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**4658.1400 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.**

A nursing home must provide a safe, clean, functional, comfortable, and homelike physical environment, allowing the resident to use personal belongings to the extent possible.

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**4658.1405 RESIDENT UNITS.**

The following items must be provided for each resident:

A. A bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident, a clean, comfortable mattress, and clean bedding, appropriate for the weather and resident's comfort, that are in good condition. Each bed must have a clean bedspread. A moisture-proof mattress or mattress cover must be

provided for all residents confined to bed and for other beds as necessary. Rollaway type beds, cots, or folding beds must not be used.

B. A chair or place for the resident to sit other than the bed.

C. A place adjacent or near the bed to store personal possessions, such as a bedside table with a drawer.

D. Clean bath linens provided daily or more often as needed.

E. A bed light conveniently located and of an intensity to meet the needs of the resident while in bed or in an adjacent chair.

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**4658.1410 LINEN.**

Nursing home staff must handle, store, process, and transport linens so as to prevent the spread of infection according to the infection control program and policies as required by part [4658.0800](#). These laundering policies must comply with the manufacturer's instructions for the laundering equipment and products and include a wash formula addressing the time, temperature, water hardness, bleach, and final pH.

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**4658.1415 PLANT HOUSEKEEPING, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE.**

Subpart 1. **Direction of housekeeping and plant management.**

One or more persons, qualified through education and experience, must be assigned the responsibility of direction of housekeeping and plant management.

Subp. 2. **Physical plant.** The physical plant, including walls, floors, ceilings, all furnishings, systems, and equipment

must be kept in a continuous state of good repair and operation with regard to the health, comfort, safety, and well-being of the residents according to a written routine maintenance and repair program.

Subp. 3. **Grounds.** The grounds must be maintained with regard to the health, comfort, safety, and well-being of the residents. Driveways, walks, outside steps, and ramps must be maintained in good condition for access and safe use at all times.

Subp. 4. **Housekeeping.** A nursing home must provide housekeeping and maintenance services necessary to maintain a clean, orderly, and comfortable interior, including walls, floors, ceilings, registers, fixtures, equipment, lighting, and furnishings.

Subp. 5. **Written program.** A nursing home must develop and implement a written program for routine daily housekeeping duties and any special cleaning necessary.

Subp. 6. **Heating, air conditioning, and ventilation.** A nursing home must operate and maintain the mechanical systems to provide comfortable and safe temperatures, air changes, and humidity levels. Temperatures in all resident areas must be maintained according to items A to C:

A. For construction of a new physical plant, a nursing home must maintain a temperature range of 71 degrees Fahrenheit to 81 degrees Fahrenheit at all times.

B. For existing facilities, a nursing home must maintain a minimum temperature of 71 degrees Fahrenheit during the heating season.

C. Variations of the temperatures required by items A and B are allowed if the variations are based on documented resident preferences.

Subp. 7. **Hot water temperature.** Hot water supplied to sinks and bathing fixtures must be maintained within a temperature range of 105 degrees Fahrenheit to 115 degrees Fahrenheit at the fixtures.

Subp. 8. **Janitor's closet.** The janitor's closet and all other areas used by the environmental services personnel must be kept clean.

Subp. 9. **Storage of supplies.** Supplies must be stored above the floor to facilitate cleaning of the storage area. Supplies must be identified. Toxic substances must be clearly identified and stored in a locked enclosure. Sterile supplies

must be stored to maintain sterility and integrity in packaging. All substances, such as cleaning agents, bleaches, detergents, disinfectants, pesticides, paints, and flammable liquids, must be stored separately from all food and drugs.

Subp. 10. **Boiler water additives.** Precautions must be taken to ensure that the type and concentration of boiler water additives is not harmful if steam is used for humidification or comes into direct contact with food.

Subp. 11. **Insect and rodent control.** Any condition on the site or in the nursing home conducive to the harborage or breeding of insects, rodents, or other vermin must be eliminated immediately. A continuous pest control program must be maintained by qualified personnel.

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**4658.1420 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.**

Solid wastes, including garbage, rubbish, recyclables, and other refuse must be collected, stored, and disposed of in a manner that will not create a nuisance or fire hazard, nor provide a breeding place for insects or rodents. Accumulation of combustible material or waste in unassigned areas is prohibited.

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**4658.1425 OZONE GENERATORS.**

Ozone generators are prohibited.

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**4658.1490 PENALTIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RULE VIOLATIONS.**

Penalty assessments will be assessed on a daily basis for violations of parts [4658.1400](#) to [4658.1425](#) and are as follows:

- A. part [4658.1400](#), \$200;
- B. part [4658.1405](#), \$150;
- C. part [4658.1410](#), \$200;
- D. part [4658.1415](#), subpart 1, \$300;
- E. part [4658.1415](#), subparts 2 to 7, \$200;
- F. part [4658.1415](#), subpart 8, \$150;
- G. part [4658.1415](#), subparts 9 to 11, \$200;
- H. part [4658.1420](#), \$200; and
- I. part [4658.1425](#), \$150.

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