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**What to expect from your family housing lawn care service**

Fort Sill, Oklahoma, June 12, 2009 – Most everyone is enjoying the spring and being outdoors where everything is pretty and green. It's also the time of year when the grass starts to grow again. Family housing residents have seen lawn care providers in their neighborhoods more often and Picerne Military Housing wants to ensure on-post residents receive the proper grounds maintenance services.

The lawn care service Picerne Military Housing provides is a basic cut and trim. The intent is to make the lives of residents a little easier, as well as to improve the curb appeal of the neighborhoods. Each housing area has a set schedule which is posted on the back page of the Picerne monthly newsletter. If a change to this schedule occurs, other than rain days, your Neighborhood Office will notify residents of the change.

The frequency of mowing varies throughout the year in accordance with the growing season. During the winter months the frequency can be as low as once a month. During this slow growing season the service will initiate a tree and bush trimming program to again increase the appeal of the neighborhoods.

Now that we're moving into the spring and summer growing season, families will see lawn care returning on a weekly basis. We request that residents complete the following tasks to make certain their yard is ready to receive the lawn mowing service.

- **Pets** - secure pets in your home or in a kennel.
- **Pet waste** – please remove prior to the morning of the scheduled mowing service.
- **Children's toys** – please remove all toys in the lawn prior to the morning of the scheduled mowing service.

- **Lawn furniture or decorations** – store all non-fixed furniture and décor prior to the morning of the scheduled mowing service.

If any of these directions haven't been followed the lawn mowing service will skip that part of the yard and leave a note on the home explaining why. The crews are pressed throughout their day and have a very tight schedule in order to meet the requirements of maintaining all the yards in the neighborhoods.

The crews progress through the housing areas in three phases:

1. The mowers come through and mow the lawn.
2. An individual or group then comes through and “weed-eats” around fixed objects such as fences, drains, etc.
3. Another group or individual comes through to do a follow-up with a blower to clean the grass clippings off patios, sidewalks and driveways.

Once the third step of this process is complete, the lawn mowers will either move on to another street or finish up for the day. Residents should close or make certain gates are closed prior to releasing children or pets into yards.

We understand our mowing service may not meet all residents' expectations or needs. To that end, we have incorporated a “No Mow” program. No mow requests can be submitted through the Neighborhood Office if you do not want the lawn mowing and trimming service provided. If residents request their yard not be mowed, they will be responsible to mow and trim the yard on the same scheduled day that their street receives this service.

Picerne is family owned and operated. The company has also partnered with Forts Meade, Bragg, Polk, Rucker and Riley under the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) program and was selected to partner with Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland for all on-post family housing.

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