Housekeeping/Laundry/Maintenance

(D) Every nursing home shall employ methods and have adequate facilities and supplies for clean and soiled laundry in accordance with prevailing infection control practices.

(E) All liquid wastes from nursing homes shall be discharged into a public sanitary sewerage system, if available. Where not available, such wastes shall 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 properly maintain its sewage disposal system in good, safe working condition.

(H) All garbage and other refuse shall 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 be disposed of in a satisfactory manner.

(I) Adequate measures shall be taken to prevent the entrance of insects into any building used for a nursing home or part thereof and to prevent their infestation of the premises.

(J) Adequate measures shall be taken to prevent the entrance of rodents and pests into any building used for a nursing home or part thereof and to prevent their harborage on the premises.

(K) The extermination of insects and rodents shall be done in such a manner as not to create a fire or health hazard

Corridors, Floors, and Signage

Lighting, Noise, Temperature (HVAC), and Odors

(B) All plumbing shall be so installed and maintained as to be free of leakage and odors and as to reasonably insure 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 conform to the applicable provisions of the Ohio building code.

(C) Lavatories, bathing facilities, and shower facilities shall be supplied with hot and cold running water and shall be regulated by approved devices for temperature control. The hot water temperature shall 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 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 be taken from a public supply, if available. If from a source of supply other than a public
supply, the water supply shall comply with all applicable local and state regulations regarding the
construction, development, installation, alteration, and use of private water systems.

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system, if available. Where not available, such wastes shall 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 properly maintain its sewage disposal system in good, safe working condition.

(F) Heating, cooling, electrical, and other building service equipment shall be maintained in good
working and safe condition.

(B) Each nursing home shall maintain the temperature within the temperature range and the
humidity in resident areas at a safe and comfortable level.

(C) Residents in rooms containing separate heating and cooling systems who are capable of
controlling them may maintain the temperature of their rooms at any level they desire except the
nursing home shall take appropriate intervention if a resident’s desired temperature level
adversely affects or has potential for adversely affecting the health and safety of the resident or the
health, safety and comfort of any other resident sharing the resident room.

(F) Each nursing home shall maintain appropriate arrangements with qualified persons that
provide for emergency service in the event of an electrical, heating, ventilation or air conditioning
failure or malfunction and shall maintain documentation of the arrangements such as employment
or other written agreements. The nursing home shall ensure that all necessary repairs are
completed within forty-eight hours or less. If, for reasons beyond the nursing home’s control,
repairs cannot be completed timely, the nursing home shall take any necessary action, as specified
in paragraph (E) of this rule, and shall provide for the repairs to be completed as soon as possible.

**Amenities**

**Outdoor Area**

(G) The buildings and grounds shall be maintained in a clean and orderly manner.

**New Construction: Facility-Wide**