

**148.10 RESPONSIBILITIES OF OCCUPANTS.** An occupant's failure to fulfill the responsibilities of this section shall not cause the failure of an inspection or the refusal to issue a rental certificate. An occupant's failure to fulfill these responsibilities, however, could provide rights to a landlord under the Iowa Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

1. **Occupant Responsibility:** Every occupant of a dwelling unit or rooming unit shall keep in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition that part of the dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming unit, or premises thereof he or she occupies and controls.
  - A. Every floor and floor covering shall be kept reasonably clean and sanitary.
  - B. Every wall and ceiling shall be kept reasonably clean and free of dirt or greasy film.
  - C. No dwelling or the premises thereof shall be used for the storage or handling of refuse.
  - D. No dwelling or the premises thereof shall be used for the storage or handling of dangerous or hazardous materials.
2. **Plumbing Fixtures:** The occupants of a dwelling unit shall keep all supplied plumbing fixtures therein in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be responsible for the exercise of reasonable care, proper use, and proper operation thereof.
3. **Extermination of Pests:** Every occupant of a single-family dwelling shall be responsible for the extermination of any insects, rodents, or other pests therein or on the premises; every occupant of a dwelling containing more than one dwelling unit or rooming unit shall be responsible for such extermination within the unit occupied by him whenever said unit is the only one infested. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, whenever infestation is caused by the failure of the owner to maintain a dwelling in a reasonably rodent-proof or reasonably insect-proof condition, extermination shall be the responsibility of the owner.
4. **Storage and Disposal of Garbage:** Every occupant of a dwelling shall dispose of rubbish, garbage, and any other organic waste in a clean and sanitary manner by placing it in the authorized disposal facilities or storage containers required by this code.
5. **Use and Operation of Supplied Heating Facilities:** Every occupant of a dwelling unit or rooming unit shall be responsible for the exercise of reasonable care, proper use, and proper operation of supplied heating facilities.
6. **Electrical Wiring:** No temporary wiring or extension cords shall be used except extension cords which run directly from portable electric fixtures to convenience outlets and which do not lie beneath floor coverings or extend through doorways, transoms, or similar apertures and structural elements or attached thereto. The occupant shall not knowingly overload the circuitry of the dwelling unit or rooming unit.
7. **Supplied Facilities:** Every occupant of a dwelling unit shall keep all supplied fixtures and facilities therein in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be responsible for the exercise of reasonable care, proper use, and proper operation thereof.
8. **Fire Protection:** It shall be the responsibility of the occupant to maintain operational early warning fire protection systems by means of replacing batteries as needed. If these systems become inoperable by mechanical failure, the occupant is required to notify the owner.