



Northwards Housing

North Manchester's Council Homes

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standards & feedback

Keeping your block clean & safe

The caretaker's role

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Keeping up standards

Your caretaker is dedicated to making sure your block is a clean, safe place to live.

Our caretakers hope that their high standards will encourage you to help them keep things in good shape.

What your caretaker will do

Every day, the caretaker on your block will:

- brush and mop the foyer
- brush and mop chute rooms and clear any spillages
- clean the public toilet
- clear any rubbish from the grass and parking areas
- brush and mop lift floors
- clean lift walls, buttons and door runners
- check lift alarm and lights
- check the concierge button works

- check that fire safety doors close properly and are not wedged open
- report any day to day repairs and faults in communal areas
- where possible, do any basic repairs needed
- ensure the foyer is always clean and attractive.

Every week, the caretaker on your block will:

- brush and mop all floors, landings, lifts and chute rooms
- clean doors and windows in communal areas
- brush and clean stairs and banisters.
- clean and disinfect the refuse hoppers
- check service cupboards are secure and clear of rubbish
- clean service cupboard doors if required
- be present at rubbish removal collections to return bins to the bin store
- wipe clean any ventilator grilles
- check the public address system works.

When it's required, the caretaker on your scheme will:

- clean the inside walls
- make sure access and parking for emergency services are clear
- assist tenants to report bulky rubbish to Environment On Call and help with removal if required
- clear the rubbish chute
- report repairs and chase any outstanding repairs
- open and close the laundry
- remove potential fire hazards from landings, including furniture
- manage the car park and work with the local housing team to resolve any parking issues

The block will be inspected weekly by the Caretaking Services Manager.

Your caretaker also helps by . . .

- showing people round if they're thinking of moving in
- welcoming new tenants and taking them through a checklist
- assisting vulnerable tenants who need help getting services
- making sure the right information leaflets are available and keeping information boards up to date
- meeting with tenants and local housing staff regularly
- supporting tenants experiencing anti-social behaviour by providing witness evidence, reporting to the neighbourhood services officer and attending court if necessary
- promoting pride in the block and its appearance by keeping communal garden areas tidy and encouraging tenants to take part in gardening competitions and other community events

Even if your caretaker is on holiday or is unwell, a replacement will look after your block. For information about this, call our Caretaking Services Manager on 0161 720 5802.

Please help

For Northwards schemes and neighbourhoods to be pleasant, safe and attractive places to live, we've all got to do our bit. Please help out in ways like these:

- be considerate to your neighbours
- get rid of your rubbish properly
- don't dump things you don't want on landings, communal areas, or the foyer
- don't throw anything over your balcony
- don't play music too loud or have your TV too loud
- don't use chute rooms at night as it disturbs your neighbours
- don't wedge or prop fire doors open
- help your neighbours keep the landings clean and tidy and free from obstructions
- by using the recycling facilities that we provide.

- don't park in emergency areas or disabled spaces you're not entitled to
- don't let strangers into the block
- do seek advice and help from your caretaker about anything you're not sure about.

We will regularly review how well we are doing by carrying out surveys of residents to ask their opinions on our services. We will publish the results and act on what people tell us are priorities for improvements.

Useful contacts

Northwards Housing

For repairs, rehousing, rents advice, complaints and all other housing help, call Northwards on **03000 123 123** Monday to Friday, 8am – 5.30pm

Environment OnCall

Manchester City Council provides a range of services in your neighbourhood, including:

- rubbish collection and recycling
- removing bulky household items
- dealing with fly tipping
- collecting used needles
- maintaining roads and pavements (including street cleaning)
- grounds maintenance
- street lighting and signs
- collecting unwanted vehicles.

For any of these services call **0161 954 9000** or go online at **www.manchester.gov.uk** if in doubt ask your caretaker.

Pest control

The council's pest control service removes rats, mice, cockroaches, fleas, bed bugs and beetles for free.

There is usually a charge to remove other pests.

Call **0161 234 4928** or go online at **www.manchester.gov.uk**

Abandoned cars

The police deal with abandoned vehicles. Contact them on **0161 872 5050** or report an abandoned vehicle online at **www.manchester.gov.uk**

Dogs

The council's dog warden service deals with stray dogs and dog fouling. Contact them on **0161 954 9000** or online at **www.manchester.gov.uk**

Getting Involved

For information about tenant groups in your area or other ways to get involved with Northwards Housing, go to our website **www.northwardshousing.co.uk** or call us on **03000 123 123**.

Extra services for customers with reduced hearing or vision

To get this leaflet in Braille, large print or on CD:

Call: 03000 123 123 **E-mail:** info@northwardshousing.co.uk

Fax: 03000 124 123 **Text phone:** 0161 274 0899

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Arabic

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Urdu

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