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## MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT

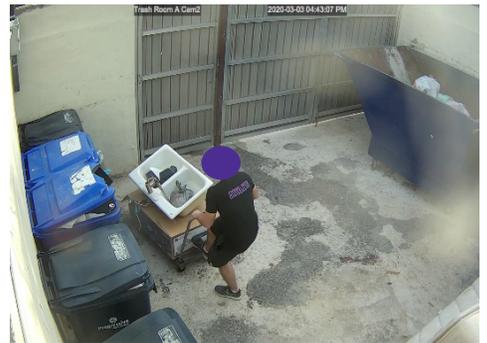
Good afternoon, Residents of Villa Dorada,

The Villa Dorada Maintenance and Housekeeping Staff Members are our front lines of property safety. The staff continues to maintain and disinfect the property daily. Cleaning and trash disposal during this time is a priority!

To be more effective, we need the collaboration of each of our residents. Please find below some of the ways you can help to keep the property clean and safe.

❑ Do not throw BULK TRASH in the dumpster areas. Please note that putting bulk trash in the dumpster area is in violation of the rules. Every time the bulk pick up service is called to collect what has been thrown out of the scheduled pickup date it cost the association \$450.00. The association's cameras help in identifying who these violators are and fines have been assessed to the unit. DON'T BE NEXT!!!

If you have bulk trash item that needs to be removed before the next scheduled pickup, please call 800-GOT-JUNK



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**Message from the Management (cont. from page 1)**

- Do not throw garbage on the dumpster area floors.
- Avoid asking your children to throw the garbage away. Younger children are not strong enough to throw the bag into the container or dumpster and the bags end up the floor.
- Cardboard boxes must be broken down and put inside the recycling bin. You will be subject to an automatic fine for leaving boxes on top of recycling bins or on the floor anywhere in the dumpster area.
- Do not leave garbage bags by the unit's front door.
- Do not dispose any kind of wipes, including flushable wipes, down the toilet. The plumbing system is older and cannot handle anything but toilet paper. With the Stay at Home Order, Villa Dorada is at occupancy capacity causing stress on the plumbing system.
- Residents that are protecting themselves by wearing mask and or gloves, please dispose of them properly.

If you see a person doing this, talk to them immediately. The Board instructed Management to be very strict addressing this matter by fining violators \$100.00.

Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. I know that we are going to get through this, together.

Management



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## COVID-19

Dear Residents:

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread, it is evident that we all must practice vigilance in order to slow its progress. We have done and continue to do all that is possible in providing personal protective equipment to our staff, continually disinfecting our surfaces, elevator buttons, door handles and such, continuously communicating the most current updates, yet now we need to take further action in order to protect you and our employees.

The City of Aventura recommend that all residents to shelter in place and remain at home until further notice.

Information regarding the Coronavirus COVID 19 is changing very rapidly every day, with new guidelines and restrictions being implemented by governing agencies. Villa Dorada has implemented the following changes to our normal operations which will change the way we operate and live as a community of the next several weeks. We are encouraging everyone to do their part during this unusual, challenging and difficult time.

Therefore, commencing immediately, the following will take effect (or has taken effect):

### OPERATIONS

- The Management Office is operating via emails and phone calls.
- No in-person meetings will be scheduled with Management or the Board.
- •The pools, gym, card room, party room and restrooms will remain closed.
- • Management office will remain open but will be closed to in-person interaction. All communication

needs to be via phone or email.

- • Vehicle decals are by appointment only and will take place in front outside of the management office. Vehicle registration need to be emailed to the office prior to coming to the office.
- • We have established a 6-foot perimeter around the staff. These distances must be maintained for the health and safety of our residents, guests and team members.
- • Contractors will not be permitted on the property as of Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, unless for emergencies such as refrigerator AC, plumbing and other appliance repairs.
- • We ask that only essential work be reported to the management office for the next couple of weeks to reduce both your exposure and staff exposure to your unit.

### PERMITS – Expected Delay for Projects

Due to the COVID-19 Virus State of Emergency all permits in review with the City of Aventura and the Miami-Dade County will be delayed due to closure of the building department and limited access to the building department staff via appointments and email only. This includes the permits for the roofs, façade repairs and the balcony repairs.

