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# **Great results** with small deeds

A busy year is coming to an end. We have developed the activities of VTS-kodit in many ways, including organisational changes. The goal is to provide even better service than before and optimise our activities to keep our finances in balance and rents affordable in the future as well.

Now we are entering a lovely and atmospheric December. Ecological and responsible choices have become a worldwide trend and are particularly emphasised during the holidays. Togetherness and small moments of joy are already higher on many people's wish lists than consumption.

We at VTS-kodit consider responsibility an important part of our activities and it shows in many ways. We act in an environmentally conscious manner, and the objectives of our strategy include environmental effectiveness and more carbon-neutral living, for example by reducing energy consumption. We are very proud of our tenants who have also adopted these as their own goals. For example, our water consumption is already at a moderate level compared to many other operators in the real estate business.

Responsibility also includes the fact that we want to make sorting recyclables as easy as possible for our tenants. The small task of sorting is worth doing in every home, because the sorted waste circulates as material for new products and thus saves the environment when we need less and less new raw material.

Most of our properties already offer sorting opportunities for biowaste, carton, paper, metal and glass packaging. We are currently investigating on which of our properties we could also fit a collection bin for plastic packaging waste. Plastic packaging is currently being collected on three of VTS-kodit's properties and we are mapping out other possible sites. Because we have about 500 buildings, the collection will not spread to all of them in an instant. but we are currently working on it.

VTS-kodit will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next year, and we are already well on the way to preparing for it. The anniversary will be seen on the streets of Tampere, as well. We will renew our visual appearance, spend a new kind of day at Särkänniemi, organise contests and acknowledge those who have lived with us for 50 years. Please follow the website and social media channels of VTS-kodit to be among the first to find out all the fun things happening with us.

# Light and joy to your home

VTS-kodit offers its tenants Pisteet kotiin benefits that can improve your comfort of living in many ways.

You receive the benefits by spending points that all tenants accumulate for each month living at VTS-kodit and for paying the rent on time. You get additional points for participating in resident activities and for having valid home insurance.

So utilise your points and liven up your home with a new coat of paint, new floors or LED lights, for example. Or would you like window blinds or a cleaner to clean your home? You can even have your entire home renovated either by a professional or by painting and wallpapering the home yourself.

#### LEDs for the kitchen and bathroom

Now you can use your points to order LED lights that consume up to 80 per cent less

## **Utilise your points**

More information about the Pisteet kotiin tenant benefit system (in Finnish): www.vts.fi/asuminen/asuminenvtskodeissa/ pisteetkotiin/

VTS-kodit's service housing managers are glad to help with any questions regarding the points: tel. 0201 277 277 palveluisannoitsijat@vts.fi

- Surface renovation supplies for the whole apartment: 3,000 points.
- Surface renovation supplies for one room: 1,000 points.
- Surface renovation supplies for one wall: 500 points.
- Professional renovation. i.e. surface renovation supplies and wallpapering/painting of the whole apartment: 5,000 points.

energy than halogen. LED provides full luminous power right when you switch it on, and the light fixture does not heat up. When the light comes to the end of its service life after 5-8 years, you can order a new one from VTS-kodit free of charge.

You can get a LED light with two sockets for the kitchen counter for 1,500 points. The light fixture provides over twice the luminous power The points can also be used for cleaning sercompared to a regular tube light.

A ceiling light for the toilet or bathroom is yours for 1,000 points. It's luminous power corresponds with a 70 W light bulb.

#### Style for your kitchen

You can easily give your kitchen a stylish look by using your points to order a new wall board to place between the upper and lower cabinets. Contact VTS-kodit's service housing manager and call an installer to make a house call. The installer will take measurements, agree upon

the time of installation and show the board models of which you can choose your favourite. We offer six different shades of white and grey. You get a board for one wall for 3,000 points and for two walls for 4,500 points.

#### Tidy up your home

vices. Does your bathroom or your entire home need cleaning? How about a cleaning for your windows, refrigerator or oven? You can get a two-hour cleaning for 1,200 points, three hours for 1,800 points and four hours for 2.400 points.

You can also exchange your points for a voucher that you can use for shopping at our partner stores. From the start of 2020, the voucher will be accepted as payment in Power and Ikea.

## 'It's wonderful to give the place a new look!'

A FAMILY of six living in an apartment of VTS-kodit decided to wallpaper and paint all the walls of their home. The tenants emailed the service housing manager of VTS-kodit and asked for the supplies for an independent surface renovation of four rooms.

It was easy. Their point balance was reduced by 3,000 points, and the family got to go to a hardware store and find the wallpapers, paints and other renovation supplies they wanted. The sales staff helped to choose the right options in the price range set by VTS-kodit.

The family praises the Pisteet kotiin tenant benefit system. They had accumulated points for the years they had lived with VTS-kodit and resident activities.

'It is great that VTS-kodit gives the tenants a chance to redecorate their homes as they please: to change wallpapers and colour schemes. It does increase the enjoyability of living here. It feels wonderful to give the place a new look,' Hanna Vuorenmaa says.

Hanna Vuorenmaa's entryway wall is already painted with a stylish grey colour. Next they will start wallpapering the bedrooms.



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The points can also be used for cleaning services. Tuulikki Virolainen was concerned about the dust accumulating behind the refrigerator and the fire hazard it might cause. She used the points to order a cleaner who moved the refrigerator, cleaned the dust and did some other cleaning in the apartment, as well.

### **TIPS FOR TENANTS' SELF-MADE RENOVATIONS:**

You can wallpaper or paint the walls of the entryway, kitchen, living room and bedrooms. If the wall currently has wallpaper, you can wallpaper it, and if it is painted, you can repaint it.

Ask the service housing manager for a purchase authorisation that allows you to choose the renovation supplies from our partner store. You can choose any wallpapers or paints you like within the price range set by VTS-kodit.

Notify the service housing manager once the renovation is complete, and someone will come to check the quality of the work. The cost of repairing a poorly done work will be charged from the tenant.

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# Doghill Christmas

## Särkänniemi Friday 13 December 2019, 4 PM - 7 PM

Tickets can be redeemed at vts.fi starting from Friday 8 November

## Price 5 € / resident

Please register early, as the number of participants is limited! Enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones and Doghill Fairytale Farm residents. At Doghill Christmas you can meet Santa Claus, pet a reindeer, decorate gingerbread cookies, sing and play together with other VTS-kodit residents!

Pictures taken at the event can be used in marketing of VTS kodit.