the flooring to cause allergic reactions.

#### Ceramic and Porcelain

Porcelain and ceramic tile maintenance is simple, as it requires no sealant, waxes or other frequent treatments. Most dirt will not adhere to the surface of the ceramic or porcelain tile and generally a mild detergent and water will remove any spills or stains.

#### Maintenance

Always rinse cleaned areas thoroughly with a soap-less detergent in water. If a film appears, rinse again. Wipe dry with a soft cloth or sponge. Do not use soap to clean ceramic tiles, as it forms a film, which not only dulls colours, but also can support growth of bacteria and mildew.

Do not use phosphate detergents in areas where moisture is continually present, such as the tub or shower enclosures, unless

the grout is water repellent i.e. furan, epoxy resins, or silicone rubber. Phosphate in the detergent actually encourages subsequent growth of mildew and mould on cement and mastic grouts.

Do not mix chlorine bleach with other cleaning supplies containing ammonia or acids, such as vinegar. Dangerous gases are formed through this combination.

Hard water scum formation - A 50 - 50 mixture of white vinegar and water may be useful in removing this type of deposit. This mixture may cause colour shift and surface cracking in certain kinds of glazed tile. Experiment first on a small area of the affected surface. The mixtures will not harm most glazes or the surfaces of unglazed tile if rinsed promptly. Commercial tile cleaners are also available to remove hard water deposits.

Do not use steel wool on tile except with great caution. Always use new pads, since rust will stain light coloured tile. Use only fine textured pads to avoid scratching. The cleaning pads developed to scour adhesive surfaces like Teflon are safer to all kinds and grades of tile.

The Developer will repair and/or replace cracked or loose tiles for a period of 1 year. In making repairs, it is not always a possibility to get a perfect match with original tiles. The builder will not replace whole floors to avoid a slight mismatch. A tile package has been left in the suite for future repairs.

#### Marble

Marble is a natural stone that has been used in homes for three thousand years. Although very soft, it is a very durable material. Due to the fact that marble is a product of nature, it is not possible to guarantee that all colour and markings will be present in each tile or finish.

Scratches will always be present in marble and cannot be eliminated entirely, as this is the nature of the stone. The beauty and lustre of the marble, although slightly impaired, will still look as appealing. There is no effective way to prevent scratches from occurring. To further protect marble, a system called "crystallization" can be applied which basically activates an iron exchange in the bonding of the calcium in marble, hides minor scratches and gives the marble a rejuvenated look.

Marble is a very sensitive material and if subjected to rapid temperature changes, it may crack along its natural veins.

#### **General Maintenance**

- Do not allow dirt to stand or accumulate on marble surfaces, as this will scratch the marble. Marble should be wiped down with water and/or dishwashing liquid (a non-acidic type - 1 capful per gallon of water). Rinse with clear water. Make sure that excessive water is completely wiped up.
- 2. NEVER use any acid, ammonia or chlorine based cleaning products, since marble has a calcium based nature and applying these cleaning products may burn the surface. AVOID: coke, apple juice, wine, vinegar, alcohol, Windex, Fantastic, CLR, tile grout cleaner, contact lens cleaner, toothpaste, etc.





Any staining caused by acids must be re-polished in order to remove the damage. Do not attempt to remove this stain by scrubbing or other methods, as it will cause further damage.

3. Use a soft cloth to clean the marble surface.

#### **Caulking and Grout**

Some items in your new home will require proper preventative maintenance or periodic monitoring as to alleviate problems in the future. Both caulking and grout are susceptible to shrinkage, drying or cracking over time. Once the one-year warranty period has expired, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that the caulking around any bathtubs, toilet bowls, and shower stalls is maintained in good condition and in position. The caulking and grouting can easily be checked during your usual cleaning.

Caulking is a sealant, which is applied to plumbing fixtures and joints between floor and wall areas, which will be exposed to water. It is a very pliable material and is easy to use. There are many different types and brands available on the market. For bathroom areas, we recommend silicone [mildew resistant] caulking.

When re-applying caulking to the bathtub areas, it is advisable to fill the tub with water prior to application. This procedure should help eliminate the possibility of the caulking coming loose when weight is applied.

To re-apply silicone (mildew resistant) caulking, follow these simple instructions:

- 1. Prepare area Remove all old existing sealant. Wash area with a non-abrasive cleaner. Wipe area dry. Wipe area with rubbing alcohol. Wait for 1-2 minutes and wipe with a clean cloth.
- 2. Applying the caulking Apply silicone caulking and smooth out with tip of Popsicle type stick. For easier smoothing out, dip the stick in dishwashing liquid to moisten the tip. Make sure all cavities and openings (including corners) are covered completely.
- 3. Curing Let cure for a minimum of 6 hours. Note: It is recommended that the bathtub/shower stall area not be used for at least 24 hours after application. The sealant will release an acetic acid during the curing period. The odour is similar to vinegar.

Please check the manufacturer's directions listed on the tube itself for further instructions.

Grout is the material used to fill the joints between tiles on floors and walls. Grout between the tiles and in the corners should be checked during regular cleaning. Any cavities found should be filled in as soon as possible. Again, after the one-year warranty period, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that this material has the proper coverage and is maintained in good condition.

### Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical

## See Electrical Layout Breaker Panel

Your suite is serviced by a single electrical panel. The location will vary from suite to suite. The panel provides power to your suite and several circuit breakers. Each breaker provides power to a specific area, or item within the suite. The breakers are labelled, so that you will be able to quickly determine which area and/or appliance each one applies to.

If you overload one of the electrical outlets the breaker will trip. Unlike a fuse you do not have to replace a breaker if it overloads, just follow the simple procedure below to restore power.

- 1. Locate the breaker that has tripped on the breaker panel.

  A tripped breaker will be set in the middle position.
- 2. Unplug everything that was plugged into the outlet(s) serviced by that particular breaker.
- 3. First turn the breaker to the off position, then turn it back on. This will reset it and power should be restored to the outlet[s].

