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At The Cottages it is our desire that our residents feel at home. We encourage residents to decorate their rooms with family photos, displays of hobbies and occupations, treasured antiques, and heirloom furniture that make each room personal and unique. We have only a few guidelines that help us with protecting the building and maintaining the décor of the public areas.

- The alcoves and the outside of the bedroom doors are considered public space. Please plan to decorate with personal items only inside of the resident's room.
- In most of our buildings there is a niche in the hall outside of each room with the room number, the resident's name, and shelves for personal items. It is a fun way to personalize the entrance to the room. Please fill the shelves with items that help us get to know the new resident. Ask a staff member to help you access the niche when you are ready to fill it.
- If something more is needed to help a resident identify his/her room, please work with the administrator to create something appropriate that can go on the wall next to the door, not on the door itself.
- Please feel free to hang artwork and framed family photos on the bedroom walls. We would just ask that you not use large nails or screws. We will gladly supply small nails and appropriate picture hanging supplies, if needed.
- Unframed photos, birthday cards, invitations, etc. should be attached to a bulletin board, rather than being taped or tacked to the walls. If your room does not have a bulletin board, just ask and we will provide one for you.
- Please don't put nails, screws, or adhesive on the doors. Over-the-door hooks work well for robes.
- If you are using The Cottages furniture, we ask that you do not put live plants on the furniture.
- Feel free to ask a staff member or administrator for help with anything you need to help provide a safe, comfortable, convenient home.