

WINCHESTER COUNTRY

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THE WINCHESTER COUNTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF WINCHESTER COUNTRY

A Very Merry Christmas

PLANNING AHEAD...

Mark your calendar's for Cookies with Santa on Saturday December 9, 2017. Why stand in line at the mall when you can just pop into the Winchester Country Clubhouse between 1-3pm, and for \$2.00 (per sitting) you can have your picture taken with Santa right here. We'll have cookies and Santa for all kids – little and big ones, too!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Please consider donating two hours of your time to make our WC children very happy and foster a sense of community.

Email Debi at wcmclubhouse@winchestercountry.org or call 281-890-8856 for more information.



DECEMBER 2017

- 9 Cookies with Santa @ Clubhouse 1-3pm
- 12 Quilt Group Meeting @ 6pm
- 14 HOA Board Meeting
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 31 Happy New Year's Eve!

JANUARY 2018

- 1 New Year's Day
- 9 Quilter's Group Meeting @ 6pm
- 11 HOA Board Meeting
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 23 Quilter's Group Meeting @ 6pm
- 29 Senior's Group Meeting @ 6pm

FEBRUARY 2018

- 8 HOA Board Meeting
- 13 Quilt Group Meeting @ 6pm
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 19 President's Day
- 26 Seniors Group Meeting @ 6pm
- 27 Quilt Group Meeting @ 6pm

DECEMBER OFFICE HOURS

Monday 5pm-7pm
Thursday 10am-2pm

Winchester Country

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FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

Please clean up all firework trash to help keep the neighborhood a beautiful community!

QUILTING GET TOGETHER

Please join us at this neighborhood quilt group. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month from 6pm-9pm in Clubhouse 1 at Winchester Country Clubhouse. Come join the fun!! All are welcome from Beginners to Advanced. Bring your machines or your hand projects. This is not a formal group. We are in it for the camaraderie. Contact Christine at slkwally@aol.com for more information. Also, you can see us at www.nwpiemakers.com or on Facebook the group is called Northwest Piecemakers.



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WINTER LAWN CARE TEXAS STYLE

Whether you're to Texas or have lived here all your life, you might be wondering how to keep your grass healthy throughout winter so you have a lush, green lawn come spring. If you need a few pointers, just follow these guidelines below and give your lawn the care it needs to thrive all year round!

1. Tailor your watering to the season. Since we don't get any snow in Texas, our lawn still needs to be taken care of in winter. Keep in mind that grass needs about 1 to 2 inches of rain per week, including any rainfall. Be sure to water your lawn if it's been a few weeks without rain, as it's probably thirsty. In terms of when and how to water your lawn, early morning is best so it can dry throughout the day and stave off lawn diseases. Also, most experts agree that deep, infrequent watering is the most beneficial for deep root growth.
2. Try to stay off the lawn. It may be tempting to walk across your lawn as a shortcut, but use the designated walking paths if possible. Although grass is pretty resilient, it can still get worn down if it's repeatedly trampled on. Likewise, try to keep your lawn clear of stray objects or children's toys so it can breathe.
3. Use stray leaves to your advantage. There's a lot of debate on whether or not you should rake up all those leaves left on your lawn in fall and winter. When it comes down to it, a few stray leaves won't be enough to kill your lawn, but if there are so many leaves that you can't even see your grass anymore, you may have a problem on your hands. Not only can a solid blanket of leaves suffocate your lawn, but they can provide warmth and shelter for a variety of lawn nuisances like rodents, fungi, and insects. When spring rolls around, you could find yourself with all sorts of critter damage. However, you don't necessarily need to bag up all those leaves and take them to the curb. They can actually be a great source of nutrients for your grass if you turn them into a mulch. This can be easily done with a mulcher or by simply mowing over the leaves so you'll be left with a natural fertilizer to feed the grass.

WEBSITE

Please check out our website for all the latest in community news, events and resources. You can download pool and tennis card applications, check the rental availability of the clubhouse, view trash guidelines and see current neighborhood events.

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Starting November 1, 2017, all assessment payments and correspondence to Winchester Country Maintenance Association should be directed to Sterling's office address as follows:

Sterling Association Service, Inc.
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Along with the financial support mentioned above, Sterling's services will include enforcement of the deed restrictions, processing architectural improvements, contract administration, day-to-day operations and directives, as well as providing support to the members as it pertains to Winchester Country.

