

Heat hot line available

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Now that temperatures are growing colder, officials with the city of Orange again will provide a telephone hot line for residential heating complaints.

Valerie Jackson, acting director of planning and economic development, said her department will respond to complaints and enforce city codes against landlords who fail to provide adequate heat and hot water.

The telephone number is 973-266-4000, ext. 14144.

Jackson said her department recently sent landlords a letter notifying them of their legal responsibility to provide heat from Oct. 1 until May 1. The city ordinance requires that the minimum temperature in each dwelling is 70 degrees between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. and 68 degrees between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.