



Brookline Housing Authority

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This is an important notice.  
Please have it translated.  
這是個重要通告，請予翻譯。  
Это важное уведомление.  
Просим перевести его.  
Esta es una notificación importante.  
Por favor, mande a traducirla.  
Sa a se yon avi enpòtan. Tanpri fè tradui l.  
これは重要な通知です。  
これを翻訳してもらってください。  
זוהי הודעה חשובה. אנא תדאגו לתרגומה.  
Đây là một thông báo quan trọng.  
Vui lòng cho dịch ra.  
Este é um aviso importante.  
Por favor traduza o mesmo.

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## Brookline Housing Authority Outdoor Spaces Policy

Brookline Housing Authority (BHA) maintains outdoor areas at all properties for the enjoyment and benefit of residents. BHA is responsible for ensuring access to well-kept and safe outdoor spaces. BHA must balance resident use with safety, cost, and other concerns for the use of this space.

We ask that BHA staff and residents work together to keep our developments clean, safe and welcoming for residents, guests, and neighbors.

BHA will send a reminder with this outdoor area policy to residents of its family sites each spring.

### Personal Items:

Residents must store personal items within their units, with exceptions for grills and bicycles noted below. Residents are welcome to bring personal items to outdoor areas but they must return them to their apartments if they are not using them. BHA or its contractors may remove items left in outdoor areas without notice. BHA will prioritize removal of any items left blocking walkways, hallways, or entrances.

As a general reminder, NO items may be left in building stairwells and hallways and BHA or its contractors may remove them without notice. This provision complies with Massachusetts Fire Code [572 CMR 010](#)<sup>1</sup>. BHA will note any exceptions to this rule in clear notices to all affected residents.

### Pathways

Site pathways and entrances must always remain clear. BHA or its contractors will remove items obstructing pathways without warning.

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<sup>1</sup> 10.03: General Provisions

(1) Any obstacle which may interfere with the means of egress or escape from any building or other premises, or with the access to any part of said building or premises by the fire department in case of fire, shall be removed from aisles, floors, halls, stairways and fire escapes. Doors and windows designated as exits shall be kept clear at all times.

## **Bicycles**

BHA provides bicycle racks at each family property. Residents should secure bicycles to bike racks when not in use.

BHA may remove bicycles left in other areas, as well as clearly abandoned (rusting, missing tires, etc) bicycles without notice.

If a resident finds that their development does not have sufficient bike rack space, they should contact their property manager and BHA will work on feasible ways to improve bike storage.

## **Grills**

Residents may keep grills in outdoor common areas, subject to the following conditions. BHA implements these rules for the safety of residents and maintenance of BHA's buildings.

- Gas grills ONLY – charcoal grills and wood grills are not allowed on BHA property.
  - Do NOT store propane tanks inside your apartment.
- Operate at least 10 feet from any building and grill only on concrete/asphalt surfaces.
  - See [Massachusetts Grill Safety Tips](#) for more information
- Good Repair – BHA or its contractors may remove without warning clearly abandoned grills (untagged, rusted, etc)
- Safe use – residents must attend grills when in use. We ask that residents respect their neighbors and [Town of Brookline](#) and BHA quiet hours by not grilling after 10 pm.

## **Smoking**

Smoking is not allowed within BHA buildings or within 25 feet of BHA buildings. Please dispose of any cigarette butts in trash cans and respect your neighbors by making sure you are a good distance from the building. Smoking within 25 feet of the building is a lease violation, and BHA takes its no-smoking policy seriously for resident health, safety, and comfort. Please refer to our no-smoking policy for more information.

## **Motorcycles, Motorbikes, and Mopeds:**

Vehicles may not be stored on BHA property outside of parking lots and bike racks. If the vehicle requires insurance and registration under state law, it is covered under the [BHA's Parking Policy](#).

Please refer to the parking policy for detailed information on how to obtain a parking sticker or temporary parking sticker for your motorcycle or moped. The resident should contact their property manager and make sure they have license, registration, insurance, and a current inspection.

Electric bikes and scooters that do not require license, registration and insurance<sup>2</sup> will be treated as bicycles; these do not require a permit from the BHA but must be stored chained to bike racks or will be subject to removal. In general, electric mopeds, scooters over 100 pounds, and any vehicles that require a license to operate may only be stored in designated parking areas.

*Adopted by Brookline Authority Board of Commissioners April 14, 2026*

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/moped-operation-requirements>