

## **TO OUR HOUSE – HOUSE RULES**

### **WEAPONS:**

Weapons are not allowed. Box cutters, screwdrivers, pocketknives, etc., must be given to staff at Intake.

### **ALCOHOL / DRUGS:**

The use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs at Intake or shelter sites is strictly prohibited. Suspicion of this violation could lead to dismissal.

### **BEHAVIOR**

Uncontrollable, disruptive or destructive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.

### **VIOLENCE:**

Threats of physical violence towards staff, volunteers, or other guests is not tolerated. Physical violence will result in a 911 call and immediate removal from the TOH shelter.

### **GUEST VISITORS**

No visitors on church property, including the parking lot.

**NOTE: Anyone violating any of the four above rules will not be permitted to return to *To Our House* at any time in the future.**

### **LEAVING THE SITE:**

Anyone leaving the shelter during scheduled hours will not be allowed to return that night.

### **LANGUAGE:**

Verbal violence is not tolerated. Threatening or abusive language is not allowed. Please avoid cursing.

### **SMOKING:**

Smoking is only allowed in designated areas and at designated times at Intake and at shelter sites. Guests must clean up after themselves, leaving no butts on the ground. Violation of this rule could jeopardize the smoking privilege for everyone.

### **PERSONAL BELONGINGS:**

All guests are limited to two bags. Belongings left behind without staff approval will be discarded. For your safety and the safety of others, we reserve the right to search personal belongings of our guests.

### **APPROPRIATE ATTIRE:**

Guests are required to sleep in appropriate attire. Shirt and pants must be worn at all times.

### **SHELTER RESPECT:**

1. Guests must respect the property of others.
2. Guests must be considerate of other guests, staff, and volunteers.
3. Headphones must be used with radios or other electronic devices.
4. Each guest is responsible for helping to keep the shelter, the bathrooms, and the smoking area clean.
5. Guests must limit their use of the bathroom if others are waiting.
6. Only quiet behavior after lights out at 11 PM until 5:45 AM.
7. Guests must leave the shelter by 7:00 AM.

Due to limited space and resources, the continued participation of current guests could be re-evaluated; factors which may be considered include but are not limited to level of need, behavior at the host sites, and progress toward individual guest goals.

**TO OUR HOUSE reserves the right to suspend guests who do not comply with House Rules.**