#### **Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (G.F.C.I.)**

The Electrical Safety code requires G.F.C.I outlets be installed in at least one residential bathroom in a new home and will also be located on the kitchen counter backsplash if located by the sink. One bathroom will have the G.F.C.I outlet while the other bathroom outlet is wired back to the G.F.C.I. The G.F.C.I is designed to protect against accidental electrical shock. In the event of an electrical short, the G.F.C.I will stop the flow of electrical current through the circuit within fractions of a second. The interruption in electrical current helps prevent further injury.

#### Preparation

Make sure power is available, as the circuit breaker must be on to conduct the test. The RESET button should always be pushed in.

#### Testing

To test the function of the RESET button, push the TEST button and immediately the RESET button should pop-up. If the RESET button does not pop-up when the test button is depressed, do not use the G.F.C.I. outlet. Notify the Customer Care Office of this test failure and notify a qualified electrician that you have lost protection in the G.F.C.I.

#### **To Restore Power**

Push RESET button firmly into device until an audible click is heard. Please note if the shock finder G.F.C.I. trips when an appliance is used, the appliance may be defective and should be repaired or replaced.

#### Switched Outlet (which is labelled)

As there is no ceiling outlet in the living room, we have installed a switch, which will work in conjunction with one of the two receptacles at designated electrical outlets.





Simply plug in your table lamp into the switched portion of the outlet and turn the lamp to the "on" position. The wall switch may now be used to operate this lamp. The other portion of this electrical outlet is not switched and will operate as a normal outlet.

#### Electrical Safety at Home - Source: Toronto Hydro

Electricity can do wonderful things for us. However, if improperly used electricity can be hazardous. This information will familiarize you with the most common types of electrical hazards and give tips on how to protect yourself from electrical shock. While every effort has been made to provide accurate and complete information, Toronto Hydro Energy Services will not be liable for any loss, cost, damage or injury whatsoever, resulting from the use of this material.

#### Children's Areas

- Make sure toddlers never poke anything into an electrical receptacle.
- Install approved plastic safety on all wall outlets.
- Keep electrical cords away from crawlers and early walkers.
   Teething on an electrical cord could cause a severe or even fatal electrical shock.
- Keep heaters and fans away from curious youngsters.
- Safety pins, paper clips, and other small objects are hazardous to small children and can become lethal if they are poked into electrical outlets.

#### The Bathroom

- Avoid playing an electrical radio or TV near a bath or sink, and always stand in a dry place when you're operating an electrical appliance, such as a hair dryer.
- "Unplug it" is an important practice, especially if you have children in the household.
- If a product that is plugged in falls into a sink or other vessel of water, unplug it before you retrieve it.
- $\bullet$  Never leave irons, or small appliances within the reach of youngsters.
- Discard or repair an appliance that causes the slightest shock.

#### The Kitchen

- Unplug the toaster before you pry out that errant piece of toast with a knife or fork. You may still get a shock from some models, even if the toaster is turned off!
- Have Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters installed, particularly near the sink and other water sources
- Unplug appliances before cleaning them. Don't become a conductor!
- Never touch a tap or other grounded metal while in contact with an electric appliance.

#### The Living Room

• Multiple plugs can be a fire hazard. If you don't have enough outlets, have a qualified electrician install more.

 An extension cord under a carpet can cause electric shock or fire. Have an additional plug installed instead.

#### **PLUMBING**

### **General Plumbing Information**

The plumbing in your suite was installed by a professional plumber and generally should need only minimum maintenance if it is cared for properly.

Each plumbing fixture in your home has a drain trap. This piece of pipe is designed to provide a water barrier that prevents any air borne bacteria and sewer gas odour from entering the suite.

Any fixture that is used infrequently (such as a secondary shower or toilet) should be turned on or flushed at regular intervals, to replace evaporating water and ensure that the water barrier remains in place.

Toilet bowls are installed with a rubber gasket at the floor flange, which seals the toilet bowl and the drainpipe. Infrequent flushing will allow the water to evaporate in the toilet bowl. The rubber gasket dries out and becomes brittle, which could lead to leakage and damages.

Also, chemicals found in some toilet bowl cleaners, particularly the tank-installed automatic dispensing type will cause the toilet tank components to fail prematurely. We do not recommend the use of these types of cleaners.

#### Water shut off valve

There are two types of hot and cold water shut-off valves (levers) located in your suite. Typically these would be located behind your bathroom vanity cupboards. Our Customer Care Representatives will have shown you these locations during your Homeowner Orientation.

In the vicinity of the stacked washer/dryer shut-off valves for both the hot and cold water have been installed. The shut-off is in the form of a lever or a typical hose-bib shut-off.

To turn water off, turn valves clockwise. It is best to close shut-offs at all times while the washer is not in use.

In case of a plumbing emergency every member of the household should know the location of these valves. The developer assumes responsibility for clogged fixtures and drains where defective construction or workmanship can be demonstrated to have caused the problem.

The developer cannot take responsibility for any damage to contents resulting from a water leak. It is each homeowner's responsibility to obtain adequate home insurance for their contents, betterments and improvements.

#### **Water Saving Toilets**

Each suite is equipped with a dual flush water saving toilet. The dual flush toliet specifically meets the building code standards of Ontario. When flushing these toilets it may be necessary to hold the button down to ensure a complete flush and waste removal.





### Design

#### **Hanging Pictures**

Stand back and take a good look at the room in which you're going to hang the picture(s). Consider the room's color, décor and furnishings. A framed piece of art should complement everything else in the room, not detract from it or fight for attention. Take a moment to think about how the pieces you've chosen to hang will look together. Think about the overall impression the room will make once you've hung the artwork.

#### Find the best spot on the wall.

Have someone hold the artwork up so the geometric center of the image is at eye level. Measure the distance on either side of the frame toward the end of the adjoining artwork or furniture. Make sure the spaces are even on both sides.

#### Mark the spot.

Hold the picture with one hand on the wire and the other on the frame's bottom. On the hand holding the wire, hook your middle finger around the center of the wire so the artwork hangs straight. This is where the nail or hook will go. Hold the art up to the wall again, making sure it's centered and straight. Keep your finger firmly on the wall and remove the picture. Take a pencil and draw a small mark on the wall exactly where your finger held the wire. This is where the hook or nail will be placed in the wall.

