

# **Important Winter Reminders**

### WINTERIZE YOUR HOSE-BIBS:

The tenant, must ensure that all garden hoses, attachments, etc. are completely disconnected/removed from all exterior hose bib(s) or exterior frost-free lawn faucets prior to cold weather.

#### General How To:

- 1. Ensure all hoses are detached from hose-bibs exterior faucet.
- 2. Turn all exterior faucets to the "off" position.
- 3. If your residence has a separate "inside shut-off" or "isolation valve" (should be labeled somewhere in mechanical room, or possibly in your basement or crawl space). Once located, close valve.
- 4. Return outside and open all of the faucets to drain any remaining water in the line.
- 5. Close faucets. Please note that not all systems are the same. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

#### **REGULAR HOME INSPECTIONS:**

If the Tenant is absent from the Premises and the Premises is unoccupied for an extended period as defined under insurance policies, the Tenant is to arrange for inspection by a competent person and inform the Landlord he/she will be absent from the Premises. Please ask a friend or relative to check on your home regularly to ensure the heat is ON and that there are no leaks present. The heat should ALWAYS be on in the winter and set no lower than 16 degrees celsius.

#### PRE-WINTER YARD CLEAN UP:

Tenant is to maintain any exterior lawns, yard space and landscaping which are a part of the leased property, unless they are being maintained by a Condominium Corporation of which the property is a part of. Please ensure the yard and leaves are cleaned prior to snowfall. If you are unable to complete yourself, we recommend you contact a qualified landscaper.

## SNOW REMOVAL:

Tenant shall keep the sidewalk, entrance, driveway or parking space clean and tidy and free of objectionable material, including snow and ice. Any fines assessed by Community or Condo Association will be assessed back to the Tenant

#### WOOD BURNING CHIMNEY USE:

Improper use of fireplaces can cause a build-up of creosote which is highly combustible and the main cause of chimney fires.

To minimize creosote: • Burn only seasoned woods

- Do not burn trash
- Don't allow the fire to smolder

## WINDOW CONDENSATION:

Closed blinds can create a cold air gap between the blind & window. This will cause ice to form on the inside glass that melts during the day. The ice melt pooling on the window sill causes permanent damage.