In unison with this issue the major roofing material suppliers have a 3 to 4-week delay in material delivery due to current restrictions in north eastern seaboard area due to COVID -19 Virus Lockdowns.

The COVID-19 State of Emergency has also delayed the elevator modernization for building 9, the completion of the resurfacing of the floors in building 9, the parking lot

asphalt patching, and the illumination project. These projects have been postponed until further notice.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

Residents are asked to immediately inform your AKAM Management Executive if anyone in their household tests positive or has been exposed to the virus and must be quarantined per government guidelines. This includes mandated and voluntary quarantine. Please rest assured that your identity will be kept confidential should the property inform other residents of the quarantine or if a resident(s) test positive.

**Timely communication and strict adherence to quarantine protocols by residents is critical to managing the risk of spreading the virus to your fellow residents and/or property staff members.**

- Social distancing of 6 feet is STRONGLY recommended.
- Please limit visitors; when possible.
- If any resident or guest is feeling ill, we kindly ask that they self-quarantine.
- Please notify management if you have been asked to self-quarantine or tested positive for COVID19 per protocols sent by the City of Aventura.
- We strongly recommend, should the elevator arrive with two or more people you wait for the elevator to come back.
- Please do not congregate in the common areas.
- Please limit 1 person to the mailbox area at one time and practice recommended social distancing.

### STAFF

- The Maintenance and Housekeeping will continue

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**COVID 19** (cont. from page 3)

servicing and disinfecting the elevators, railings, trash rooms, and other common areas. If any employee is exhibiting any symptoms of a Cold or Flu, they must stay home.

- All employees have a protocol to disinfect your hands as often as possible.

**IMPORTANT LINKS**

Link to CDC Website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Link to the City of Aventura <https://www.cityofaventura.com/>

Link to Travel Advisory Notice <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories.html>

**HOW CAN YOU HELP US?**

- Stay at home.
- Dispose of your trash correctly by tightly containing the trash and properly placing the trash in the dumpsters. Do not leave trash, gloves, or masks on the floor of the dumpster area. Bulk trash is not permitted at any time. Violators will be fined.
- Do not flush wipes or paper towels down the toilet.
- Flushing any other items beside toilet paper clogs the plumbing lines causing backups in other units.
- The plumbing pipes for each building have been jet pressure cleaned last week.

As we navigate this situation, please remember we are going through this crisis as friends and neighbors and our success is dependent on you – our residents. We must all join together in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus in our community.

Stay Safe and Healthy!  
Warm Regards, Management

**VIRTUAL AND ONLINE MEETINGS**

As we are getting used to virtual and online meetings, it's important to use proper judgement with your cameras on your laptops and mobile devices. A nice addition is a privacy screen. It's a small sticker like product that has a little slider that sticks onto your laptop near your camera. When you want to use your camera, slide the privacy slider over and you'll see a red background to help alert you the camera is on & uncovered. When your done, slide the privacy slider back and you it will look like a black sticker nicely blending into your laptop.

Here is the link to the product on Amazon that I have and recommend.

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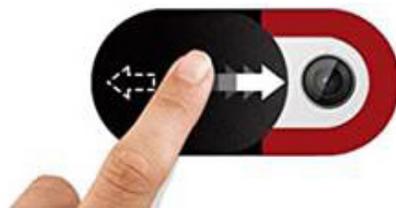
An alternative option would be a piece of tape and a thick small piece of paper to cover your camera.

Not only is this a nice way to help protect your privacy in meetings, but also hackers could potentially hack into your system if you're not using good antivirus products. I even applied these products on my cell phones (front facing cameras) and kids devices as well.

**Did you know that hackers could access your webcam without your permission?**



Open



Close



**The only way to protect your privacy is to cover the camera when you are not using it.**

Hope it helps and stay safe everyone!



## LAWN MOWING

Sunny Greens landscaping will be on the property on April 6 & 20, if you want to move your vehicle, weather pending.