#### Install hanging fixtures.

For frames under 10 pounds, you can use picture hooks. Place the bottom of the hook on the wall at the pencil mark you made. At the top of the hook is a nail slot. Hold the hook and nail steady with one hand and use a hammer to get the nail started. Be careful not to let the nail slide down. Once you have the nail established, drive it in.

You can also use nails to hang your framed artwork. Use a one-inch finishing nail for lightweight framed pieces (under 10 pounds). To ensure the picture will stay securely on the wall, nail downwards at a 45-degree angle.

For heavier pictures (over 10 pounds) hammer nail into a wall stud. If there isn't a stud under your mark, use a wall anchor and screw. Wall anchors will hold the wall together while supporting the weight of the framed art. Follow the instructions on the back of the wall anchor package to install.

Note: If you have plaster walls, before hammering or drilling, place some tape over the mark. This will help prevent the plaster from cracking when installing the hook or nail.

#### **Hanging Art**

Use frame hangers to hang your framed print. They will do the least damage to your wall and they are designed to safely hold

up framed art. Be sure that the hanger will bear the weight of the particular framed print. If the frame to be hanged is large and heavy, use two hangers spaced about 6" apart and distribute the weight evenly.

#### **Decorating Tips - Photographs and Artwork**

More and more people are integrating art into their home décor. As home décor becomes increasingly flexible, so are your options for placing art. You can put anything you want in any room of the house. Just make it work for you. Although there are no set rules about decorating with art, there are some basic considerations, regardless of the style or mood of the décor, that will help you to achieve a more organic feel and look. You may wish to consider the following design principles of scale, balance, colour etc.

#### Scale

Large pictures suit a large room. Small pictures get lost in the more-than-ample wall space. On the other hand, a large picture in a closet-size powder room can be so dominant that it makes someone in the room feel uncomfortable. Similarly, regardless of room size, a large photograph should go on a large wall; small pictures on a small wall.

Make sure the picture you're hanging is to scale with the wall it is hanging on. A large framed work that may be appropriate for a high ceiling house could look out of place in a smaller condominium. Conversely, on a large wall, a small picture or a group of small pictures could look insignificant.

A picture should also relate in scale with the furniture it is hanging over. The rule of thumb is that it should be at least half the width of the furniture. If the piece is not large enough, consider surrounding it with supporting pieces.

Certain parts of the home are traditionally sites for large works of art - for example, the wall above the sofa. Again, if you can't find a suitable large piece, consider a grouping of two or more pieces.

#### Height

Whenever a picture is to be hung alone, the focus should generally be at eye level. This is the most comfortable viewing level. But, of course, eye level is not a constant. It is relative to where you are either standing or sitting. In a sitting room, pictures should be hung a little lower than, say, in a hallway where you are primarily standing. If the viewer is positioned more than three feet away, this horizontal line dips about six inches.

Hang pictures no more than 12 to 16 inches above a piece of furniture.

#### **Balance**

To create an informal group, arrange pictures asymmetrically. For example, place one large piece on one side with two smaller ones on the other. Hanging pictures in symmetrical





fashion (pictures of equal size placed at an equal distance from each other) will create a more formal impression. In this situation, the drama and formality of symmetrical grouping is increased with the use of identical frames.

#### Colour

Grouping pictures with similar colors and subjects together can heighten the dramatic impact of these photos.

#### Composition

This is the way you arrange the subject matter. Consider the vertical and horizontal lines. In the photo itself, and the way persons are facing in the photographs, or the direction vehicles are facing or in which they are travelling.

#### Lighting

Hanging your artwork in sunlight will increase the potential for light damage and could increase the amount of reflection. Arrange your framed pictures for maximum illumination from the lighting that is normally available in the room, but watch for reflections from floor lamps or windows on the other side of the room. Lighting is a critical element in picture placement, and you should keep it in mind when you consider your picture-hanging layout. A beautifully framed and outstanding picture loses its impact when placed in a shadowed area where its details cannot properly be seen.

#### Traffic

Room traffic is a factor in picture placement. A wall at the end of a hall is an excellent location for a large image in a large frame because people using the wall will see it from a distance and appreciate it more as they approach it. A grouping of small pictures in the same location would have no impact until the viewer is up close, and by that time, the viewer will be ready to turn at the end of the hall. If there is a natural assembly or conversation area, that is where to place a group of smaller framed pictures. People will be stopped there and will have the time to better digest them as they converse.

#### **Narrow Hallways**

Larger pieces may not work well in narrow hallways because you don't have the right viewing distance from which to enjoy them. Try smaller pieces. Small pencil or charcoal sketches, mini-prints, photographs, or small etchings will work well here because they demand a shorter viewing distance.

#### **Fireplace**

The wall above a fireplace is a traditional location for displaying art. The fireplace is such an emphatic place that it always attracts notice, and anything displayed above it is assured of immediate attention. Often just one large picture is displayed centrally above a fireplace. The picture or pictures hung above the mantlepiece do not have to fill the space completely but they do have to balance the bulk below the mantlepiece.

#### **Unusual Places**

When considering where to hang pictures, do not rule out the less traditional locations in the house. Even the bathroom can provide a suitable space for decorating with art. Kitchens, archways, above doors are some of the unexpected places where art may be placed.





### Vertical Fan Coil System

#### **HOW DOES A FAN COIL WORK?**

The built in vertical fan coil unit(s) in your suite is your source of heating and cooling which allows temperature control all year. Heated and cooled air is produced through the circulation of hot and cold water in the piping loop contained within the fan coil unit depending on the time of year. The fan coil motor blows air across this piping loop to produce either warmed or cooled air.

#### USE

Each vertical fan coil unit is equipped with a thermostat to regulate the temperature. The fan can also be set to three different speeds, 1 - LOW, 2 - MEDIUM and 3 -HIGH.

It is recommended that the fan be used to run continually at 1(LOW) speed. The constant air circulation will help to create an even temperature throughout your unit.

#### **REGULAR MAINTENANCE**

NOTE: HAVE A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL CARRY OUT ANY WORK INVOLVING REMOVAL OF THE INLET GRILL. THE EXPOSURE TO LIVE ELECTRICAL AND ROTATING PARTS IS HIGHLY DANGEROUS.

