Shelter Hose Handling

The shelter has a number of hoses in the facility. All hoses should have the water turned off and the water drained from them to relieve pressure when task is completed. The shut-off valve at the end of the hose (if present) should also be set at closed. Turning the faucet off and draining the hose extends the life of the hose. Turning the shutoff valve at the end prevents people getting sprayed when turning on the water.

In the kitchen, the sink that is used for washing bowls and other small things has a sprayer hose. It is important to turn the water off for both hot and cold water when finished using the sprayer. Then release the pressure by draining the sprayer to ensure the line does not burst.

There are two expandable hoses that are used to clean the Meet & Greet room and used for hosing the exercise yards. They also need to be drained of water and the shutoff valve on the hose turned to closed when finishing cleaning.

There are 3 Cox hose reels located in various locations throughout the shelter. These reels coil up our heavy duty hoses that are approximately 50ft or 100ft long depending on location. These hoses are expensive and must be treated with care during daily use to maintain proper working order, efficiency, and longevity. Please inspect the equipment daily and report any damage to management.

- Always uncoil the hose by pulling straight out, ensuring that the hose is not kinked, pinched, or twisted. This helps to prevent damage to the hose. Pulling sideways may pull the whole reel off the wall.
- The hose reel makes a clicking sound as it uncoils. A single click indicates that the spring latch is loose allowing the hose to move freely, and will retract when no tension is provided. A double click indicates that a stop hold has been engaged and the hose will refrain from retracting when pull tension is released.
- Each hose is fitted with a quick-connect device that allows users to change from jet nozzle to the soap or Accel (Rescue) foamers.
    - To release the quick-connect pull back on the mechanism
    - A new attachment can then be installed by pressing into the receiver
- Do not leave hoses uncoiled, unattended, and with water turned on (be mindful of blocking walkways during business hours)
- Do not allow dogs to chew or play with the hose.
    - In Outback wrap hose behind cover columns to keep away from kennels.

- Each hose is equipped with a shut-off valve at the source and should be kept in the off position when not in use. Leaving the hose under pressure and in the sun will cause damage to the hose.
- Drain hoses before recoiling and return the shutoff valve at the end of the hose to the closed position.
- ALWAYS guide the hose when retracting onto the hose reel. Failing to do so can lead to tangles and damaged hoses. Do not allow hose to "free wheel" back onto the reel.

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