

SHAKER PLACE REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER



Policies and Procedures for Resident's Hamper

Policy:

Provide residents and staff with an appropriate, convenient, personalized location for their soiled clothing.

Procedure:

- Each resident will be provided with a laundry hamper
- Each hamper will have an enclosed bin that is to be lined with a yellow bag
- If the yellow bag is not in the bin, nursing staff will retrieve yellow bags from soiled linen room
- Additional yellow bags should be placed at the bottom of the bin for future use by nursing staff
- Yellow bags will be placed in the soiled linen room daily / as needed by Environmental Services staff
- Only the resident's soiled personal clothing and personal blankets will be put in the laundry hamper
- At the end of each shift, and /or as needed, nursing staff will take the yellow bags out of the hamper of their assigned residents, tie the bag and bring to the Soiled Linen Room
- The yellow bags are to be immediately replaced
- The extra yellow bags should be placed on the bottom of the bin, NOT draped across hampers
- DO NOT PUT CLOTHING IN HAMPER WITHOUT BAG!
- If the resident's clothing is soiled due to incontinence, the yellow bag will be immediately taken from the hamper and brought to the soiled linen room
- **Generic soiled items**, such as sheets, towels, washcloths, etc. will be placed in the **Blue bags**
- **Clear bags** are for **trash ONLY**
- All bags are to be tied and placed in soiled linen room; DO NOT leave bags in resident's room or resident's bathroom
- Blue bags, clear garbage bags and additional yellow bags are located in the Soiled Linen Room

If Family Responsible For Laundry

- If resident's family indicates they will provide laundry services, a sign will be put in the underside of the lid of the resident's hamper; If laundry sign is needed, contact Social Worker on unit and Environmental Services
- Social worker will update laundry status in Point Click Care
- Soiled clothing will be placed in the yellow bag in the hamper
- If clothing is soiled due to incontinence, staff will remove the yellow bag, dispense air from the bag, tie the bag and place back in a yellow bag in the hamper
- Yellow bags are not to be removed from Resident's room, unless by family members
- Resident families may use personal hamper for transport of clothing; however personal hampers are not to be left in resident's room
- NOTE: If resident's laundry is left in room in excess days to which hamper is overflowing with soiled clothing and/or is odorous, Shaker Place staff may contact family and / or launder clothes

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Cleaning of Hamper

- Environmental Service staff will provide daily cleaning of the resident's hamper; utilizing appropriate cleaning agents / chemicals as recommended by the manufacturer and which comply with appropriate infection control regulations
- Nursing staff will be responsible for hampers daily upkeep, including bringing yellow bags filled with resident's soiled clothes to the soiled linen room, replacement of yellow bags in hampers and generic cleanliness of hamper

For additional information / questions, please see Director of Environmental Services at 518-213-8925.

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