

# Inspectional Services Department - State Sanitary Code Questions

- **What are the dates that heat is required to be on in rental housing and what are the temperature requirements?**

September 15 - June 15; 68 degrees during the day (7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.) and 64 degrees during the late evening and early morning hours. The temperature should not exceed 78 degrees during the heating season.

- **Should bathrooms be heated?**

Yes.

- **Who pays for boiler repairs?**

Owner.

- **What should the temperature of the hot water be?**

110 - 130 degrees

- **Should the owner provide lights for the outside porch and passageways?**

Yes at the owners expense.

- **What is the minimum square footage for living spaces?**

- a. sleeping - 70 sq. ft. for one person and 50 sq. ft. for each additional person
- b. other - 150 sq. ft. for one person and 100 sq. ft. for each additional person

- **Are locks required on windows?**

Every openable exterior window shall be capable of being secured.

- **Are screens required?**

Screens are required to be in place between April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>.

- **What actions are recommended to control rodents?**

1. Store garbage in metal or heavy plastic containers with tight lids.
2. Place trash outside shortly before pickup. Don't leave plastic garbage bags out overnight.

3. Remove weeds and debris near buildings. Don't give rodents a place to hide.
4. Store open food in metal or glass containers with tight lids.
5. Don't leave extra pet food out. Store it in a tight container.
6. Sweep up food remains, litter, and trash. - Inside and outside your home.
7. Inspect your basement and house for cracks and holes; seal them with mortar.
8. Make sure you have screens on windows; inspect windows and screens for holes.
9. Keep outside doors closed; use metal trim to prevent rodents from gnawing and entering underneath.
10. Don't provide hiding places for rodents; store materials such as lumber and boxes on a rack with a clean, open area underneath. Get rid of unused materials.