

Co-op Coalition Survey: Bathrooms

Thanks to the 12 people who took time to help out a fellow Coalition member. Thanks for helping!

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 Subject: SURVEY - Co-op Coalition: Bathrooms (due 9/13)

A Coalition member is about to re-do their staff bathroom that also has been used by nonresidents including garbage/trash collectors and general contractors but currently isn't especially presentable for guests who might be attending a function nearby their reception room. They are pondering whether to make access to the bathroom more restrictive and want to know what policies other co-ops have if they have a bathroom in or near a common area. Please "Reply" with your response by Friday, September 13. And thanks, as always, for helping one another.

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<50 units	We have one bathroom that is available for contractors who are working in the building.
<50 units	We don't have a staff bathroom.
<50 units	We have no common area bathrooms.
<50 units	We do not have such a bathroom.
<50 units	Our co-op has a 'nicer' (1950s tile & pink fixtures?) bathroom off the lobby that is used by our receptionist. She has instructions that contractors and service people are to be sent to the 'more primitive' (Sloane valve toilet only, must use utility sink in laundry area to wash up) facilities in the basement. We do not have an area for receptions or public gatherings, so reception guests are not an issue. We consider information about our back-of-house layout to be security sensitive and do not want outsiders to peek inside. A resident would be allowed to use the receptionist facility; it is locked and only Board and staff have key. Basement facilities are always available, are adjacent to laundry area.
<50 units	We don't have a bathroom near a common area.
50 – 99 units	[Our co-op] has no policy on this, alas, as we don't have a situation such as this.
50 – 99 units	If the right materials are used, the bathroom can remain durable even with users who may not be as careful as others. I have used Catalyst Construction & Remodeling LLC to re-do several bathrooms - (301) 284-8435.
50 – 99 units	Our cooperative has a bathroom in our laundry room area. That bathroom is used by staff, other workers in the building, the postman and sometimes residents who don't want to go back to their 4th or 5th floor unit. Its just a bathroom. Our staff bathroom is only accessible with a key fob. I don't know how we could not have a toilet facility for people who are working here. Our trash/garbage people do not use this bathroom. We have an efficiency unit that we use for meetings and parties and of course, there is a bathroom in this unit.
100+ units	We have no restriction to our common area bathrooms.
100+ units	We are fortunate to have two bathrooms in the basement of each of our buildings. One is for guests/contractors, etc. and the other is marked Private for employees and requires a key.

100+ units	<p>It's up to the board to establish a policy for how the facility will be used-- staff only, delivery people, guests, etc. But there may be few facilities to use for delivery people or guests in your reception area. Personally, I would make it available for everyone and would make it attractive for all and design it for low maintenance. The Broadmoor recently redid their facilities that are adjacent to their front desk and lobby—perhaps to meet ADA requirements. The rooms are very nice and available to all.</p> <p>Our co-op has several bathrooms in the basements adjacent to our laundry rooms. They are for residents doing laundry, staff, and contractors. We also have two near our Club Room for anyone to use. These rooms are inside the buildings and a fob is needed to enter the buildings so and no-one can simply walk off the street to use them We have two bathrooms in our management office that is used by office staff and Gatehouse staff (a short walk). On occasion, the office bathrooms have been used by prospective residents (owners and renters) before or after their admissions meeting.</p>
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