- Filter check. The dust filter, mounted behind the inlet grill, should be checked at least once a month and replaced if dirty (the filter should be replaced at a minimum, every six months). With the return air grill off, remove the two screws at the bottom of the return baffle, this panel can be raised to expose the fan and motor assembly, drain pan and coil.
  - A clogged filter resulting from lack of maintenance restricts the flow of air and consequently the efficiency of the fan coil unit.
- Drain Pan Check. While the inlet grill is removed, check the drain pan at the base of the coil and remove any dirt or debris that may have collected there. Ensure that the drain spout is clear and that the plastic drain hose from the pan is not kinked or obstructed.

### Interpreting Thermostat Switch Positions

On/Off Selector		
Off Position	When thermostat is set in the off position, power is removed from the thermostat electronics and out terminals, and the display will go blank. The thermostat will reboot when power is restored with the on/off switch.	
Auto	All functions are operational.  Note: On first powering up or after the on/off switch has been set to on, the thermostat undergoes a start up and self checking sequence.	
Heat/Cool Position	Used only when programming your thermostat to pre-set your desired temperature range. The system will automatically adjust so that your heating and cooling set points are never closer than 2°C (4°F).	

Fan Switch Auto		
Off Position	In the on position, the fan will run.	
Fan Speed Switch 1. 2. 3.		
1	Lowest fan speed setting	
2	Medium fan speed setting	
3	Highest fan speed setting	
Temperature Settings		
<b>A</b>	Pushing this button will decrease the desired	
	temperature	
▼	Pushing this button will increase the desired	
	temperature	

It may be necessary to adjust or balance the airflow to achieve the desired temperature in each room. Individual preferences can be accommodated by adjusting (opening and closing) the louvers on the air supply grilles to regulate the amount of conditioned air allowed to enter each room.

#### REPLACEMENT PARTS

Standard replacements are available from the manufacturer. When ordering, specify unit size, serial number and the part number.

Many options are available which may include parts other than those listed as standard. To order replacement parts in these instances, provide a complete description of the part required. To order replacement parts, contact the Property Management Office.





# Indoor Air Quality and the "Sick Building Syndrome"

Indoor Air Pollution may be two to five times higher than outdoor levels. It has been identified as one of the top five urgent environmental risks to the public health.

Over the past several decades, our exposure to indoor air pollutants is believed to have increased due to a variety of factors, primarily the construction of more tightly sealed buildings. The intent in tightly sealed structures is predominantly to conserve energy and reduce the amount required to heat and cool the home.

The high incidence of indoor air pollution has brought a new phrase into our language, referred to as "Sick Building Syndrome." The cooling and heating systems maintain livable temperatures and humidity levels within the home by re-circulation of air. The downfall is that the same air is circulated throughout your home repeatedly, and with that air may be pollutants such as dust, pollen, and pet dander. The dust can come from skin, hair, clothes or just come off shoes when we walk in and out. Along with the dust there is a potential to bring mildew, fungus and molds into your home.

Most pollutants are so small (about half the size of a sharp pencil point) that standard throw away air filters trap only 15% of the pollutant particles circulating in the air. In fact, the particles you see in a beam of afternoon sunlight streaming through window only represent about 1% of the of airborne contaminants, most of which you can't see. Fortunately, indoor air quality can be greatly improved by the proper use of filtration systems, which trap and remove the pollutants that build up in the air, and by the regular maintenance of your home's heating and cooling systems.

#### Filtering the Air We Breathe

- The most important step in filter improvement is to make sure that all the air is filtered. Filters come in different efficiencies that are measured in the percentage of arrestance of particles. Simply stated, what amount and size of particles do they stop? The higher the percentage, the smaller the particle the filter will stop.
- Do not be frugal when it comes to air filters. The more inexpensive types do little to nothing at all for equipment protection or dust production. The higher end filters are more efficient, therefore require more frequent changing.
- Beware of "lifetime" air filters. Manufacturers have found that, over time, the middle layers on lifetime air filters become clogged with things such as hair spray, cooking grease deposits, residue from all aerosol products, etc. These middle layers can not be cleaned effectively, and as a result, these filters end up restricting air flow and choking down the system possibly causing equipment damage.

- Replace the filter every month. It may require more frequent changing in certain circumstances, such as if you have pets, during high allergy season, or if there is any construction within or in close proximity to your home. It is wise to inspect the filter periodically.
- Regular maintenance by a licensed technician of your homes heating and cooling system is recommended.

## Using Your Humidifier Safely is the Key to Healthy Indoor Air

Humidifiers are commonly used in homes to relieve the physical discomforts of dry nose, throat, lips, and skin. The moisture they add to dry air also helps alleviate common nuisances brought on by winter heating, such as static electricity, peeling wallpaper, and cracks in paint and furniture. However, excess moisture can encourage the growth of biological organisms in the home. These organisms include dust mites, which are microscopic animals that produce materials causing allergic reactions to household dust, and moulds.

Recent studies by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) have shown that ultrasonic and impeller [or "cool mist"] humidifiers can disperse materials, such as microorganisms and minerals, from their water tanks into indoor air. At present, only limited information is available on the growth of microorganisms and minerals by home humidifiers.

Proper care and cleaning of ultrasonic and impeller humidifiers are important for reducing potential exposures to microorganisms, such as bacteria and molds. Microorganisms usually grow in humidifiers which are equipped with tanks containing standing water.

It has not yet been concluded that the dispersal of minerals by home humidifiers poses a serious health risk. Nevertheless, using water with lower mineral content will reduce exposures to these materials.

The young, the elderly, and those people with lung diseases or respiratory allergies may be particularly susceptible to certain types of airborne pollutants. However, if you follow the recommendations for the use and care of home humidifiers provided in this fact sheet, the potential for dispersal of microorganisms and minerals from your humidifier should be reduced.

## Can I Use Tap Water in My Ultrasonic or Impeller Humidifier?

Researchers have documented that these humidifiers are very efficient at dispersing minerals in tap water into the air, although have not concluded it poses a serious health risk. In addition, some consumers are bothered by a "white dust" that may appear on surfaces during use of these devices. Most





importantly, minerals in tap water may increase the development of crusty deposits, or scale, in humidifiers. Scale can be a breeding ground for microorganisms.

