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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing everyone in Newtown Grant a Happy & Healthy 2025 from the entire team here at Newtown Grant, including Clubhouse Staff and Management. We sincerely hope that 2025 will be an amazing year for all of the families in Newtown Grant.

Please be advised that the Management Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, January 1st in observance of New Year's, CLOSED on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and CLOSED on Monday, February 17th for Presidents' Day. For any Common Area Property Management Emergencies/Concerns, please contact the 24/7 Customer Service number at 1-800-870-0010



NON-SUMMER SEASON CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Our non-summer season clubhouse hours are as follows:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday: 8:30am – 8:00pm
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Winter Driving Helpful Hints!

Winter is just around the bend and when inclement weather arrives we must remember to drive defensively and with caution.

To make sure your vehicles are prepared for what's ahead:

- Make sure that your car battery is properly charged and does not need to be replaced.
- Ensure that all tires have the proper air pressure and that the tread is in good condition.
- Make sure that all your belts and hoses are in good working condition as well as your windshield wipers and fluid, brake system and exterior lighting.
- Before heading out on the road, make sure that your windshield is clean. Remove all ice and snow from your entire vehicle.
- Remove items near heat vents.



Slow down when visibility is limited. Posted speed limits are for ideal road conditions. It can take a vehicle a great deal longer to stop in ice and snow than on dry pavement. Remember, it's easier to get moving with four-wheel drive, but these vehicles do not stop faster than any other vehicle on the road.

Anticipate potential danger and adjust your speed to allow time to react. Always give yourself a space cushion between you and the car in front of you; this will pay off if a problem arises. Finally, watch for other drivers that may not be prepared for the changing conditions.

CHIMNEY SAFETY

There's nothing as serene as a warm, crackling fire on a cold, winter night. There's also nothing more dangerous if your chimney is damaged.



Broken or cracked chimneys can let heat, smoke and toxic gasses, such as carbon monoxide, into your home. Your home could even catch fire. Chimney damage is often obvious, but sometimes it can be hidden. Use the following checklist, provided by Ready Virginia!, to help ensure that you can enjoy your fireplace and avoid problems—or even a disaster:

- Check to see if bricks have fallen or the chimney is leaning.
- Look for shiny areas on your exterior metal chimney pipe. This could mean the chimney has shifted—during the recent East Coast earthquake, for instance.
- Look for cracks at joints where the chimney connects to the firebox, at the roofline and in the attic.
- Check for debris that may have fallen into the fireplace.
- Use a screwdriver to check the mortar between the bricks or stones. If it crumbles when you pick at it, the chimney may be a hazard and probably needs work.

When in doubt, consult a licensed engineer or contractor. For the name of an inspector, call your insurance or mortgage company.

Remember, disasters can happen even in the best of homes. That's why every home should be equipped with carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Here are a few tips:



- Install carbon monoxide and smoke detectors in sleeping areas and on every level of your home and away from air vents. Interconnected smoke alarms are best, because if one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms monthly, and change alkaline batteries at least once a year. Use a familiar date, such as your birthday or when you change your clocks, as a reminder.
- Prepare and practice a fire escape route with everyone in your home, including children.

For more information, visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms.

NEWTOWN GRANT CLUBHOUSE TRASH ENCLOSURE AND ASSOCIATION PET WASTE TRASH CANS

Please be advised that the clubhouse trash cans and the association wide pet waste trash cans are not to be used for the disposal of private household trash. Unfortunately, the association has seen an uptick in the amount of private household trash that are being disposed in these cans.



The pet waste trash cans are smaller gallon cans that are emptied twice a week and when someone disposes a bag (s) of household trash in these cans, these cans begin overflow. Household trash that is generated is the responsibility of that individual household to dispose of with a privately selected trash hauler.

