TENANT WELCOME PACKET!
YOUR INVESTMENT IS READY TO TAKE OFF
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Disclaimer: This Handbook is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute a portion of your rental agreement (lease). Please review your rental agreement carefully, familiarize yourself with its contents and do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or any additional information you need. The intention of this Handbook is to help clarify the tenancy process and provide general information.

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Welcome Letter

Dear New Tenant, As your new property management team, we would like to welcome you into your new home and thank you for choosing to work with us. The purpose of this handbook is to assist you with caring for your home and also answer the most common questions you will have while working with a property management company.

Please take a moment to take a look through this packet, and it will give you all the necessary information you will need to get started and settled into your new home. If after looking through, you still have some questions, feel free to call our office or come in, and someone will be happy to answer any questions you might have and help you in any way we can. BDA Oasis Apartments, LLC is committed to providing friendly and helpful services to all of our tenants. Our team members play specific roles to serve your needs best. Anytime you have a question or something to discuss, someone from our team will always be here to help.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

The Management Team, Launchpad Real Estate
Paying Rent

**When is rent due:**
- Rent is due on the 1st of each month and is considered late on the 5th. Please note this timeline includes weekends and holidays.

**How to pay rent:**
- Rent can be paid by online, check, money order or cashier’s check payable to **BDA Oasis Apartments LLC**. We will **NOT** accept cash.
- Online portal has been set up for you to pay your rent using your checking account. You may also mail your rent payment, and it must be physically received in the office by the 3rd otherwise it will be considered late. Please address correspondence to: **Launchpad Real Estate Ste 910, Los Angeles, CA 90048**
- Rent can be paid in person during regular business hours or after hours by placing your rent in the mail slot to the right of the office door. Be sure the check is properly labeled with your address.

**Important Notes:**
- Place your name and property address on the check or money order to ensure that you are correctly credited with rental payment.
- Review your check or money order and ensure it has the names of the payer and payee.
- Leaving cash or an incomplete check or money order on the premises is not the management company’s responsibility.
- When the office is closed, place your rent in the mail slot to the right of the door and please be sure the check is properly labeled with your address.
- Operation hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM every day.
- If a rent check is returned for insufficient funds (NSF), all charges including NSF, Late and posting fees will be charged to you. All future payments must be certified funds and you will not be able to pay online.

**Property Condition Report:**
- Complete your property condition report and return it within seven days. Time-stamped photos and video are welcome. A copy of this form was emailed to you.

**The Basics**

**Rental agreement:**
- The duration of your rental agreement is fixed and specified in the document. Any early termination must be discussed with the property manager. The last page of your lease will detail the consequences of breaking your contract early.

**Security Deposit:**
- Your security deposit cannot be used to pay last month’s rent or any other month’s rent.
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Pets: Animals are only allowed with prior approval of the owner and the management company. Each animal must be 30lbs or less and older than 18 months. A maximum of two pets is allowed. The pet deposit is $350-$500, and it is owner specific. Upon move out, the property must be professionally treated for odor and pests.

Keys: If you lose or lock yourself out of your home, you may call our office to get the key or making a copy. We may not always have a key on file; in that case, you will need to go about getting the home re-keyed at your costs.

Yard and Ground Maintenance: You are not responsible for the watering of the yard. If vegetation dies due to lack of water you are not to be held responsible for replacing any dead plants/trees or sod. If you are responsible for maintaining your plantations. Additional care should be taken to keep the ground clean. Please consult your rental agreement for more details.

Vehicle Parking: Only approved and operational vehicles in designated areas are allowed. Please consult the rental agreement for more details.

Guests: A guest(s) staying longer than 14 days will require approval from the management company. Consult your rental agreement for more details.

Noise: You are subject to all laws pertaining to noise and your rental agreement.

Routine Maintenance: As you become more settled in your home it is important to manage routine maintenance items. Here are some examples of maintenance items you are responsible for:

➢ Replacement of light bulbs
➢ Cleaning or replacement of furnace filters
➢ Regular yard and lawn maintenance (if applicable)
➢ Replacement of batteries in smoke detectors and CO2 detectors

Submitting a maintenance request:

If a maintenance issue should arise, please complete a maintenance request by submitting a work order online at https://oasisapartments.managebuilding.com/Resident/public/home. We ask that you submit maintenance requests in writing to avoid confusion and to ensure that we have a clear record of your request. When making a request, be as specific as possible about the problem. When preparing your work order please remember to complete the section of best number to contact you. This way if your number has changed we can update your record to the correct number.

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In case of medical, fire, or other emergency situations that could involve immediate peril to you or someone surrounding you always call 911.

