

QUESTION: What is the process to clear the outside area of housing - specifically the grass. I have heard horror stories of families that have had to pay grass fees before they could clear housing because some of the grass was dead or had urination spots from animals.

Who determines if there is a fee to clear and what are the conditions to characterize if grass "passes" or not.

ANSWER: The standards are in accordance with resident handbook; clearance guidance and the condition of occupancy of Military Family Housing, AR 420-1.

All holes have to be filled in with top soil and leveled.

All urine-killed or patchy areas need to be raked over and reseeded.

Grass needs to be cut and trimmed around the quarters and the fencing.

Logs, brickwork, lawn ornaments, or other landscaping items need to be removed and the lawn reseeded. (This includes sheds and dog houses)

Residents are responsible for at least 50' out on all sides, or to the halfway point between occupant and neighbor. This also means outside of the fence, which is usually missed.

During the pretermination inspection, the yard maintenance is covered unless it is winter with snow on the ground. Then the occupant is notified if the yard is not in adherence during break-up with the above standard. The occupant can be charged if feces are present.

An inspector assesses the charges based on contractor fees per square foot, which is charged to the government as indicated in the maintenance contract.

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