Moving forward, anyone caught illegally disposing household trash in either the clubhouse trash enclosure or the association wide pet waste trash cans will automatically be issued a violation fine of \$350.00

PER NEWTOWN GRANT RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING TRASH CAN(S) STORAGE:

- Trash bins and/or trash bags shall not be permitted to stand along the outside wall of any building
- All non-recyclable trash shall be in bags that tie closed and be placed within trash bins with a top closure.
- Trash bins and recyclable trash containers shall not be placed outside until the evening before the scheduled trash pick-up no earlier than 7:00 PM.
- Trash bins and recyclable trash containers shall be removed from the street returned inside as soon as possible, but no later than 9:00 PM on the day of pick-up.
- Society Place Condominiums use dumpsters and initiates an immediate and un-waivable fine of \$50 per bag/box left on the ground and not deposited in trash bins. This fine escalates with each infraction



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DOES WINTER GET YOU DOWN? IT MAY BE MORE THAN JUST THE WEATHER

Most of us rue the end of summer—sunny days, mild nights, vacations, the beach, ball games, picnics and so much more. Although fall and winter bring holidays, the warmth of a fireplace and football (actual and fantasy), for many people the winter months mark the return of seasonal depression.

It's known in medical circles as seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a type of depression that affects a person during the same season each year. If you get depressed in the winter but feel much better in spring and summer, SAD may be the culprit. Symptoms typically start in September or October and end in April or May.

Anyone can be affected by SAD, according to WedMD, but it is most common in:

- Women
- People who live in areas where winter days are very short or there are significant changes in the amount of daylight in different seasons.
- People between the ages of 15 and 55; the risk of SAD declines as we age.
- People who have a close relative with SAD. Like many other ailments, genetics can play a role.

Experts are not sure what causes SAD, but they suspect a lack of sunlight, which may upset your sleep patterns. It also may cause problems with a brain chemical called serotonin that affects mood. Symptoms may include feeling sad, moody and/or anxious; losing interest in your usual activities; eating more and craving carbohydrates, such as breads and pasta; gaining weight, and sleeping more and feeling drowsy during the daytime.

Treatments

Doctors often prescribe light therapy to treat SAD. There are two types of light therapy:

- Bright light treatment. For this treatment, you sit in front of a “light box” for half an hour or longer, usually in the morning.
- Dawn simulation. For this treatment, a dim light goes on in the morning while you sleep, and it gets brighter over time, like a sunrise.

Other treatments can include antidepressants and counseling.

There are many articles online about SAD—check out Wikipedia and the Mayo Clinic or type “season affective disorder” into your browser.



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NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

Newtown Township Public Works Department has developed a formal plan of action for snow and ice control. The following excerpts are some of the areas we find most important for you, the resident, to be informed of. Working together we believe we will be able to proactively assure a smooth operating procedure for combating winter storms. Please familiarize yourself with these guidelines and adhere to them. Ultimately, you will be helping your Township to help you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Application of Salt to Road Surfaces

Salt and/or magnesium chloride will be applied when snow begins to lie or rain freezes on road surfaces. Salting assignments shall be in accordance with snow and ice control maps. Salting will cease when snow reaches a depth of two inches, except when salting and plowing simultaneously.

Snow Removal and Plowing

Snow plowing usually begins when the sitting snow reaches a depth of two inches, or at the discretion of the Director of Public Works. Every street within Newtown Township will be plowed to the curb, widening the street to allow for additional snow and drainage when melting begins. Snow will be plowed from roads in order of priority starting with primary, arterial, secondary and lastly cul-de-sacs. During significant snowstorms, the Public Works Department plow trucks will maintain all primary and secondary arterial routes within the township (e.g., Route 413, Linton Hill Road, Eagle Road).



PennDOT will maintain state roads such as the Newtown Bypass, Stoopville Road, and Swamp Road. For a complete list of state roads please visit our road management page. (<https://newtownpa.gov/newtown-township-department-of-public-works/management-of-roads-within-newtown-township>)

Our current fleet consists of 8 combination spreader and plow trucks of various sizes. In addition, the township maintains access to 3 pickup trucks and 3 tractors operated by part time staff, as well as 8 additional contract trucks.

Resident Guidelines During a Snow Storm

DO NOT shovel, blow, or push snow from driveways or sidewalks into roadways. This practice is dangerous and illegal and can leave the homeowner liable in case of an accident. Snow must be kept within the homeowner's property limits.

DO NOT leave trash and recycle cans in roadways or near curb areas as snow from the plow may dump or damage the container. Due to weather conditions the trash hauler may not do their regular pickup days.