Retarding the growth of scale is the most compelling reason to find alternatives to tap water. For this reason, or if white dust is a problem or you wish to minimize your exposure to minerals in the tap water as a matter of prudence, you should either:

- Use bottled water labeled "distilled." It will likely contain lower mineral content than most tap water. Distillation is the most effective method for removing minerals from water. Bottled waters labeled "spring", "artesian" or "mineral" have not been treated to remove mineral content.
- 2. Consider using demineralization cartridges, cassettes, or filters if supplied or recommended for use with your humidifier.

Be aware, however, that the ability of these devices to remove minerals may vary widely. Further research is needed to determine how well, and how long, these devices work. Watch for the appearance of "white dust," which would indicate that minerals are not being removed.

#### Types of Humidifiers and Associated Pollutants

Console humidifiers are encased in cabinets which are designed for floor use. Portable humidifiers are smaller and more readily moved. Central humidifiers are built into heating and air-conditioning systems, and humidify the whole house.

The two types of humidifiers which generally appear to produce the greatest dispersions of both microorganisms and minerals are:

- Ultrasonic, which creates a cool mist by means of ultrasonic sound vibrations.
- Impeller, or "cool mist," which produces a cool mist by means of a high speed rotating disk. Two additional types of humidifiers can allow for growth of micro-organisms if they are equipped with a tank that holds standing water, but generally disperse less, if any, of these pollutants in to the air.

#### These are:

• Evaporative, which transmit moisture into the air invisibly by using a fan to blow air through a moistened absorbent material, such as a belt, wick, or filter.

Steam vaporizers create steam by heating water with an electrical heating element or electrodes. "Warm mist" humidifiers are a type of steam vaporizer humidifier in which the steam is cooled before exiting the machine.

Note: Steam vaporizer and evaporative humidifiers are not expected to disperse substantial amounts of minerals. A steam vaporizer tested by EPA did not disperse measurable amounts of

minerals; evaporative humidifiers have not been tested by EPA for mineral dispersal.

#### Recommendations for Use and Care

It is important to use a humidifier only when conditions require it, to use the correct moisture setting for existing conditions, and to clean it thoroughly.

The possible health effects resulting from the dispersal of microorganisms and minerals by home humidifiers are not fully understood. Meanwhile, it may be prudent to reduce the potential for personal exposures to these materials by taking the following precautions, particularly when using ultrasonic and impeller humidifiers.

- Empty the tank, wipe all surfaces dry, and refill the water in portable humidifiers daily to reduce any growth of microorganisms; follow the manufacturer's instructions for changing water in console humidifiers. Be sure you unplug the unit from the electrical socket first.
- Use water with low mineral content to prevent the build-up of scale and the dispersal of minerals into the air.
- Clean portable humidifiers every third day. Empty the tank and use
  a brush or other scrubber to clean it. Remove any scale, deposits, or
  film that has formed on the sides of the tank or on interior surfaces,
  and wipe all surfaces dry. Again, be sure you unplug the unit.
- Follow the manufacturer's suggestions on the use of cleaning products or disinfectants. In the absence of specific recommendations, clean all surfaces coming in contact with water with a 3% solution of hydrogen peroxide. If you use any cleaning or disinfecting agent, rinse the tank thoroughly with several changes of tap water to prevent dispersal of chemicals into the air during use.
- Follow the manufacturer's directions on cleaning and maintaining console and central (furnace mounted) humidifiers. In particular, if the humidifier contains a tank, do not allow water to stand in the tank for extended periods of time, and keep the water clean.
- Keep steam vaporizer humidifiers out of the reach of children.
   Steam and boiling water may cause burns.
- Higher humidity levels may encourage the growth of biological organisms in the home. If water condenses on windows, walls, or pictures, either relocate the humidifier, lower its humidistat setting or reduce its use.
- Do not permit the area around the humidifier to become damp or wet. If dampness occurs, turn the output volume of the humidifier down. If the humidifier output volume cannot be turned down, use the humidifier intermittently. Do not allow absorbent materials, such as carpeting, drapes, or table cloths, to become damp.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding the use, maintenance, and replacement of any materials supplied with the humidifier. Use appropriate materials as recommended by the product manufacturer.





- Clean the humidifier, as directed, at the end of the humidifying season or when the product will not be in frequent use. Before storage, make sure all the parts are dry. Dispose of all used demineralization cartridges, cassettes, or filters. Store the unit in a dry location. After storage, clean the unit again and remove any dust on the outside.
- Stop using your humidifier and contact your physician if you have respiratory symptoms which you believe are associated with periods of use of your home humidifier, even if you are following maintenance directions.

#### **Getting the Most Out of Your Air Conditioner**

Operation of an air conditioning system is a lot like an automobile: efficiency depends greatly on the way it is maintained and operated. Cars give better mileage and last longer when they get proper care and attention and are driven moderately. The same thing is true of air conditioning systems.

#### Clean The Filter

Air conditioning systems do more than just cool the air. They lower humidity, and also remove dust and dirt by moving the air through filters. When these filters become clogged with dirt, the system must work harder to do its job. This wastes energy and can make utility bills rise. Depending on the amount of dust in the air, filters can become clogged in just a month or two of operation. Most residential systems have disposable filters. These should be checked every two months [once a month during peak use] and replaced when necessary. Permanent filters should be cleaned in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Under no circumstances should you operate your systems without filters.

#### Sunlight

The sunlight which streams in windows in the winter can provide a great deal of heat inside the home. But that same sunlight during the summer or in warmer parts of the country can make an air conditioning system work harder than it should. Insulated or thermal windows can help. Draperies and shades pulled over the windows when the sun is hitting them directly (especially in late afternoon) will reduce the cooling load significantly. Some people install awnings over windows and doors to provide shade.

#### **Appliances**

The operation of appliances can generate heat and humidity inside. As well washers, dryers, ovens and ranges can put out both heat and moisture when they're operating. Using these appliances during the warmest times of the day, when your cooling system is working the hardest, just adds to the burden.

By scheduling washing, drying, baking and cooking for mornings and evenings when its cooler, you can remove this extra burden from your air conditioning system. Your exhaust can help remove some of the excess heat as well as uncomfortable humidity from cooking.

