

# Northern Ponca Housing Authority

January 2024

**“ALTHOUGH NO ONE CAN GO BACK AND MAKE A BRAND NEW START, ANYONE CAN START FROM NOW AND MAKE A BRAND NEW ENDING.”**

**Reminder: If rent is paid on time each month, December 2024 rent will be waived!!**

**FYI: Affordable Connectivity Program will end April 2024**

**8 ways to rediscover yourself in 2024:**  
@alexandra.eidens

- Take a solo getaway to reflect on your life.
- Journal about dreams and hopes you had as a child.
- Make a list of 100 things you want to do in this life.
- Try something outside of your comfort zone.
- Create a vision board for your future.
- Make a list of your strengths.
- Reflect on your personal values.
- Make a list of people you admire and study their lives.



New Year means new beginnings. Make sure to love one another more and be kind to everyone you come in contact with. You never know what someone might be going through.

# JANUARY HOME MAINTENANCE TASK CHECKLIST



## CLEAN AND ORGANIZE CLOSETS

While it's cold outside take advantage of your indoor time and clean and organize your closets.



January is a great time to clean out your closets. Use leftover boxes from the holidays to pack unused items and donate them.



Clean, organized closets are a great way to start a new year.

## WIPE DOWN KITCHEN CABINETS AND HARDWARE

Carve out time and give your kitchen cabinets and hardware a good wipe down.



## WASH BLANKETS AND COMFORTERS

Your family room blankets have probably had a lot of use during the holidays and cold months.

Take time and wash all of them.

You'll love the softness and scent of freshly laundered blankets while you're binging on your favorite shows!



# 50 Things to Declutter Right Now!

## Bedroom

- Odd socks
- Underwear with holes
- Tights that have ladders in them
- Shoes that feel like torture devices
- Bras that don't fit properly - you deserve better
- Old t-shirts
- Anything you bought 2 sizes too small so you could 'diet into it'
- Anything that's now too big
- That dress you simply had to have, but never wore
- Actually, anything you own that you don't feel fabulous in
- Wire coat hangers
- Extra hats, scarves and gloves
- Broken jewellery
- Scratched sunglasses
- Old bedding

## Bathroom

- Expired medicine
- Dried up nail polish
- Suncream that's been open for over a year
- Those 12 Victoria's Secret gift sets you had for Christmas and never opened
- Hair ties that have lost their stretch
- That red lipstick you thought would look great, but just made you look like a sad clown

## Kitchen

- Expired food (the BBE date is a guideline, but anything after the EXP is a no go)
- Bizarre kitchen gadgets you never use
- Plastic containers with no lids
- Lids that have no containers (how does this happen, by the way?)
- That overly complicated cookbook you never use

## Study

- Dried up pens
- Books you've read
- Books you're never going to read
- Old to-do lists, grocery lists and scraps of paper
- Junk mail
- Old magazines
- DVDs you don't watch
- CDs you don't listen to

## Junk Drawer

- Used batteries
- Expired coupons
- Old mobile phones
- Mystery chargers that haven't been used since about 1999
- Coins from far-flung destinations you'll never visit again
- Spare buttons for shirts you threw out 10 years ago
- Takeaway menus
- Those seven manicure sets that came out of Christmas crackers
- Keys that don't actually unlock anything

FIND MORE AT:  
[WWW.ITSAIMEEREBECCA.COM](http://WWW.ITSAIMEEREBECCA.COM)



Creighton Family Services  
808 Chase Ave, PO Box 652  
Creighton, NE 68729  
Phone: (402)358-5297

Norfolk Family Services  
1405 Riverside Blvd  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
Phone: (402)371-0377

**Free Income Tax Preparation  
Services:**

Low-income individuals/families and senior citizens (60 & over) benefit from this area wide tax program. Family Service Coordinators are trained to help prepare tax forms and/or answer tax questions. All offices are equipped to e-file. Coordinators also assist with Homestead Exemption preparation. No self-employed or farm returns are prepared.

Taxes are prepared at the Pender, Creighton and Norfolk locations. Please contact the office closest to you to schedule an appointment.

**Eligibility & Application:**

We do NOT provide tax assistance to self-employed persons or farmers. The following items are required to allow our volunteers to complete your return.

Copy of past tax return

Social Security Card for you

If filing jointly, Social Security card for you and your spouse

W-2's for you and your spouse from every employer during the year



Electronic filing has ended for the year. We will not be accepting tax appointments until the 2024 filing season unless you have a letter from the IRS or state with a filing deadline. Call 402-934-6750 to schedule an appointment if you have a letter.

The 2024 tax season begins January 29th and our appointment calendar will open at the beginning of January. Start gathering you documents in one place to be ready to file! As a reminder, our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) service is for low-to-moderate income taxpayers, typically those earning \$65,000 a year or less.