DO NOT leave basketball backstops at curb areas in the right-of-way. Damage has resulted to backstops and Township vehicles during snow removal. The Township is not responsible for damage to backstops.

PLEASE DO help to insure that public fire protection is maintained by shoveling snow away from fire hydrants located on or near your property.

Residents with power and gas outages or emergencies should contact PECO at 1 (800) 841-4141.

Residents are encouraged to register with Bucks County Ready Notify PA, (<https://member.everbridge.net/453003085612336/login>) to receive storm and news alerts. You can sign up for an account using the link.

NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES (CONT):

Parking During a Snow Storm

ALL vehicles must be removed from any dedicated road or street after an accumulation of one inch or greater of snow until snow has been completely removed from the entire width of the cartway and, **until 24 hours after the storm**. Any vehicle in violation of this law may be towed, ticketed and impounded at the discretion of the Police Department. Please be advised that during such snow storm, only the upper parking lot located by the softball in the recreation area will be available for snow storm parking in the event there isn't sufficient off street parking.



Snow Removal from Sidewalks

It is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to clear the sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Snow is to be placed on the property owner's property. Snow should **NEVER** be placed in the roadway.

Public Emergencies

The Township encourages residents to make known their critical needs, before the storm when roads may be impassible due to weather conditions and events. Every effort will be made to ensure your accommodate requests.

*Residents, please help to ensure fire protection is maintained by shoveling snow away from the fire hydrants location on or near your property.

*Residents with snow related concerns (i.e. extended power outages, residents with special needs, etc) please contact Newtown Emergency Management 215-968-2800 x 255

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING NOT PERMITTED:

Per Newtown Grant Master Board Rules and Regulations:

All vehicles must be properly licensed and registered. Vehicles may not be disabled, leaking fluids, and must not be in an obvious state of disrepair. Only private passenger type sedans, coupes, vans, sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks and two wheel power vehicles are allowed to park in Newtown Grant, unless garaged in the Unit. No recreational vehicles (including but not limited to campers, or any kind, motor homes, boats or other recreational equipment), nor commercial vehicles (regardless of whether licensed or registered as a commercial vehicle) may be parked in Newtown Grant, unless garaged in the Unit.



Vans, as well as other enclosed vehicles must have windows on all four sides. Vans and other enclosed vehicles must have windows in the front and back on the passenger and driver's side. Blank metal sides or panel sides are not permitted. No vehicle may have a commercial appearance, including but not limited to ladder, tool and equipment racks or visible advertising or lettering. Dump trucks, vehicles having a double rear axle, fifth wheels, and other vehicles of similar nature are specifically prohibited anywhere in Newtown Grant unless garaged.

Commercial vehicles are permitted to park temporarily (but not overnight) in Newtown Grant in connection with service or repair to a Unit or the Common Element

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IS YOUR CAR READY FOR WINTER?

As the weather gets colder and the days get shorter, it's important to make sure your car is ready for the winter season. Here are a few winter maintenance reminders.

- **Seasonal Inspections:** A full checkup before winter hits is essential. Have your car's battery, brakes, fluids and belts inspected to make sure everything is in good shape. Cold weather can put extra stress on these parts, so catching any issues early can save you from bigger problems down the road.
- **Tire Check & Winter Tires:** Your tires are critical for staying safe, especially as the roads get slick. Check your tires' thread, pressure, and overall condition. If you're driving in snow and icy conditions, you may want to purchase winter tires that offer better traction and control.
- **Brake Maintenance:** Good brakes are a must in any season, but they're especially important when driving on slick, wet or snowy roads. Have your brake pads and rotors checked and if needed, replaced to ensure your car stops smoothly and safely.
- **Heater and Defroster Check:** A working heater and defroster are key to comfort and safety in winter. Make sure your heater is working well and that your defroster will keep your windshield clear for good visibility.
- **Oil and Fluid Changes:** Cold weather can make engine oil thicker, which means your car has to work harder. Change your oil to the correct type for winter driving. Make sure other important fluids like coolant, brake fluid and windshield washer fluid are also topped off.
- **Battery Testing:** Cold weather can drain a weak battery fast. Have your battery tested to make sure it's strong enough to last through the winter. If it's getting weak, replace it to avoid surprises on cold mornings.
- **Lights, Wipers and More:** As daylight hours get shorter, having working headlights, brake lights and wipers is even more important. Seconds count when visibility is poor, we make sure your lights are bright, and your wipers are in good condition to handle rain, snow and ice.