Preventive maintenance is the least expensive kind. Not only that, but also keeping your system in top shape through regular checkups is the best way to ensure it will keep working for you when you need it most. The best time to have your system checked by a competent service technician is in early spring, before the cooling season starts.

Many companies offer a service contract which provides routine maintenance, including lubrication of motors, tightening of belts and checking of refrigerant level. There are some maintenance checks you can make yourself.

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#### Condensation in the Home

Condensation and moisture on windows is a common complaint from today's homeowners.

Fortunately, the homeowner can control most condensation problems. The key to controlling excess condensation lies in understanding today's building standards and how relative humidity impacts on airtight homes. Listed below is a chart indicating recommended maximum relative humidity level for different outside temperatures.

Outside Air Temperature (Celsius)	Desirable Maximum Inside Relative Humidity (%) Indoor Temperature of 70 F (21 C)
-30 and colder -30 to -25 -24 to 19 -18 to -13 -12 to -7 - 6 to 0	not over 15% not over 20% not over 25% not over 30% not over 35% not over 40%

<sup>\*</sup> Please note the above chart is designed to be used as a guideline only.

Stained ceilings, water streaming from windows, mould on walls and windowsills are often indications of excessive water vapour in the air.

Condensation problems arise because air can only hold a limited amount of water vapour, an amount that varies with temperature. For example, cold air is able to hold less water vapour than warm air.

Air cooled by contact with cooler surfaces such as windows will therefore deposit water vapour on the glass or the sash because as the air is cooled it loses its ability to hold water vapour. This surface condensation can therefore be an indication of excessive water vapour in the air.

The first step in solving condensation problems in your home is a willingness to reduce humidity levels. While some humidity is recognized as necessary for comfort and health, any increase in moisture levels must be monitored to alleviate excess condensation.

Windows have a limited heat loss resistance and are often the coolest component of the home's enclosure. Because of this characteristic, windows are usually the area where condensation

is most visible. As condensation occurs on the inside window surfaces, it may be a warning signal to reduce the humidity level in your home.

## CONTROLLING HUMIDITY AND RELATED SURFACE CONDENSATION ON WINDOWS

- Make it a habit to use your kitchen exhaust fan when cooking. This procedure will help remove the moist air from your home.
- Refrain from the use of humidifiers unless the relative humidity levels are below the levels suggested in the chart on the previous page.
- Refrain from over watering household plants.
- Leave the fan running on the vertical fan coil unit during extremely cold weather to help the air circulation through out the home.
- Avoid hanging wet clothes inside the home. Ensure the clothes dryer is vented to the exterior and the exhaust fan is operating during the use of the dryer.
- When smoking in the unit we ask that all residents ensure that their kitchen exhaust fan is running to avoid air filtration into the common area hallways.
- Free circulation of air is important. Keep drapes open as much as possible so the air can circulate freely over the windows.
   If necessary you may open your windows to reduce localized condensation.

Do not worry about the small amount of heat you will lose by providing enough ventilation in cold weather to control the humidity. It will cost a great deal less than the damage condensation can do to your windows, walls and woodwork. Remember that it is the homeowner's responsibility to use the ventilation system properly to protect the home from stale air and moisture damage.





## **VENTILATION**

#### Exhaust Fans

Exhaust fans are provided in the kitchen (i.e. range hood fan), bathrooms and laundry room. The fans should be used to remove lingering odours and humidity in the air, which can cause condensation.

**Bathrooms** - The bathrooms have a central exhaust system that runs continuously. Continuous exhaust improves indoor air quality – improvement is from regular air exchange and continuous air movement.

Laundry Room - In the laundry room, the exhaust fan is controlled by an Automatic Relay which activates the exhaust fan motor when the dryer is in use.

Kitchen - Use your exhaust fan whenever cooking on the stove to avoid cooking odours which may disturb your neighbours, and to lessen grease build-up on kitchen surfaces. The metal filter may be washed in the dishwasher. The exhaust fan is also a great tool in filtering air to the exterior. For preventative maintenance we suggest that on a periodic basis the filter and fan be removed and cleaned. To minimize the transmission of cooking odours from your suite to the common corridor, always use your kitchen exhaust fan while cooking and for approximately half an hour afterwards.

### Corridor Fresh Air Unit

You will notice that there is a gap around the suite entry door. This gap serves as a source of fresh air, it helps maintain the air circulation in your suite.

Combined with the supplied exhaust fans, the gap around the entry door allows fresh air to enter the suite which helps control the problem of condensation and keeps your suite free of stale air and lingering cooking odours even with the windows closed. The corridor fresh air units continually pump fresh air into the corridors. When exterior windows are closed, this is the only source of fresh air for each suite.

Not only does the supply of the fresh air introduced into the corridors provide a more comfortable living atmosphere, it is also a safety feature in the event of a fire. If there is a fire in the building, the corridor fresh air units are immediately disabled, to ensure that the somke does not enter the suite.

Maintenance - Keep the gap around the suite entry door clear of obstructions. Do not install weather stripping around the door as it inhibits the required flow of fresh air.

Air exchange is a requirement of the Building Code.





## **AMENITIES AND COMMON AREAS**

#### Common Areas

NOTE: Enclosed in your Home Care Handbook you will find a complete set of common area and amenity guidelines. Please review these for more detailed rules and regulations.

Listed below are a few items, which we would like you to pay particular attention to:

- Residents are not permitted to install or affix anything to the common elements including any decoration, doorbell, doorknocker or religious symbol without obtaining written approval of the Declarant or Board of Directors.
- Residents are not permitted to obstruct the common element hallway with mats, shoes, boot trays, carts or strollers. The common element hallway must remain clear at all times in case of an emergency.
- Barbecues (unless installed by the Declarant) are not permitted on the balcony or terrace areas.
- Pets must be exercised off the property and must be on a leash at all times.
- For safety reasons, only artificial, non-combustible Christmas trees are permitted.
- Residents or guests are not permitted to smoke or eat in the common element areas.
- Proper footwear and clothing must be worn in the common areas of the building at all times.
- Grocery store shopping carts are not permitted in the building.
- Loud music, boisterous parties in overcrowded apartments, uncarpeted floors, obnoxious conduct or an unwillingness to restrict such behaviour will result in action being taken by the management and on site staff to obtain compliance. Bumping, banging or drilling on walls or floors especially non carpeted floors will inconvenience your neighbours.