Procedures

If you experience an emergency situation, please follow the steps outlined below. As a note, if the problem occurs in the middle of the night, it is very doubtful we will be able to dispatch a contractor to the property until morning, so please try and contain the emergency best as possible.

The specific definition of a maintenance emergency is an issue that is dangerous, hazardous, or if not addressed immediately could cause damage to the property or your well being (e.g., Flooding, no AC in the summer, gas leak).

An emergency is not an annoying sound, heat failure unless it is below freezing outside, appliance malfunction, drain stoppage, and the like, while inconvenient, these are not considered emergencies and will be handled by our office on the following business day.

If the situation is considered a maintenance emergency and occurs regular business hours, please call our office, then follow up with a work order request.

If the situation occurs after business hours, please call our office line 310-651-4055 and leave us detailed instructions. Remember to leave your name, phone number, address, and type of emergency.

Always refer to your lease that will provide emergency contact numbers.
Maintaining Fixtures and Appliances

Before contacting Property Manager:

**Air Conditioning:** Check the thermostat to see that the controls are set correctly. Check the batteries on the thermostat; they may need to be replaced. Check all fuses and circuit breakers. Check the filter and ensure that it has been replaced in the last month.

**Air Condition/Heaters:** All tenants are responsible for cleaning or replacing the furnace filter each month. Problems caused by failure to clean/replace filter will be the tenant’s responsibility. Dust will accumulate at furnace vents as well as fan vents. A small broom brushed across the vent openings will clear away any dirt and help the furnace or fan operate efficiently. Air Conditioning can only lower the inside temperature 15-20 degrees lower than outside temperature.

**Power:** If the power goes out in your unit or house, first check to see if the whole area is without power. If it is out in the area, report outage to LADWP. It could be your GFI if the lights are out in the bathroom or kitchen. You will need to reset your GFI located in your apartment wall. If the power is only out in your house/unit check to see if the circuit breaker panel. One or more circuits may be tripped, and you may look at the switches in the off position. If no switch is turn off, switch off then on to reset the circuits. If this doesn't solve the problem, report a maintenance emergency.

**Drains:** AVOID letting food and hair get down the pipes. Clogged drains/pipes caused by hair and grease are the tenant’s responsibility. Some dishwashers (if applicable) will clog from food left on the dishes when put in the machine. Run the disposal before running your dishwasher. An excellent drain cleaning/clearing solution recipe is 1 cup salt, 1 cup baking soda, 1 cup vinegar, followed by 8 cups of boiling water. We recommend performing this treatment monthly to avoid build-up. Hardware stores carry “hair catchers” to place in sink and tub drains that significantly help keep drains free from hair.

**Garbage Disposals:** ALWAYS run water while the disposal is operating to avoid damage to the unit. Let the water run long enough to grind all the material in the disposal. Then let the water run for 10-15 seconds after turning off the disposal. Learn to recognize the sound of the machine makes when completely free of garbage. Disposals are designed to grind up organic items only. Exceptions include banana peels, artichoke leaves, celery stalks, flower stems, coffee grounds, potato peelings, bones, or anything that is particularly tough. NEVER put paper, plastic, glass, aluminum foil or grease in the disposal. If the unit becomes inoperable, ALWAYS be sure to check the reset button first (located on disposal under the sink). If that does not work make sure to remove all debris. Problems caused by users are the tenant’s responsibility.

**Plumbing Fixtures:** NEVER use abrasive on brass or gold fixtures, and it is best to wipe fixtures after each use. Many homes have low flow toilets. Low-flow toilets tend to clog or back up if too much paper is flushed. You may need to continue to hold down the handle when flushing to avoid clogs. Tenants must be prepared to plunge the toilet to clear clogs and avoid damage from overflows. Tenants are responsible for a stoppage.

**Water Damage:** Tenants must take care to avoid water damage caused by allowing water to sit on counters and floors. Care must be taken to ensure that shower curtains are inside the tub and that the shower doors are completely closed when taking a shower. Water on tile floors can flow through the grout and cause dry rot on the underlayment and discolor the vinyl. Water can also seep around the edges of linoleum and damage the flooring below. We recommend putting a mat, towel, or rug on the floor to step on when exiting the tub or shower. Please be aware that the rubber backed mats can discolor vinyl floors, and the tenant could be charged to replace the floor at move out.

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**Sliding Glass Doors, Screen Doors, and shower tracks:** It is imperative that dirt and debris regularly be cleaned out of sliding door tracks. Opening and closing doors over debris that frequently accumulates in the tracks can damage the wheels on sliding doors, especially the heavy glass sliders. Please make it part of your cleaning routine. Please do not use oil or WD40 to lubricate slider doors or screens. They only attract dirt and gum up the wheel mechanisms. To slow the growth of mold in the tracks and at the bottom of shower doors, keep the roads clean. Use an old toothbrush and do a regular monthly cleaning, it’s much more comfortable than doing one major cleaning at move-out.

