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English summary



COME AND ENJOY
tenants activities
and good company

VTS
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Come and join us in tenant activities!

The summer behind us was great not only in terms of the weather. The tenants and staff of VTS-kodit have been meeting up over plates of soup in Tohloppi, Hervanta and Hatanpää. We enjoyed a cheerful day of fun in Särkänniemi with thousands of tenants. The tenants' committees have toiled away to make food and refreshments for building parties, and tenants have taken care of garden plots with their neighbours.

All of these are examples of the community spirit that is an important resource for VTS-kodit. Cooperation between tenants and great relationships between neighbours build a sense of 'our building' that is comfortable and good to live in.

When the tenants lay down their roots in their residential community, it extends their length of stay, which in turn has a beneficial impact on the rent level of VTS-kodit. As a result, VTS-kodit and all tenants benefit from longer lengths of stay. I would like to thank each of you for creating a comfortable atmosphere in your own building.

Living comfort can also be influenced with tenant democracy. Its ground rules are established in the Act on Joint Management of Rental

Buildings enacted in 1991. The aim is to promote cooperation and trust between tenants and the landlord.

Tenant democracy provides tenants with genuine power to make decisions and influence things, which tenants should also make use of. Tenants can get their voices heard through various channels, including building-specific tenant meetings and tenants' committees, VTS-kodit's joint AD group, as well as tenant representatives in the VTS-kodit Board.

VTS-kodit invests in tenant democracy in many ways. This autumn, we will offer an increasingly diverse range of training and recreational opportunities for our most active tenants. Come and enjoy good company and participate in important activities.

During the summer, I've been able to get to know many of our tenants at events and while making rounds of our properties. Thank you everyone for giving me a warm welcome!

Satu Eskelinen
CEO of VTS-kodit

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Doghill Christmas

Fri 7th December 2018 at 4 pm - 7 pm

Step in to a Christmas-themed fairy tale world at Doghill Christmas. Come and enjoy some peaceful time with your loved ones as well as the residents of Doghill. In addition to the traditional Christmas atmosphere, there are a lot of fun activities to be expected and Santa Claus himself is also going to be there!

Tickets: from the website in November 5 €/participant



Särkänniemi takes good care of safety

Best day of the summer!

VTS-kodit's Särkänniemi day was held for the sixth time. The weather favoured us, and the 4,000 participants enjoyed the exciting rides and day of fun to the fullest.

■ One of the most exciting moments in Särkänniemi is the measurement of height: have you grown tall enough to try the adult's rides this summer? If you fall even one centimetre below the height restriction, you will not be allowed on the ride.

'Of course, I understand that would be annoying,' admits Field Manager **Miikka Nenonen** of Särkänniemi.

'However, we observe these height restrictions strictly because they are set by the ride manufacturer and approved by the authorities. Safety is the starting point for everything in Särkänniemi.'

Hardworking maintenance team

Särkänniemi ensures the safety of its customers and staff in many ways.

The 20 permanent maintenance employees make sure that ride safety is held to a very high standard. They are assisted by summer employees and, if necessary, external experts.

Regardless of whether the ride in question is the gentle Piggy Train or Hype, which plunges forward at a speed of 100 km/h, its safety is taken just as seriously.

'The condition of the rides is monitored on a daily basis,' Nenonen says.

'Maintenance inspects every ride before deployment and gives the go ahead for their use. The ride operator also makes sure that everything works as it's supposed to before letting any cus-

tomers on the ride. In addition to daily inspections and maintenance, we also carry out maintenance on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis.'

Customers play a key role

During the summer season, the rides are maintained on site, or a car can be removed and fixed at Särkänniemi's own maintenance hall. More thorough winter maintenance is carried out by taking the ride apart at a large hall located in Pirkkala.

Despite everything, disruptions sometimes occur in the technical rides. They do not pose a danger – the ride simply fails to start.

'The rides are equipped with many sensors that monitor the operation of the safety mechanisms. For example, if the ride is for some reason unable to detect whether the restraints have locked into place, the ride will stop itself. Then maintenance is called to check the cause of the disruption and we are often able to restart the ride quickly.'

Miikka Nenonen points out that in addition to staff, customers also play their own important role in maintaining safety. When everyone follows the instructions provided by the ride operator, everyone aboard will have a comfortable experience.

'Come and join us in Särkänniemi again next summer without worries!'

THERE ARE MORE PHOTOS ON THE WEB SITE: VTSKODIT.KUVAT.FI AND WWW.VTS.FI/VIDEO



Update your contact information

Have you already registered as a user of VTS-kodit's online services? You can easily keep your information up to date at www.vts.fi (website in Finnish). Remember to update any changes to your name, phone number, e-mail address and family situation.

Most housing-related errands can be run online, including submitting a fault report or filling in a notice of moving in or moving out. You can also check your rent payment details.

When using the service for the first time, you will be prompted to register with your online banking credentials. After that, you can log in to the service with your username and password.



How waste is recycled

MIXED WASTE

The mixed waste bin is where you should take any household waste that is unusable for material circulation, such as dirty cardboard and plastic packaging, textiles, plastic items and glass dishes. Mixed waste is turned into heat and electricity at Tammervoima's waste-to-energy plant.