#### **Amenities**

For Amenity hours of operation, please check in with the Property Management office or the Concierge Desk in the lobby area.

- Residents are not permitted to bring more than four guests in the recreation facility.
- Guests must be accompanied at all times.

- Children under the age of twelve are not permitted in the facilities unless accompanied by an adult resident not less than 18 years of age.
- Pets are not permitted in the facilities.

All facilities can be reserved no more than one week in advance by completing the reservation form located at the recreation desk or Concierge. The Party Room is booked through the Management Office on a first come, first served basis.

#### Balconies and Patios

Outlined below are some regulations used in the building:

- Barbecues are not permitted to be stored on the balcony or terrace area.
- Planters must not be installed on the outer side of the balcony railing
- Do not shake your carpets, area rugs, brooms etc. over your balcony
- Please do not sweep the dirt off your balcony
- · Bird feeders are not permitted
- Please refrain from throwing any items off the balcony for example, cigarette butts, bottle caps or garbage
- Please do not hang articles of any type over your balcony i.e. rugs, clothing

Some of the balconies are equipped with hose bibs, in which case we suggest all water be shut off by the middle of October to avoid freezing the pipes and damage to other suites.

Proper cleaning procedures for cleaning balconies and terraces includes blocking the main drain, damp mopping the area and soaking up excessive water prior to unplugging the drain. You are responsible for any damage resulting from not following the above procedure.





### Glossary

A Condominium is a group of "units" to which individual owners hold registered title. The Condominium owner holds title to his/her own unit and at the same time, shares with all other owners an interest in the balance of the property constituting the Condominium.

#### **Board of Directors**

At the turnover meeting, a Board of Directors is elected. The Board of Directors consist of a minimum of three people and can be increased to five or seven depending on what is allowed for in the by-laws. Typically, they consist of five people. As elected representatives of the owners, the Board takes responsibility for managing the Condominium Corporation's property and business affairs. The Board of Directors is obligated to enforce the Act and the condominium documents (declaration, by-laws and rules).

#### **Condominium Act**

The Condominium Act governs condominium ownership. The act takes precedence over the condominium documents and over all agreements where a conflict arises.

#### **Declaration**

The Declaration deals with certain basic aspects of the corporation and outlines what constitutes the division of ownership within the corporation by detailing the common elements, the units, the percentage of ownership each owner has in common elements, common expense proportions and creation of exclusive use common elements. In most circumstances, the declaration cannot be changed without the consent of all owners and mortgagees.

#### By-laws

The by-laws are usually registered by Tridel and indicate how the corporation will be organized. The by-laws deal generally with the Board of Directors and the manner in which they govern the condominium. Bylaws are passed by the Board of Directors and require approval by the owners at an Annual General Meeting or a meeting specifically called for this purpose. They must be registered with the local land registry office in order to become effective.

#### Rules

Rules relate to the use of the common elements and units. The Board of Directors passes rules, they do not require approval of the owners. Rules become effective thirty days after notice of the rule has been given to each owner, unless during that period the Board of Directors receive a requisition, signed by the owners of at least 15% of the units, requiring a meeting of owners to consider amending said rule(s).

#### What are Common Expenses

Along with the purchase of your unit comes the responsibility to contribute to the budget to repair and maintain the common

elements, including exclusive use common elements. The Board of Directors is responsible to prepare an estimated operating budget for the fiscal year of the Corporation. Once completed based on the proportionate share of the common elements found in schedule "D" of the Declaration the common expenses are calculated. An owner can not waive his/her right to use all or any part of the common elements in order to reduce his/her contribution.

### Commonly Asked Questions

## Questions and Answers to the most commonly asked questions

1. What is my common expense payment, will there be an increase and why is it so high?

Also referred to as maintenance fees, they are a monthly charge for the utilities, regular upkeep, management, administration and insurance for the common element areas. The fees vary according to project and the suite size. The portion of these expenses is set out in the budget statement, which lists the percentage for which each suite is responsible.

2. Can the Property Management pick up my mail, etc. while I am away?

Management does not have the facilities, it is always safer and more convenient to utilize Canada Post or a neighbour.

#### 3. What does the maintenance fee include?

The maintenance fees include all services necessary to run the corporation. There is also a projection of expenses made to cover repairs and maintenance of the common elements. The final contribution is made to the reserve fund in accordance with an engineered reserve fund study to allow for future expenses with regard to Repair and Replacement of the common elements to avoid any financial stress on a future homeowner.

#### 4. Why do I pay for insurance?

It is the homeowners responsibilities to obtain a condominium homeowners insurance package that covers contents, betterments, improvements, assessment and contingency insurance.

#### 5. Who and where do I send my cheques to?

Prior to closing you will receive notification as to what your maintenance fees are going to be and where to send them. Following registration please bring your cheques to the management office payable to the registered Corporation number.

#### 6. Where is the noise coming from?

Noise in a condominium travels, should you experience problems with noise please contact the building security or staff to investigate.





## 7. What is the Corporation responsible for paying after damage?

The corporation will repair the units after damage less the deductible portion of the insurance.

#### 8. Can Property Management recommend trades?

Yes, please contact the Property Management Office. It is imperative during the first year that the installer be used to ensure that there is no effect on warranties.

## 9. Are there any extra parking and lockers available for rent or sale?

Check with the Sales Office.

## 10. Does the Property Management Office have extra mail box keys?

No, two keys are supplied at occupancy. You may make your own arrangements to cut additional keys.

## 11. Who is responsible for vehicles damaged in the garage?

Each individual case will be reviewed as it occurs.

## 12. Who is responsible for replacing windows and balcony doors?

The responsible party is outlined in the Declaration.

#### 13. Can I change my parking space?

Parking spaces can be sold separately from your unit, however there is no allowance for swapping spaces.

#### 14. Any suites for rent?

Please check with the Del Rental Office at 416-296-1012.

## 15. Can my guests use the facilities if I am not with them?

No. The adult resident must accompany all guests at all times.

