

Ask the Condominium Specialist

Keeping Your Condominium Association Clean During the Pandemic

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), www.cdc.gov recommends cleaning and disinfecting your home to minimize the risk of the COVID-19 virus. For those living in condominium associations, this includes keeping the common areas of the association clean as well. While you cannot guarantee that common areas are free of the corona virus, associations can implement regular cleaning to minimize the risk of residents getting sick from exposure to the virus in a common area.

Common Areas

The CDC recommends wiping down areas with soap and water while wearing disposable gloves. In the common areas, wipe down table tops, door handles and knobs, and elevator buttons and hard surfaces where people tend to congregate or walk throughout the day.

The CDC website has a list of disinfectants effective against SARS-coV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 at www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2.

For any furniture, carpet or drapes in the common areas, the CDC recommends using soap and water to wipe these items down. If items can be machine washed, do so on the warmest setting recommended by the manufacturer. Dry the items completely.

In Your Home

Wipe down all hard surfaces and wash soft surfaces in your unit as recommended by the CDC for common areas. Do this throughout the day. Give special attention to well used areas such as kitchen counters and sinks, door knobs and handles, light switches, and bathroom sinks, toilets and faucets.

For your electronic devices, the CDC recommends placing a wipeable cover over them. Clean your devices according to the makers' instructions. If no cleaning instructions are provided, the CDC says to use alcohol-based wipes or an alcohol spray containing at least 70% alcohol and wiping the area dry.

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particular circumstances.