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~~General building and sanitation requirements; overhead~~
~~paging~~**Building, plumbing, and sanitation standards.**

- (A) The building or buildings in which a nursing home is located ~~shall will~~ be in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Ohio building code and ~~shall~~ have a certificate of use issued by the appropriate building authority.
- (B) All plumbing ~~shall will~~ be so installed and maintained as to be free of leakage and odors and as to reasonably ~~insure~~ensure adequate health and safety protection. Plumbing fixtures in nursing homes or additions to nursing homes constructed, erected, altered or relocated after September 10, 1984, and plumbing fixtures in buildings converted into nursing homes after September 10, 1984, ~~shall will~~ conform to the applicable provisions of the Ohio building code.
- (C) Lavatories, bathing facilities, and shower facilities ~~shall will~~ be supplied with hot and cold running water and ~~shall~~ be regulated by approved devices for temperature control. The hot water temperature in areas used by residents ~~shall will~~ be a minimum of one hundred five degrees Fahrenheit and not exceed one hundred and twenty degrees Fahrenheit.
- (D) The nursing home's water supply ~~shall will~~ be adequate in quantity and of suitable chemical and bacteriological quality for drinking, culinary, and cleaning purposes. The water supply for a nursing home ~~shall will~~ be taken from a public supply, if available. If from a source of supply other than a public supply, the water supply ~~shall will~~ comply with all applicable local and state regulations regarding the construction, development, installation, alteration, and use of private water systems.
- (E) All liquid wastes from nursing homes ~~shall will~~ be discharged into a public sanitary sewerage system, if available. Where not available, such wastes ~~shall will~~ be discharged into a sewage disposal system that meets all applicable local and state regulations regarding the construction, development, installation, alteration, and use of private household sewage disposal systems. The nursing home ~~shall will~~ properly maintain its sewage disposal system in good, safe working condition.
- (F) Heating, cooling, electrical, and other building service equipment ~~shall will~~ be maintained in good working and safe condition.
- (G) The buildings and grounds ~~shall will~~ be maintained in a clean and orderly manner.
- (H) All garbage and other refuse ~~shall will~~ be disposed of immediately after production, or ~~shall~~ be stored in leak-proof containers with tight fitting covers until time of disposal, and all wastes ~~shall are to~~ be disposed of in a satisfactory manner.

- (I) Adequate measures ~~shall~~will be taken to prevent the entrance of insects, rodents, and pests into any building used for a nursing home or part thereof and to prevent their infestation of the premises. Extermination of pests should be considered urgent and remediation is obligated to commence as soon as possible
- (J) The extermination of insects, rodents, and pests ~~shall~~will be done in such a manner as not to create a fire or health hazard.
- ~~(K) Beginning July 1, 2015, each nursing home shall prohibit the use of overhead paging within the nursing home, except that the nursing home may permit the use of overhead paging for matters of urgent public safety or urgent clinical operations. The nursing home shall develop a written policy regarding its use of overhead paging and make the policy available to staff, residents, and residents' families.~~

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