**House Plants:** Be sure plant saucers are kept under all potted plants. Water runoff will stain or damage most surfaces.

**Kitchen Counters:** To avoid costly damage from nicks and cuts in counter tops, please use a cutting board at all times.

**Ceramic Tile-Tub and Shower Walls:** Dilute 1 part vinegar in 5 parts water for cleaning all ceramic tiles, and fiberglass tub surround. NEVER use scrubbing cleaners like Comet or Ajax on fiberglass tub surround, as these products will permanently scratch the surface.

**Smoke and CO2 Detectors:** Tenants are responsible for changing batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors. We recommend replacing the cells at the beginning and end of daylight savings time. Note that AC/DC powered detectors will usually require Duracell MN 1604 9 volt batteries and each sensor will need to be tested to stop beeping.

**Hardwood Floors:** For cleaning or applying oil to hardwood floors only use a soft cloth. It is best to sweep and dust regularly. Kitchen areas only: Once every three months clean the floors with a small amount of vinegar and water. Use throw rugs in front of sink and stove to protect these areas from water and grease.

**Marble and granite:** Never use any acidic or abrasive cleaning products including vinegar. It is best to use warm water and a sponge with a small amount of dishwashing liquid such as dawn or joy. Marble is a porous material. Be careful that water run-off from plants is not left standing on the surface. It will permanently stain the marble.

**SEASONAL MAINTENANCE**

**Furnace:** Clean or replace the air filter each month. All tenants are responsible for cleaning or replacing the furnace filters. Problems caused by failure to clean/replace the filter will be the tenant’s responsibility. Set the thermostat to an appropriate heat level for winter and cool level for summer. Inspect all supply and return vents for cleanliness and obstructions.

**Fire Place:** When not using the fireplace, ensure that the damper is in good operating condition and closed. Inspect the flue and chimney and ensure it is unobstructed. Periodic inspection and cleaning are strongly recommended.

**Smoke and CO2 Detector:** Test all smoke detectors on a regular basis. Battery operated models will begin to make an intermittent beep when the battery is running low. Replace batteries in the fall and spring.
VACATING CHECKLIST

We understand that moving can be a stressful and busy time. However, there are some essential items to consider when moving, which if done correctly will save you time and money in the long run. There is a level of cleaning that is required to return the unit in the condition you received it. If you have any questions, please contact your property manager.

General: Provide a written notice of your intent to vacate a MINIMUM of 30 days before to the end of the month for your contract. This written notice must be RECEIVED in the office and signed by all the tenants on the lease at that time. Complete change of address cards for the post office and provide our office with a forwarding address. All utilities must remain on, but it is your responsibility to cancel any cable, phone, internet services. If vacating in the summer, set the thermostat no higher than 85 degrees to prevent the house from settling and or cracking.

Refrigerator: Defrost freezer if needed. DO NOT use sharp tools to pry ice off. Wash inside of the fridge with warm water and baking soda. Clean door gasket. Take out refrigerator shelves and drawers and wash in warm water, dry and replace. Wash and dry outside of the refrigerator and vacuum back and lower grills. Move fridge from wall and clean underneath. DO NOT TURN OFF! Sweep down cobwebs on walls and ceiling. Replace light with an appliance bulb if necessary.

Stove: Remove racks and broiler pan; soak in hot water and clean, dry well. Clean inside of the oven, top of stove, knobs, under elements, under burner pans and drawer. Wash and dry outside of the furnace. Replace oven light with appliance bulb if burned out. Replace burner pans. Move stove out and clean wall and floor.

Cabinets and Drawers: Wash cupboards inside and out. Wipeout drawers with a damp rag. Clean sink, baskets, and countertops well. Make sure garbage disposal is empty and clean.

Miscellaneous In and Near Kitchen: Wash all light fixtures in warm water and soap. Clean switch plates. Clean inside and outside of the dishwasher; include inside seal. Wash range hood and clean filter. Change appliance bulb if necessary. Wash windows, blinds, screens and clean sills and tracks. Scrub kitchen floor, including under moveable appliances and baseboards.


Final: Schedule your exit walk through with the office. One of the property managers will walk through the property and make sure everything was completed.

Reminder: Please reference the cleaning checklist provided with your rental agreement. Note that carpets are required to be professionally steamed cleaned.

Disclaimer: Management has the final authority to determine how much of the deposit shall be refunded in accordance with the conditions set for in the Rental Agreement.

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WE DO NOT PERMIT DirecTV or any satellite dish installed on our properties even if there are existing dishes that were illegally installed.