

CODE ENFORCEMENT
OFFICE



The City of Hinesville's Code Enforcement Office is tasked with ensuring the Codes and Ordinances of the city are adhered to. The office operates under the leadership of the Director, Department of Inspections. Your feedback on our performance is always welcome as we strive to find the best balance between enforcement and customer service. Questions or comments concerning Code Enforcement can be directed to the Code Enforcement Office at (912) 876-4048 or (912) 876-4164



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Many new renters are so excited to move into their new place that they sometimes neglect to fully understand the lease agreement. To protect yourself from unexpected charges when you move out, it's best to perform a walk through inspection with your realtor/landlord *before* moving into the home. A good walk through should include a check-off sheet that includes a list of any damages, missing items, or deficiencies. You may even want to take pictures to document any preexisting conditions.

All systems (electrical, heating/air, plumbing) should be in proper working order at all times. The owner is also required to maintain the structure but may or may not be responsible for the exterior property. Be sure you check to see if you are expected to cut the lawn and shrubbery.

To protect yourself, all complaints to your landlord should be in writing. Keep a copy for your records, and call Code Enforcement in cases where the landlord fails to respond to damages or defective items.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

You sign a lease agreement in good faith and you have the right to live in a safe and maintained home.

The structure must have proper ventilation, illumination, plumbing, heating and is required to be structurally sound.

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Every common hall and stairway in residential occupancies, other than in one or two family dwellings, shall be lighted.

Check for working smoke alarms. If you have a gas furnace, fireplace or appliances be sure to check for an operating carbon monoxide detector.

All exterior walls shall be free from holes, loose or rotting material and maintained weatherproof.

All accessory structures, including sheds & fences, shall be maintained, structurally sound, and in good repair.

Address numbers must be posted on buildings visible from the street, no less than 4 inches high and on contrasting background.

Yard trimmings and leaves must be piled neatly at edge of pavement for pickup not in or near ditches obstructing drainage.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

As the tenant/occupant, are responsible for keeping the unit in a clean, sanitary and safe condition inside and out.

The occupant is generally responsible for extermination to keep the premises free from insect and rodent infestation though some responsibility may fall on the landlord.

It is unlawful for any owner or occupant to create a nuisance or to allow a nuisance to remain on his/her property. This includes garbage, uncut grass or weeds, stagnant water, filth, anything having an offensive odor, anything causing injury or may become a health hazard or fire hazard.

COMMON VIOLATIONS

Trash receptacles left at roadside & not being returned to the home after collection.

Having more than 4 unenclosed vehicles and inoperable vehicles not screened from view.

Recreational vehicles parked in front yards or not screened from view of abutting property.

Overgrown grass, weeds, vines & shrubs

Unenclosed junk, dilapidated furniture, appliances, machinery, equipment, building materials or other items.