Your community will be serviced by our dedicated and professional management team which consists of Aly Long, Association Manager; Samantha Kennon, Assistant Manager; and Susan Marshall Accounting Associate. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Aly, Samantha or I via any of the mediums provided.

Sincerely,

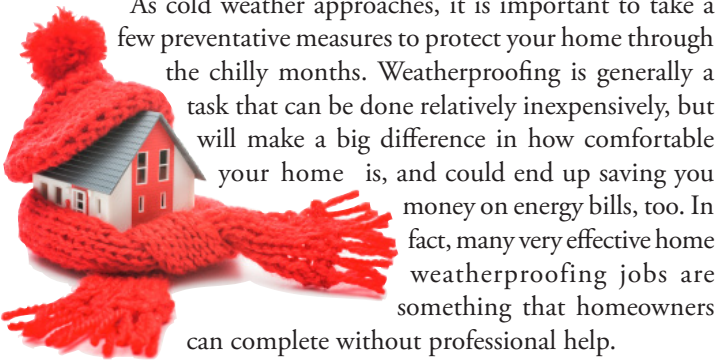
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Winchester Country WC Seniors Group

WINTERIZING YOUR HOME



As cold weather approaches, it is important to take a few preventative measures to protect your home through the chilly months. Weatherproofing is generally a task that can be done relatively inexpensively, but will make a big difference in how comfortable your home is, and could end up saving you money on energy bills, too. In fact, many very effective home weatherproofing jobs are something that homeowners can complete without professional help.

Easy Home Weatherproofing

Some small weatherproofing jobs require little to no "handiness", but can make a real difference once cold weather hits. By doing these things before the snow flies, you'll be saving yourself some hassle (and possibly some money, too!):

- Clean gutters and downspouts in mid-fall and double-check them before winter.
- Replace the filter in your furnace.
- Close any vents in your home that may have been opened for the warm weather.
- Disconnect hoses from outside faucets and turn off the water.
- Buy a snow shovel and other winter supplies before the messy weather hits.
- Keep extra water and canned food in storage just in case.
- Home Weatherproofing Inspections
- Though some homeowners might tackle these jobs themselves, there's no substitute for a professional eye to ensure home efficiency through the cold winter months:
- Check the attic, walls, and basement for adequate insulation.
- Feel around electrical outlets and switch-plates for cold air, add insulation where necessary.
- Look around doors and windows for gaps and potential places where warm air can escape.
- Caulk or apply weatherstripping around problem draft areas.
- Have a contractor look for damaged roof shingles and loose gutters.
- Have a heating/cooling expert look at your furnace if you are unsure of its efficiency.
- Have chimneys and woodstoves cleaned early in the season.
- Test the flue for each fireplace for a tight seal when closed.

Weatherproof Windows

Though there are many places in the home where heat can escape and cold air can enter, windows are one of the biggest culprits. In older homes, especially, having weatherproof windows can make a marked difference in your energy costs and how comfortable your living areas feel. In some instances, you might only need a bit of caulk or weather-stripping to weatherproof windows, but if your windows are well past their prime, consider replacing them with energy-efficient double paned windows to create a more efficient space.

If you are 55 years old or older we are looking for you. We meet the LAST Monday of the month at 6:00pm at the Winchester Country Clubhouse.

We play cards, dominoes or other games. We go out to eat and attend plays at the Family Arts Center on Grant Road or the 1960 Playhouse on Gant Road. For more information please call Helen Delaney at 281-794-8796.

OTHER SENIOR HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN. Cy Fair AARP Chapter #4543 meet the 3rd Tuesday at Jersey Village Baptist Church in Building D. Room 101 located @ 16518 Jersey Drive. Houston, Texas 77040. We gather for coffee, snacks and fellowship about 9:30am. We have speakers and we take day trips on a bus provided by Precinct 4 to various locations. We take in a movie at a local theatre once a month and we go out to eat after the meeting. We are not involved in the AARP insurance. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings. Call Helen Delaney at 281-794-8796



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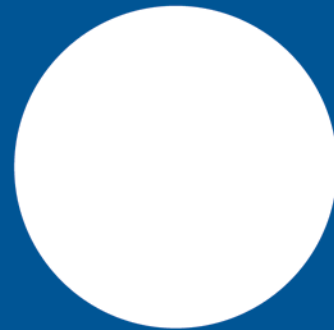
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