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Per Newtown Grant, Newtown Township and the State of Pennsylvania:

- No pet shall be permitted to run at large or to roam without a leash on any lands other than its owner's land.

Additionally, per the State of Pennsylvania: "All dogs must be under control not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners responsible for damages caused by their dog."

<https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Animals/DogLaw/pa-dog-laws/Pages/default.aspx>



Anyone observed of having their pet off leash-off their personal property will be subjected to a \$100.00 Newtown Grant Homeowners Association fine and a \$350.00 fine from the Township and State of Pennsylvania.

Dog Park at Core Creek Park:

For those owners/residents who are looking for an off-leash venue for your dog to run at large or roam around without a leash, Core Creek Park which part of the Bucks County Parks and Recreation department has a beautiful

dog park. Amenities include benches, landscaped pathways, water fountain, restrooms, convenient parking, waste bags and waste stations. Core Creek Park is a short 10-15 minute drive from Newtown Grant.

Bucks County residents can register and purchase a key fob which will allow you access to the dog park from dawn and until dusk. Dogs must also have a valid Bucks County registration and be up to date with vaccinations.

For additional information regarding the Dog Park at Core Creek Park, please visit the following link: <https://www.buckscounty.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/OffLeash-Dog-Park-47>



Newtown Grant Pet (Dog) Waste Policies:

Any person owning or having the care, custody, possession, or control of a dog(s) while off the person's premises shall have in their possession the equipment necessary to remove the dog's fecal matter and shall so remove such fecal matter deposited by their dog(s) before the owner leaves the immediate area where the fecal matter deposited. Pets shall NOT be walked between buildings (rear or side yards) except in case where side yard is completely private. Pets may be walked in designated areas on the perimeter of the Community. Please dispose of pet waste in the designated trash cans on North/South Drive and Jonquil Drive or in your own garbage can only.

A violation of this Section shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which shall be assessed for a first offense of a violation of this section and Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each occurrence thereafter. These fines will not be waived.

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SNOW REMOVAL: WATCH YOUR BACK

Lower back strain is one of the most common injuries related to shoveling snow. The following measures can help you prevent injuries and keep your back healthy while shoveling:

- Before the first snowfall is predicted, make sure you have a proper shovel. The best shovel is one that is light weight, ergonomic and has a curved handle. Your shovel should also be long enough so that you can avoid bending over while shoveling and short enough so that the load on the blade when you lift it is close to your body.
- Make sure that you have other essential equipment, like warm, waterproof and skid-proof boots, as well as gloves, a hat, a coat and sunglasses to protect against glare.
- Warm up before you start shoveling by walking around for five or 10 minutes, then stretch your arms, legs and back.
- If possible, shovel when the snow is fresh rather than after it has been packed down and is heavier.
- If the area you need to clear is large, shovel in stages starting with the most critical path first.
- Switch hands often, and keep your hands separated with one hand closer to the blade.
- Keep the loads light, rather than piling large amounts of snow on your shovel blade. If the snow is deep, shovel in layers.
- Avoid bending and twisting as you lift, and empty each shovel full of snow. When possible, push the snow to one side as you clear the path.
- Avoid throwing snow off the shovel blade, especially over your shoulder.
- Take a break every 15 or 20 minutes to straighten and stretch your back.
- Stay hydrated.



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Rental Agreement and details can be found on our website: [https:// www.newtowngrant.org/club-house](https://www.newtowngrant.org/club-house)

- The 'Calendar' tab can be used to check availability for the date you plan to host your event.
- The 'Banquet Room Rental' tab is where you will find the rental agreement document, along with the hours and additional information.

For all event planning questions and scheduling please contact the Community Manager at Newtown Grant Clubhouse or email rob.degeorge@fsresidential.com





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NEWTOWN GRANT CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION AMENDMENT

Effective January 1st, 2025, Newtown Grant Homeowners Association has adjusted the Capital Contribution amount that a new buyer pays at settlement. This amendment adjustment has no impact on any unit's overall value, tax assessment or what each unit pays in terms of association fees. The adjustment only effects a buyer to which instead of paying ¼ of the yearly master association fees as a capital contribution at settlement, they now will be responsible for paying 100% of master association fee from the most recently completed fiscal year.