## NO SMOKING



It has been reported to the Management Office that there are large amounts of cigarette butts lying in the courtyards and in the parking lots each day. Per the rules and regulations of the association, no residents or guests can smoke on the common property. This includes the courtyards, walkways and parking lots. As a reminder, Residents and guests can only smoke on the city sidewalks either on W. Country Club Dr or NE 30th Ave or within your unit.

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## MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER

The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department needs your cooperation to protect our wastewater system at all times, particularly now during this State of Emergency as a result of COVID-19. Because people are cleaning and disinfecting more frequently with bleach wipes and potentially substituting other items for toilet paper – such as baby wipes and paper towels due to store shortages - we are imploring residents to throw these items away in the trash and not flush them down the toilet. These items do not break down in the sewer lines and can cause significant clogs that could lead to sewage spills and pump system failures and treatment plant issues.

It's important to only dispose of toilet paper and human waste in the toilet. Otherwise, it can cause costly clogs in your sewer system.

Here is a list of items that should not be flushed down the toilet:

- Grease / Oils
- Wet Wipes
- Sanitary Items
- Paper Towels/Tissues
- Rags
- Cotton swabs / Cotton Balls
- Diapers
- Dental Floss
- Medicines / Vitamins
- Adhesive bandages
- Cigarettes / Cigar butts
- Needles

For more information, [please visit our website](#).

*El Departamento de Agua y Alcantarillado de Miami-Dade necesita su cooperación para proteger nuestro sistema de aguas residuales en todo momento, particularmente ahora durante este estado de emergencia como resultado de COVID-19. Las personas están limpiando y desinfectando con más frecuencia para lo que utilizan toallitas húmedas con lejía/cloro y ya que, debido a la escasez en las tiendas posiblemente se están usando otros artículos a modo de papel sanitario, como toallitas húmedas para bebés y papel toalla, les rogamos a los residentes que tiren estos artículos en la basura y que no los descarguen en el inodoro. Estos artículos no se descomponen en las tuberías del alcantarillado y pueden provocar tupiciones considerables que podrían traer como consecuencia desbordamientos de aguas residuales, fallas en el sistema de bombeo, y problemas en las plantas de tratamiento.*

*Es importante desechar únicamente el papel higiénico y los residuos humanos en el inodoro. De lo contrario, puede causar costosas obstrucciones en su sistema de alcantarillado.*

*Aquí está una lista de los artículos que no deben descargar en el inodoro:*

- Grasa / Aceites
- Toallitas húmedas
- Artículos Sanitarios
- Papel toalla
- Trapos
- Algodón
- Pañales
- Hilo dental
- Medicamentos / Vitaminas
- Curitas
- Cigarrillos / Colillas
- Agujas

Para más información, [visite nuestra página web](#)

## BULK TRASH PICK UP

Hello Villa Dorada Residents,

Please be advised that the date for the Bulk Trash Pick Up is scheduled for: **Thursday, April 30, 2020.**

Bulk trash can only be placed out the **night before** the scheduled pick up date. This is the time to dispose of large items such as sofas and mattresses.

Per our Rules and Regulations: Page 13 E. No major appliances or furniture shall be left in the garbage or dumpster areas. Private arrangements must be made for this removal. If unit owner is found leaving any furniture or appliance in the garbage or dumpster areas, they will immediately be charged for all costs of its removal. Below is a list of acceptable items for disposal and a list of items that are NOT allowed:

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- **Furniture** - sofas, chairs, tables, standalone cabinets and carpets (must be rolled), lamps.
- **Small appliances** – toaster ovens, microwaves, small fans and heaters, etc....
- **House fixtures** – faucets, handles, blinds, curtains, etc.
- **Mattresses** - must be fully encased in a plastic mattress bag or sleeve and sealed with weather-resistant tape, such as packing tape or duct tape. The box spring does not have to be encased. Violations may result in a \$100 fine.
- **Plants** - must be no more than 5 feet in length.

### ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

- Construction Debris
- Tires
- TVs
- Garbage - food and kitchen waste
- Auto parts
- Central air units
- Fiberglass used for insulation
- Free-flowing liquids
- Household chemicals
- Oil-based paint
- Rock, dirt or sand
- Any single item weighing more than 150 pounds

Thank you Management