



DEC 12TH—DEC 20TH: HANUKKAH

The Jewish "Festival of Lights" lasting 8 days to commemorate a great victory in Jewish history allowing people to freely perform their religious practices.

DECEMBER 21ST: WINTER SOLSTICE

Due to the axis tilt of the Earth, this is the shortest day of the year in northern America.

DECEMBER 25TH: CHRISTMAS DAY

Annual commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ for many religions. Friends and family gather together to worship, feast and exchange gifts.

DECEMBER 26TH—JANUARY 1ST: KWANZAA

African American and Pan-African holiday which celebrates family, community and culture.

Wishing you a very happy
and safe holiday season!

Fire Safety During The Colder Months

This is the prime time of year that indoor fires are likely to occur and we ask you to make sure everyone in the household is aware of the possible fire dangers around them. Please read the below cautions to help prevent fire in your apartment:

USE CANDLES SAFELY—always blow out candles when leaving a room, don't burn close to anything flammable and trim the wicks to 1/4" before burning.

DON'T OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL OUTLETS—this can cause a short that can create a fire. Also, beware of worn, chewed or frayed electrical cords.

PORTABLE HEATERS NEED SPACE—make sure any portable heater being used has at least 3 feet of space from any wall, furniture or objects.

EXERCISE CAUTION IN THE KITCHEN—keep stovetops clear of spills, built-up grease, or items such as pot holders or dish towels that may easily catch fire.

USE APPLIANCES SAFELY—always keep small appliances such as hair dryers or irons unplugged when not in use. Never plug more than one heat producing appliance (i.e. coffee pot and toaster) in the same outlet.

Freezing Weather

A few recommended precautions for extreme cold weather:



- To prevent pipes from freezing, we recommend leaving your thermostat at 55 degrees.
- Leave both hot and cold water running in a steady stream.
- Open all cupboards that are under a sink so the pipes get some heat from the rest of the apartment.
- Please notify the office if you will be away from your apartment for more than a few days.
- Let the office know immediately if your pipes freeze.

Homemade Gift Ideas

- Whether you are on a budget for the holidays, or just want to give something to your loved ones that is creative and handmade, here are a few ideas for you:
- Homemade Soap, Bath Soaking Salts, or Sugar Scrubs
- Jars of any of the following: Homemade Hot Buttered Rum mix, Hot Cocoa Mix, Cookie or Brownie Mix
- Homemade Candles
- Handmade Holiday Cards
- Decorated Photo Frames or Mirrors
- Tiles Decorated into Coasters
- Creative Homemade Fridge Magnets
- Hand Painted Coffee Cups



Holiday Decorating Safety

If you decorate your home for the upcoming holidays please be aware of safety issues to avoid fire hazards

Holiday Tree:

- When choosing tree needles should be green and hard to pull back from branches. Dry needles fall off tree easily can be a fire hazard.
- Remember to water your tree regularly to keep it from drying out.
- Do not place your tree close to a heat source.



Holiday Lights:

- Inspect lights for frayed wires, bare spots, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up.
- Do not link more than 3 strands of lights together.
- Make sure to periodically check the wires—they should not be warm to the touch.
- Check out LED light options—they are longer lasting, brighter and don't warm up.
- Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.

Holiday Decorations:

- All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat sources.

On-Site Trash Services

We wanted to remind everybody about proper use of on-site trash services. Following these guidelines will help ensure that trash disposal services are properly arranged for the community.

- Residents should dispose of all garbage, debris and recycling materials in the designated dumpster or recycling receptacle
- The dumpster is only to be used for ordinary residential trash and debris from households residing at the community
- Flammable or toxic materials, furniture, household appliances, batteries and other non-residential trash not permitted in the dumpster area
- All trash must fit inside of the dumpster receptacle with the lid closed

We appreciate your efforts to maintain clean and orderly trash areas at the community. Please feel free to contact your on-site management office with any questions you might have.



UPS & FedEx Packages

As a friendly reminder...

In some cases, management offices are able to accept packages as a courtesy for residents who are not present at the time of delivery by UPS, FedEx or the USPS. Please keep in mind that packages not claimed in a prompt manner may be returned to the sender. We also appreciate your understanding if the delivery truck chooses to retain your delivery until the next scheduled day rather than delivering to the site management office.



Safety Tips: Dark Hours

Days are very short this time of year and we can find ourselves in the dark more often. Here are a few safety tips for these darker days:

- Never walk alone in the dark. If you must walk outside during dark hours bring a friend or family member with you.
- Stay in well lit areas if you can, even if it's a little longer route.
- Wear bright colored clothing and try to wear/carry something reflective. If you will be walking in the dark after work or after school wearing bright or reflective apparel will help you to be visible to others, including vehicles.



Benefits of LED Lights

According to the Department of Energy LED lights are safer, sturdier, longer lasting, and easier to install. For more detailed information about the benefits of LED Lights check out this link: <http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/led-lighting>

All joking aside...

Q: What does a snowman eat for breakfast?

A: Frosted Flakes!

Q: How do Eskimos make their beds?

A: With sheets of ice and blankets of snow!

