5-06/050.00 Individual Inmate Storage of Personal Property

All inmates within any Custody Services Division facility shall store all personal and county issued property (with the exception of bedding items) in a "new generation inmate property bag." The inmate property bags will be issued at the inmate's first housing location. Inmates are responsible for their issued inmate property bag and all of its contents.

All inmate property bags shall be subject to search and inspection at any time. The inmate property bag shall be retained by the inmate, and returned to Department personnel at the time of their release.

All personal property and county property possessed by any inmate must conform with Custody Division Manual (CDM) section 5-06/010.00, "Allowable Inmate Property" and must fit inside one inmate property bag. Any other property items or excess property will be considered contraband and shall be disposed (refer to CDM section 5-07/010.00, "Contraband Defined"). The inmate shall be given the choice of which property they wish to dispose of without compensation, in accordance with procedures delineated in CDM section 5-07/020.00, "Contraband Disposal."

Exceptions to this restriction may be made for inmates who have been prescribed extra items of county-issued clothing and/or blankets as a reasonable accommodation for their disability (refer to CDM 5-12/005.10, "Handling of Inmates with Mobility and/or Sensory Impairments"), and for pro per inmates who may be issued an additional inmate property bag(s) to store their legal paperwork.

Excess property, within the housing areas, creates a possible fire hazard; impacts already crowded living areas; and has the potential to create sanitation and hygiene problems. Facilities shall not forward excess inmate property to the Inmate Reception Center to be placed into an inmate's personal property.