

SELF-HELP CENTER FOR PRIVATE RENTAL OCCUPANTS:

1. Military and civilian personnel residing in private rental quarters are **not** normally authorized to use the Self-Help Center because it is paid for with funds appropriated for the maintenance and repair of government lease quarters (GLQ). Occupants of GLQ assist in maintaining quarters and save the government labor costs by performing maintenance, improvements and yard work using the Self-Help program. Further, the military occupants of private rental quarters are eligible for several allowances to help with maintenance and improvements at their homes which occupants of GLQ do not receive.

a. **Moving in Housing Allowance Miscellaneous (MIHA):** Paid up front, one time, to all military private rental personnel eligible for Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA). MIHA usually runs around \$1,400 and is paid to help offset costs of moving into and out of private rental quarters. MIHA is used for example to purchase transformers, shelving, yard equipment, rugs, electrical plugs, etc.

b. **Moving in Housing Allowance Redecoration:** May be paid when necessary in addition to the Miscellaneous MIHA to help offset the costs of painting the unit at the time of terminating the contract. The amount is negotiated up-front and reimbursed to the soldier who then pays the landlord. This means the soldier and family have no concerns about repainting (unless excessively damaged) when leaving.

c. **Utility/Recurring Maintenance /Miscellaneous Allowance** This is part of the their Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and for accompanied personnel of all ranks is currently around \$1,250 per month over and above the rental ceiling. For example if someone rents at or below their rental ceiling they have about **\$1,250** a month to pay utilities and any other recurring expenses: routine maintenance, yard maintenance, light bulbs, garbage bags, grass seed and annual registration cost of the lease contract. This totals approximately **\$15,000** for Utilities and recurring expenses per year which leaves a very “comfortable” amount to pay for expendable items without any “Out of pocket” expense.

2. At USAG Livorno in an effort to help our military personnel off –post, we have locally allowed them to use certain non-consumable equipment and tools (on a 72 hour loan) on availability basis to remain responsible for and will pay for loss or damage. (GLQ occupants have priority for equipment). Examples are items like lawn mowers, weed eaters, ladders, or power tools that would be expensive to purchase for just a one or two time use. Many times personnel have shipped garden tools and lawn mowers but until they arrive they can take advantage of the 72-hour loan. The intent of this 72 hr policy was not to permanently supplement the occupants of private rental housing but to assist them temporarily without compromising service to occupants of GLQ who do not receive the allowances above.

4. Consumables such as grass seed, fertilizer, hoses, etc **are not authorized** for occupants of private rental. This is due to the different allowances available to occupants of private rental and the way the Self-Help Center is funded with appropriated funds specific for GLQ.

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Monday-Friday 13:30-16:30

Available for Occupants of Private Lease Quarters

EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS
(72 Hrs Loan)

LAWN MOWER – Electric & Gas
WEED EATER – Electric & Gas
ROTOTILLER
RAKE
PRUNING SHEARS
HOE
CLIPPERS
LEAF BLOWER
PUSH BROOM
SHOVEL
SPREADER
LADDERS
DOLLY
WHEEL BARROW
GARDEN HOSE
NOZZEL
SPRINKLER
VACCUM CLEANER
FLOOR BUFFER

HAND TOOLS
SCREWDRIVERS
HAMMERS
PLIERS
SAWS
DRILL
SANDER
CAULK GUN

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SELF-HELP CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT LEASE QUARTERS OCCUPANTS:

Occupants of Government Leased Quarters (GLQ) assist in maintaining those quarters and save the government labor costs by performing some routine maintenance, improvements and yard work using the Self-Help program. The following is a list of items normally available at the Self-Help Center for the occupants of GLQ.

CONSUMABLE ITEMS	EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS (72 Hrs Loan)
WHITE PAINT PAINT BRUSHES PAINT ROLLERS PAINT TRAYS PUTTY AND PUTTY KNIVES (for patching) TOILET BRUSHES PLUNGERS BATTERIES for Smoke Detectors SAND PAPER MASKING TAPE CAULK LIGHT BULBS – ENERGY SAVERS <u>1 TIME CLEANING KIT</u> BROOM DUST PAN MOP BUCKET KITCHEN & BATHROOM CLEANSER BATHROOM BRUSH SPONGE <u>LIMITED AMOUNT EACH YEAR</u> GRASS SEED TOP SOIL - POTTING SOIL FLOWERS	LAWN MOWER – Electric & Gas WEED EATER – Electric & Gas ROTOTILLER RAKE PRUNING SHEARS HOE CLIPPERS LEAF BLOWER PUSH BROOM SHOVEL SPREADER LADDERS DOLLY WHEEL BARROW GARDEN HOSE NOZZEL SPRINKLER VACUUM CLEANER FLOOR BUFFER <u>HAND TOOLS</u> SCREWDRIVERS HAMMERS PLIERS SAWS DRILL SANDER CAULK GUN

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SELF-HELP CENTER FOR BARRACKS OCCUPANTS:

CONSUMABLE ITEMS	EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS (72 Hrs Loan)
<p>LIGHT BULBS – ENERGY SAVERS TOILET BRUSHES DRAIN PLUNGERS BATTERIES for Smoke Detectors</p> <p><u>1 TIME CLEANING KIT</u> BROOM DUST PAN MOP BUCKET KITCHEN & BATHROOM CLEANSER BATHROOM BRUSH SPONGE</p>	<p>LAWN MOWER – Electric & Gas WEED EATER – Electric & Gas ROTOTILLER RAKE PRUNING SHEARS HOE CLIPPERS LEAF BLOWER PUSH BROOM SHOVEL SPREADER LADDERS DOLLY WHEEL BARROW GARDEN HOSE NOZZEL SPRINKLER VACUUM CLEANER FLOOR BUFFER</p>
<p><u>LIMITED AMOUNT EACH YEAR</u> POTTING SOIL FLOWERS</p>	<p><u>HAND TOOLS</u> SCREWDRIVERS HAMMERS PLIERS SAWS DRILL SANDER CAULK GUN</p>