

The White Lily House®

Supportive Faith-Based Sober Living for Women



House Rules

For an Admission Interview or to View the House

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We welcome you to our recovery home with open arms!

Here are the rules that we must follow to live here.

We ask that you commit to 90 days in our home. This helps to establish a true foundation in recovery. We hope to help you achieve long term recovery. Our focus is to offer a safe and secure home with living structure, so you can focus on getting connected to God and experiencing transforming recovery.

We **suggest** attending 90 meetings in 90 days with a minimum of 5 meetings per week. Meeting sheets have to be signed by the meeting chairperson.

We **must** have a sponsor who is currently working the 12 steps and who is also sponsored **within 1 week**. Your sponsor **cannot** live in the same house. We highly suggest you get through at least one step a week and be through the 4th Step by the end of the first month. If you don't know what a sponsor is or what they are for, just ask and we will be happy to help you understand.

You must have a Home Group with 30 days of moving in. This means you choose a group that you attend on a regular basis and are responsible too. Duties range from chairing meetings, making coffee, greeting, attending group conscience, etc. This is an individual decision and a great opportunity to grow in early recovery. Please see the house manager for local schedules.

We have a **mandatory** Sunday Night house meeting at 6:30 pm. Do **NOT** miss it. This is our weekly accountability meeting. Meeting sheets must be turned in weekly.

We have a **mandatory** Wednesday Night As Bill Sees It meeting at 6:30 pm. We encourage you to invite your sponsor or other ladies from the sober community.

CURFEW: 11:00pm Sunday – Thursday

12:00am Friday and Saturday

We ask that all residents sign in and out on the board, this is to ensure safety.

WORK:

You are given **two weeks** to find employment upon entering the house. If you don't find employment, you **must** participate in verified community service for a minimum of 24-32 hours per week. If at any time you become unemployed for any reason, community service must begin within 3 working days, if you do not have an immediate replacement job. Please do not quit a job without securing a job first.

Shift work between hours of 11:00 PM and 7 AM must be discussed and approved in advance by the House Manager.

House Communication:

We use GroupMe to stay in touch and post house announcements. We have a GroupMe chat set up for The White Lily House. Please visit <https://groupme.com/en-US/> to sign up and download app onto your phone and we will add you to the group. Open communication has to be available. For announcements, meeting changes, requests, etc. We ask that everyone stay respectful in this group and keep personal conversations on the side.

CHORES:

Each house member is assigned a daily chore and a weekly chore.

Each member of the house is responsible for picking up their own belongings. Please respect your house mates. We carry our own weight. If not, we may be asked to leave.

We **must** keep our bedrooms neat and clean. That means making our beds every day.

Eating is allowed in the common areas only. Clean up all dishes, cookware, silverware, and anything else used to eat or cook. The kitchen sink should never have dishes left in it. Clean up after you eat so that dishes won't stack up. It is your responsibility to do this...not the person assigned to kitchen duty. You are also responsible for any house guests' dishes as well.

Chores will be assigned on a weekly basis by the House Manager. Chores are assigned every Sunday and are posted in the kitchen after the house meeting. Taking pride in our home is very important and you will be expected to uphold your duties relating to maintenance and cleanliness of this house. If we are truly "willing to go to any length for victory over alcohol and drugs", then chores are no problem.

Chores are inspected daily at any given time. Keep your area in order always. Otherwise, the manager will give verbal warning, followed by a "write-up". If chores are continually overlooked, you may be asked to leave...**no excuses.**

All clothes are to be kept **off** the floor **always...period!** Clothes on the floor will be picked up by the manager and returned for a \$5.00 fee or must be earned back through extra chores the house manager assigns to you.

We treat house mates with dignity and respect. Fighting of any kind, verbal or physical, will not be tolerated. If you must fight, all parties involved will be asked to leave.

PASSES:

For the first 30 days, there are no pass privileges unless you have and can confirm a court date, family emergency, or scheduled visitation with children. Passes must be OK-ed 24 hours in advanced by House Manager. The best time to request a pass is at the Sunday night house meeting.

Pass privileges will be based on your completion of chores, your attitude, your diligence to working your program, and if your rent is paid.

Phone numbers where you can be contacted will need to be posted at the home.

We would like to limit passes to **2 per month** but do understand that special circumstances require further review. After completing your 90 days and being on good standing in the house, you are eligible for one pass per week.

Before going on a pass \$10.00 must be paid. This is for your UA when you return from your pass.

We ask that all residents do not leave Kerr County for the first 30 days, unless approved.

Transportation:

We do not provide transportation. We encourage you to get connected in the community. If you request a ride from another house member, please contribute to gas. We suggest \$2 per ride. You are allowed to have your personal vehicle at the house. We have a maximum limit of four cars residing at the property.

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY:

Isolating is not advised. You need to be up at a reasonable time each day (9AM) with your bed made except on days off from work. You can sleep in until 11AM.

Naps are permitted if they don't last all day. Sleeping on the sofa is not permitted.

No smoking indoors. Smoking is allowed outside, in the **backyard**, of the house if cigarette butts are thrown away in designated ashtrays. You are responsible for your house guests' cigarette butts as well. If this privilege is abused, there will no longer be smoking allowed anywhere on the property.

Absolutely NO SEX allowed in the house!

Men and significant others are not allowed in the house except when approved for special events!

No firearms and no hunting on the property.

No off-road vehicles allowed on the property.

TELEVISION:

The living room TV is to be turned off at curfew, Sunday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, the TV can stay on past curfew if it does not disturb someone who is sleeping. If the TV becomes a problem the cable may be disconnected for a period.