BIODEGRADABLE WASTE

Most biodegradable waste can be disposed of in a biowaste bin. Keep in mind that animal waste, diapers, dust bags and cigarette butts should go to the mixed waste bin. At the moment, biodegradable waste is composted into soil, but plans are in place to start using it to manufacture low-emission fuel and fertilisers in the next few years.



PAPER

You can dispose of all paper that you receive in your mailbox or through the mail slot in a paper collection bin, in addition to books, though you need to remove any hard covers first. Do not put any wet or dirty paper, wallpaper, gift wrapping paper or brown paper bags in a paper collection bin.

Recycled paper is used to make paper for newspapers and tissue paper.



CARDBOARD

Cardboard collection bins are intended for cardboard boxes, rinsed milk and juice cartons, egg cartons and paper bags of all colours, among other things. Flatten the packaging so that more of it can be transported at once, which also reduces emissions.

Cardboard is used as a material for toilet paper and paper towel rolls.



Recyclable waste becomes raw material for new products

Sorting is worth it!

Waste management has taken great strides in only a few decades. There is no actual waste anymore; instead, we have raw material that is recycled to make new products and generate energy. In Pirkanmaa, no less than 97 per cent of all waste is recycled, and no trash bags are ever taken to a landfill.

With households sorting their own waste, recyclable materials can be recovered more efficiently. This is becoming increasingly important due to the rapid decline in the amount of natural resources available. There is no sense in loading the environment by extracting new metal when we can recycle existing raw material into new products.

Recycling undamaged goods

However, the most important thing is making sensible purchase choices and avoiding unnecessary consumption. The environment benefits and waste is reduced when you pass up any disposable products, buy sustainable products and fix any broken ones whenever possible.

The waste bin is no place for usable items. Clean and dry textiles are accepted at textile recycling workshop Nextiili in Nekala (nextiili.fi, website in Finnish). Nextiili also accepts torn clothes and household textiles, but not rugs.

Furniture, children's supplies and sports equipment that are in good condition can be offered to recycling centres (pirkanmaan-kierratys.fi, website in Finnish).

Glass dishes are not allowed in glass collection bins

Even though the sorting of recyclable waste is easy, you should still read through the instructions with care.

For example, only glass packaging, i.e. clean glass bottles and jars, are allowed in a glass collection bin. This means that you should not put any glass dishes, ceramics or mirror glass in a glass collection bin because the collected glass is recycled into new glass packaging, and other glass products are not suitable for this purpose.

Any wrong materials hinder the recycling process of both glass and other recyclable waste and may at worst prevent the entire batch of waste from being recycled.

If your own building does not have bins for metal and glass packaging, you can take this type of waste to recycling points. Check the location of the nearest recycling point at kierratys.info. The same website also provides sorting instructions, which you can find by clicking the 'i' symbol next to each type of waste.

Where can you take large waste items?

Tenants must take their broken furniture and mattresses, junk bicycles, large waste loads resulting from moving, as well as other large waste items, to a waste station or waste centre. If necessary, you can contact Tampere Regional Solid Waste Management and hire the Replikka waste transport service for a fee.

The waste bins in your own yard are only

intended for daily household waste, as large items fill them up too quickly. The waste management costs affecting the rents will increase if the waste truck has to come and empty the bins or pick up waste items more frequently than scheduled.

Most waste is accepted free of charge at the waste stations of Nekala and Teisko (a waste station is also being built in Vuores), as well as the waste centres of Koukkujärvi and Tarastenjärvi. You can take any electrical appliances, metal, glass packaging, paper and cardboard, as well as any hazardous household waste, to them, free of charge.

Also remember the truck duo Repe&Romu that makes rounds in your neighbourhood. See the trucks' schedule at the website of Tampere Regional Solid Waste Management (pjhojy.fi) and take any hazardous waste, metal and old electrical appliances for the trucks to pick up, free of charge.

METAL

Metal collection bins are intended for clean and dry metal packaging (such as food cans and foil pans) as well as small metal household items (such as pans, nails and aluminium tealight cups). Recycled metal significantly saves natural resources and is used to make new packaging, shovels and bicycle frames, for example.



GLASS PACKAGING

Packaging glass can be melted and reused endlessly without its quality being impaired as long as it is not mixed with glass dishes or other items not allowed in glass collection bins. Packaging glass collection bins are only intended for glass bottles and jars. The collected glass is transported by ship to glass processing plants in England and the Netherlands and utilised as material in glass packaging.



PLASTIC PACKAGING

Check your nearest collection point for plastic packaging at kierratys.info. Note that you are only allowed to bring clean and dry plastic packaging and no other plastic. The packaging is utilised in Finland as material for plastic bags, drainpipes, flower pots and buckets, for example. Dirty plastic packaging, PVC plastic packaging (03) and all plastic other than packaging (such as toys, kitchen tools, buckets) belong in the mixed waste bin. They are utilised in energy production in Tampere.



HAZARDOUS WASTE

Substances that are hazardous to the environment or health are treated separately from other waste. Places that collect hazardous waste accept substances such as vehicle fluids, solvents, paints, adhesives and varnishes, preferably in their own packaging. Take any unused medicine to a pharmacy and any batteries to a store. For more detailed instructions, please visit: vaarallinenjate.fi (website in Finnish).

