

WHISPERING LAKE WEBSITE

RESIDENT REMINDERS

FALL 2008

Residents are reminded as summer draws to a close to prepare your home, garage and garden for the winter season:

- Disconnect personal garden hoses from the outside spigots and store indoors.
- Please contact the management office if the water will not shut off completely after disconnecting the hose.
- Groom and clean out dead foliage from personal gardens as needed.
- Clean debris around gas meters. Having the area clear enables easy meter readings and fast response time should there be an emergency.
- Prepare your garage for indoor automobile storage. Get rid of clutter before the winter begins.
- Check your dryer's exhaust. Clean out any accumulated lint and make sure that the exhaust duct is made from UL-approved semi-rigid metal or steel duct.
- Have your furnace inspected and serviced before the winter begins.
- Furnace filters need to be cleaned or replaced regularly.
- Have your fireplace inspected and serviced before you use it this winter.
- Clean your window well drains of debris and leaves at the end of fall.
- Check to see that your basement windows are not cracked or broken.
- Check your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detectors to see if they are working properly and change the batteries if needed.
- Check for window and door drafts and caulk and weather-strip doors and windows to keep drafts from reducing the temperature of your home.
- Set your thermostat for at least 65 degrees to avoid frozen pipes when the temperatures begin to fall.
- Leave water taps open so they drip continuously in extremely cold conditions.
- If you are using an alternative heating source, keep it in a well-ventilated area and have a fire extinguisher on hand.
- Have a emergency snow storm kit ready in case of a major storm hits.

A sample emergency kit could include:

- A battery-powered weather radio
- Canned/ no cook food (bread, crackers, dried fruit) non-electric can opener
- Bottled drinking water.
- Flashlights and extra batteries.
- First-aid kit
- Extra medications and special items for babies, the disabled and the elderly.
- Rock-salt to melt ice on the driveways.
- Battery-powered lamps or lanterns.

REMEMBER TO REMOVE CARS FROM ROADWAYS WHEN SNOW FALL REACHES 2 INCHES.