Video games are allowed unless it causes a disruption of the harmony in the house. Please be considerate.

MUSIC:

It is advisable to have music conducive to a peaceful atmosphere.

LAUNDRY:

It is the responsibility of each resident to do their own laundry on a weekly basis. If you do not have a full load, you will adjust the water level accordingly. Laundry is not to be left. The house manager may keep clothes left unattended for ransom and may have to be earned back for \$5.00 or doing extra chores she assigns to you. Please clean out the lint trap after every load. Other house mates need to be able to have the opportunity to do their laundry as well.

TELEPHONE & INTERNET:

We provide a house phone that does allow long distance calls, wireless internet, computer and webcam. Please be respectful of house mates that also need to use these devices.

VISITORS:

The House Manager reserves all right to monitor visitation at the property. The Manager will dictate the visitation policy in accordance to individual standing with house and your visitor has at least 30 days of continuous sobriety.

Curfew Times for Visitors:

Sunday through Thursday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday and Saturday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Please dress in appropriate clothing in common areas of the home, especially if going outside.

Neighborhood – please be respectful and kind to all of our neighbors. Please turn music down while getting close to our home. Be respectful and kind for

all of us live in the same neighborhood and our goal is to integrity into our community with integrity. Please talk with management if you have any questions. We are here to be of service.

Male/Female visitors are allowed at appropriate times but may not enter the house unless approved by House Director. If your visitor is an intimate relationship, they will need to visit with you on back porch. Male /Female visitors may not cause drama or resentments in the house. Please do not have men/women at the house all day, every day. If an individual is approved to enter the house, all doors will remain open. If this is abused this privilege may be taken away.

*****In other words, you may have visitors within reason if you are in good standing with the house and your visitor has at least 1 month continuous sobriety.*****

The Manager reserves all rights to ban visitors from the property, for any reason, for any length of time, and with or without explanation.

Chaos, theft, habitual conflicts, or abusive and loud behavior is not permitted. We have lived too long in that space. Our home is committed to recovery, and as such, we will work the program on any discord so as not to have to ask a resident to leave. It is our hope that residents will respect the others in the home.

If warranted, vehicles, rooms, and belongings may be searched at any time to guarantee the safety of the home.

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF INFRACTIONS:

- ❖ Early curfew time
- ❖ Revocation of visitor privileges
- ❖ Extra household duties
- ❖ Revocation, denial, or suspension of pass privileges
- ❖ Termination of residence...you may be asked to leave
- ❖ After being written up, you will the opportunity to make a living amends to the house. We are a recovery home and would like to give you every opportunity to practice this program in all your affairs.

Three write-ups and you will be asked to find a more suitable residence.

Use of alcohol or drugs will require immediate eviction. With “probable cause” any resident may be subject to a UA, Breathalyzer test, or oral swab at their expense. Refusal of any test will be considered a positive UA and will result in immediate eviction.

CRITERIA FOR RE-ADMITTANCE AFTER EVICTION:

We are dedicated to supporting women in recovery, and as such we will consider one time re-admittance into the home after the following objectives have been met:

- ❖ Complete a detox program, if needed or stay out of home for a period as determined by the Manager, usually 3 days.
- ❖ Pull a clean UA, breath test, oral swab respective to the infraction, at your expense.
- ❖ Demonstrate a renewed commitment to recovery.
- ❖ The house will vote to see if the resident will return for her last shot at this house.

Personal items left behind for over 5 days will be donated to a local cause.

Please do not go to the ER, clinic or, doctor without approved member of recovery for support.

MONEY & VALUABLES:

Please put your name on all of your items and keep them in your assigned spaces.

Please lock up all items that are valuable.

We do not lend money, cars, clothes, or food. If in need of clothes or food, please ask for help. Sharing food is acceptable because of the nature of the home. If you can't afford to pay as much as others pay for food, please learn to contribute in other ways.

We do not steal money, food, or property

of others. If you have a need, please ask and we will try to accommodate you.

CANDLES:

Because of possible fires candles are **not permitted!!!**

RENT:

Rent is:

Deposit \$250.00

The Bluebonnet Room \$550.00

The Calla Lily Room \$575.00

The Sunflower Room \$600.00

Rent is due the 1st day of the month and is late after the 4th day of the month. Do not be late. Rent may be paid in cash or money order to **Lotus Peer Recovery** or by credit card on the website at www.whitelilyrecovery.com. It is your responsibility to pay your rent on time without us having to ask you.

Late Fees: Rent received after the 4th of the month will be subject to a late fee of \$10 per day.

If the 90-day commitment is completed, half of the deposit is eligible for refund. We prorate the first month's rent. We do not refund for relapse or leaving before commitment is completed.

Requirements for partial Deposit Refund

- ❖ **90-day commitment must be completed**
- ❖ **Two weeks' notice must be given to House Manager in writing.**
- ❖ **Working a recovery program and meeting with sponsor**
- ❖ **All and all good standing with the house**

If you have lived in the home for 6 months or more, \$20.00 will be deducted from deposit each month to cover paper goods. We keep half the deposit to be able to provide paper goods and cleaning supplies.

****If you have questions on any of the rules or requirements please get with management. We are here to help. ****

The White Lily House is not responsible for any personal loss or injury while on the property.

The House Manager has final say in all matters. It is the House Managers job to keep the house a safe and peaceful environment.

By signing below, you affirm that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by these rules as long as you are area resident of The White Lily House.

Resident **Date**

Manager **Date**



Welcome to The White Lily House, we are glad you are here!