
**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:
RENOVATION & RESIDENT TEMPORARY RELOCATION**

The Housing Authority of the City of Yakima (YHA) will be conducting interior and exterior renovations to all apartments in the following complexes. Renovations are predicted to last 12 months.

Sunset Terrace	Pioneer Plaza	Linda Vista	Valley West
Sage Court	Harvest Plaza	Horizon Apartments	

Starting in March 2021, our General Contractor – Walker Construction – will be renovating both interiors and exteriors. The general scope will include the following:

Interiors: New Finishes, cabinetry, paint, water saving plumbing fixtures and some blind replacement.
(Please note not each unit nor each building will receive all of these items.)

Exteriors: Accessibility improvements, and parking lot improvements.

During this time, you will have to be temporarily relocated.

(No one will be permanently displaced, DO NOT MOVE).

The scope of the renovations varies by unit and tenants will be out of their homes for approximately **5 to 11 days**.

Exterior renovations will take place at a different date from the interior renovations; however, this work will not require tenants to relocate. Relocation will only occur during work performed on the inside of the units. The relocation schedule below details **approximate** dates in which you will be **temporarily** relocated.

The following dates are approximate:

TENTATIVE TEMPORARY MOVING SCHEDULE

Unit	ESTIMATED MOVE OUT	ESTIMATED RETURN
Harvest Plaza	March 7, 2021 – March 31, 2021	March 11, 2021 – April 10, 2021
Linda Vista	April 6, 2021 – June 2, 2021	April 13, 2021 – June 10, 2021
Horizon	June 6, 2021 – July 27, 2021	June 18, 2021 – August 6, 2021
Sage Court	April 11, 2021 – June 30, 2021	April 21, 2021 – July 13, 2021
Pioneer Plaza & Sunset Terrace	August 3, 2021 – October 13, 2021	August 12, 2021 – October 23, 2021
Valley West	October 19, 2021 – December 7, 2021	October 26, 2021 – December 17, 2021

Some common areas will be renovated as well. All construction is anticipated to be completed no later than 12/31/2021.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Will I lose my housing or my Section 8 subsidy? **No one will be permanently displaced;** everyone will be welcomed back to their unit. Those who have Rental Assistance will not be in jeopardy of losing their Rental Assistance as long as all requirements of the subsidy continue to be met.

How will I know what is happening?

- YHA will have an informational meeting available via zoom approximately 60 days prior to work in your unit. The meeting is mandatory and will keep you apprised of what is happening, give you information on packing and moving, and introduce you to the moving company and the contractor. The meetings will be held via Zoom and will be available for viewing at any time via our website.
- You will receive temporary relocation notice at least 30-days prior to when your unit will be rehabbed. Please do not move and continue to pay your rent and utilities as scheduled.
- You will receive a temporary relocation notice 7-days prior to when your unit will be rehabbed. Please do not move and continue to pay your rent and utilities as scheduled.

Why is this happening? Improvements to our buildings are needed to ensure that you and others can continue to live in them as long as possible. We strive to make the environment better for your long-term residency. However, our first commitment is to your safety. It is not safe for you to remain in your unit while the General Contractor is doing major work inside the apartments. Additional safety measures will also be taken while the exteriors of the buildings are being improved. Your patience and cooperation in following all the safety rules is important.

Where will I stay while my unit is getting renovated? We will reserve hotel rooms for the duration of the renovation of your unit. They will include kitchens, offer daily housekeeping service, and a daily continental breakfast buffet. YHA will provide food per diems for each member of your household while in the hotel.

OR you can decide to stay with friends or family in which YHA would provide a food and housing allowance.

Who will pay for this? YHA will cover the room costs and provide you with a food per diem during your relocation period. However, you must continue to pay your rent to YHA and all utilities to the proper utility provider during this period.

Do I take everything with me? Most furnishings and belongings **will remain** in your unit until packed by movers—take with you just what you will need during your relocation period. You will prepare your unit so the mover can arrange your unit for construction. Your belongings will be stored in a secured storage facility and/or boxed up and covered within your unit, with security and cleanliness in mind. **Take all valuables and small electronics with you.**

Will help and support be available for packing and moving? Professional packers/movers will have boxes, tape, wrapping paper and markers available upon request. You will use these materials to package any personal items that you want to pack yourself. The movers will then package any remaining items on moving day and disassemble your furniture. All items will then either be moved and stored in a storage facility, or will be safely placed and covered in a room within your unit. Upon return to your unit, your furniture will be reassembled and returned to its place. You will be required to unpack the remaining personal items.

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Will my belongings be safe? Your belongings will be covered and/or stored for security and cleanliness. Take valuables and small electronics with you. The contractor will protect flooring and will deeply clean the work areas in your unit prior to your return.