#### 16. I forgot my key, can you let me in?

Some buildings do allow this service provided that a waiver has been signed. Please verify with the Property Management Office.

## 17. Can a non-resident park in my parking space while I'm out of town?

This would require either permission by the Property Management Office or the Board of Directors.

## 18. Can you let a trade or delivery into my unit while I'm out?

No, as we do not have the staff available to accompany or wait until they are finished.

#### 19. Can I use your fax machine?

This is an individual building policy, please check with the Property Management Office.

#### 20. Can Property Management accept cash for payments?

No. We do not accept cash under any circumstances due to the liability.

#### 21. When is the window cleaning going to be done?

This is an individual building policy, the Board of Directors will make this decision on an annual basis.

## 22. Why does the snow plow come so early in the morning?

The snow is required to be cleared for safety reasons, regardless of the time of night or morning.

#### 23. What is the square footage of my unit?

Please refer to your floor plan.





#### Thou shalt read this

# Ten commandments to keep condo life enjoyable for all

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The only way by which any one divests himself of his natural liberty and puts on the bonds of civil society is by agreeing with other men to join and unite into a community.

- John Locke

John Locke's inspired thoughts, first written in 1690, are as applicable today as then. Living in a community entails both rights and responsibilities, a curtailing of personal freedoms for the greater comfort of all.

In a neighbourhood, it might mean not firing up the lawn mower at dawn, or turning down the outdoor stereo after dusk. Good fences make for good neighbours; they're a way to balance privacy and civility.

Living in such close proximity isn't for everyone. You should think long and hard about buying a condo if you're not prepared to co-exist. Renters, too, should know that living in a condo is different from apartment dwelling. They are also bound by the corporation's rules. Ignorance is no excuse.

Herewith, our version of the Ten Commandments of Condominium Living.

#### 1. Honour thy neighbour.

Keep the noise down - or invite them to the party - the same way you would wind down a backyard barbecue before the wee hours. Saying hello as you pass in the hall, holding the door for someone with packages in hand, not pushing the CLOSE button on the elevator when you can hear footsteps approach - all are measures of common courtesy.

#### 2. Respect thy property manager.

You employ this person to ensure the quiet enjoyment of your home. If someone three floors away is drilling holes or laying a parquet floor outside the approved hours, let the property manager handle it. Often, this can be done with a phone call or a formal letter, leaving you anonymous. That way, the complaint is on file and you avoid any dangerous confrontations. The management can pursue legal remedies, if necessary. Also, give praise where it's due. A good property manager is the glue that holds a condominium community together. In a condominium highrise, the only fences are the walls between units. But whether it's a tiny row of townhouses or a vertical community larger than many towns, co-operation is key.

#### 3. Respect all of thy property.

You own it all, from the lounge to the common areas, the garage (if you have one), the sauna, the pool. Any deterioration or

damage to the building will bring down your property values. So, champagne glasses in the hot tub? Cigarette burns on the hall carpet? Gouged hallways from moving? Peeing in the pool? Just say no. [I once saw a woman spray-painting a wooden stool in the hallway!] If you see it, report it to your property manager or security personnel, if you have them. Otherwise, contact your board of directors - or police if it's serious enough.

#### 4. Push thine own garbage all the way down the chute.

Not halfway, not unbagged or untied and, if it's too big (such as a box from a large appliance), take it to the garbage room. It's your garbage, your responsibility. Preventing the infestation of pests is everybody's concern. Enough said.

#### 5. Thou shalt control thy pets.

To avoid a cat fight, we'll leave aside the issue of people who bring pets into a no-pets building - out of ignorance or wilfulness. If you have a pet, you should be in control of it at all times: in a crowded elevator, where inappropriate sniffing, licking or jumping occurs; in the hallways, where it is not suitable to let the animal out for a walk; on common-area balconies or roof decks, where Skippy might opt for a constitutional. People who fear large dogs or are allergic to cats or ferrets will appreciate your sensitivity and good manners. When taking your pet outside for his daily walk, remember your manners and city bylaws: Stoop and scoop.

### 6. Thou shalt control thy children.

Little darlings running amok in hallways, pressing all the elevator buttons or leaving footprints on walls do not endear themselves to their parents or their neighbours. Worse, children left alone or unsupervised around pools, saunas, balconies or exercise machinery can be injured or killed. Whether they're your kids or they are in your temporary care, keep a watchful eye. Please.

#### 7. Thou shalt help keep thy building safe.

If you have a security staff, let them know if something doesn't seem right. Lurking strangers, defaced property, dangerous doings in the stairwells, newspapers piling up outside someone's door. Got leftover food after a big party? Offer it to the staff, who often work long hours for low pay. Have free tickets to a sports event or concert that you can't use? Pass them on. If staff can't use them, you can bet they know another resident who can. If you have no on-site security staff, don't let someone you don't recognize follow you inside. Insist their hosts buzz them up. You have a right to know who's on your property.

## 8. Thou shalt not toss cigarette butts, ashes or floor sweepings off the balcony.

Your neighbour below has a right to enjoy the fresh air without having to hold an umbrella. Be careful when watering plants that a torrent of water doesn't ruin Mrs. Pumpernickel's new blue rinse. Above all, don't barbecue on your balcony.





## 9. Thou shalt not leave water running when leaving the building.

In highrises, damage from floods costs several hundred thousand dollars a year.

Burst washing machine hoses, overflowing toilets and dishwasher disasters can all wreak havoc for residents several floors below you. If you're going away for an extended period, shut off water supplies to appliances and toilets to prevent unwanted surprises.

## 10. Thou shalt not treat the parking garage as an Indy 500 test track.

Roaring around corners or racing along the underground straightaway can seriously injure someone exiting their parked car, walking with a baby in a stroller, or moving slowly because of age or infirmity. A minute's thoughtlessness could lead to a lifetime of tragedy.

Will the extra minute saved really matter? Think about it.

Last, you should read and understand the bylaws and rules regarding your condo corporation.

By finding out such things as how the building runs, when large deliveries are allowed or how locker rooms with shared keys work, you can avoid potential conflicts with your neighbours and, worse, any legal headaches arising from inappropriate actions.

