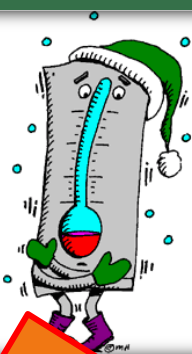


Preparing your home for winter

Seasons Are Changing

Make sure you are taking all the proper precautions for winterizing your home. It's easy to overlook small details and run into bigger problems in the future.



REMEMBER

Notify the Housing Office if you will be out of your home for more than 72 hours. **DO NOT** turn off your heat!!

The following items will need to be completed by 1 December of each year. Some years the weather requires sooner.

- Please remove and store your seasonal items from the outside of your home
- Disconnect and store water hoses from any outside spigot to ensure water lines do not freeze
- Change/clean furnace filters every 90 days for an efficient running furnace. Furnace filters are available at Self Help quarterly at no charge
- Have a snow shovel ready to clear the walkway from your front door to the street that runs parallel to your home.

Ice Melt

Ice Melt is available at the Self Help on Falcon Street at no cost to residents. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER. Ice Melt should be applied to sidewalks once snow has been removed. Applying it on snow will cause more ice and dangerous walking conditions. Contact maintenance by dialing

208-832-5044.

PET SAFETY

Along with the cold weather, there are some things to be aware of with the change of the seasons.

- Pets need to be kept current on vaccinations
- Pets are not permitted to run loose and are required to be leashed
- Residents are responsible for removing their pet's solid waste
- If pets are left outdoors they need to have a warm, windproof shelter with clean and dry bedding
- Limit the duration of outdoor trips to minimize the chance of hypothermia/frostbite (paws, ears and tails are the most susceptible)
- Remember food and water freeze. Replace regularly