

# *Eastern Gardens*

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To: Members of Eastern Gardens Cooperative, Inc.

Subject: Health Awareness on Washer and Dryer Usage

Dear Members:

This is to advise the membership, recently management and the Board has received both verbal and written complaints concerning individual(s) using the north laundry room to wash and dry their clothing articles that were contaminated with feces of unknown origin, (i.e. possibly human or pet). Management was notified, and the machines were disinfected appropriately.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deemed pet waste a "nonpoint source of pollution" in 1991, which put poop in the same category as oil and toxic chemicals! According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), pet droppings can contribute to diseases animals pass to humans. Therefore, to help support a clean and healthy environment here at Eastern Gardens the membership is being asked that you inspect all personal clothing articles and remove any human or animal feces prior to the use of the washers and dryers. Soiled bed linens, clothing, animal bedding and anything that contains excrement should be removed, rinsed, or in some cases discarded prior to the use of the laundry facilities. For heavier articles or animal bedding, you may consider utilizing the more durable commercial machines at your local laundry mat located off site.

Your understanding and cooperation to help provide a clean and healthy environment is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Eastern Gardens Cooperative

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