For example, in 2024, the capital contribution amount for a buyer to Newtown Grant Master was \$84.00 which is ¼ of the 2024 yearly master association fees of \$336.00. In 2025, the Capital Contribution amount for a buyer will be \$336.00. The increased revenue of the capital contribution for the master association will fund and offset future capital and reserve expense items.

The full amendment can be viewed here:

www.newtowngrant.org/files/ugd/f52f49_0c63b922b1d84fc88ce8ca5d21ca9c41.pdf

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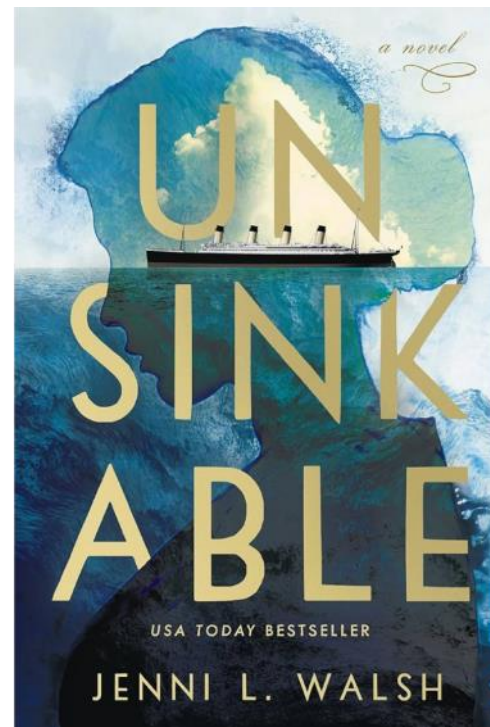
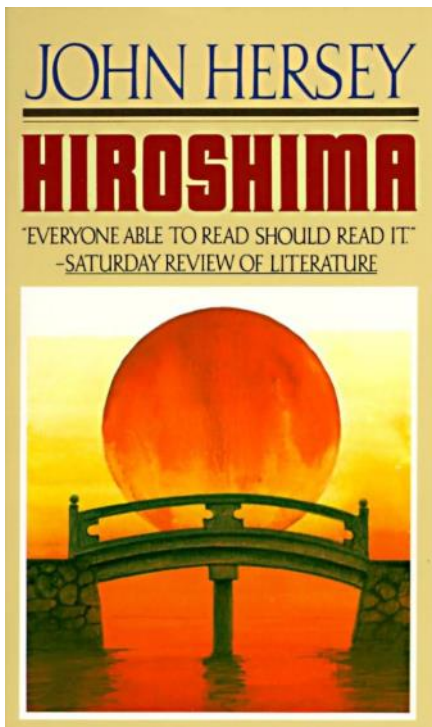
NEWTOWN GRANT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOOK CLUB

Newtown Grant Homeowners Association Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, January 14th and Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 pm. at the Newtown Grant Recreation Clubhouse.

On January 14th, we will be discussing the book "Hiroshima" by John Hersey.

On February 11th, we will be discussing the book "Unsinkable" by Jenni L. Walsh.

If you are interested in joining our book club, please contact Andrew Bell at Atbell2@gmail.com.



ROB'S REVIEW

Drive Carefully – Friendly reminder to please obey the speed limit signs in Newtown Grant which is 25 MPH and Jonquil Drive and fifteen (15) miles per hour on all other streets. All STOP signs at intersections MUST be observed. This is enforced by Newtown Township Police Department.



Game Room & Clubhouse – Game Room is available weekends only. Game Room features a Ping Pong Table, Foosball Table, Billiards Table and Dart Board! A valid identification card is required to provide to the recreation staff to access the Game Room during the hours of 4:00-8:00pm on Fridays, 12:00-8:00pm Saturdays and 12:00-7:00pm Sundays.

Lending Library – Check out our new Lending Library located in the clubhouse lobby. This is a “leave a book, take a book” library that is available when the clubhouse is open.



Visit Our Website - Visit our Website! - Please visit our website at www.newtowngrant.org for information on the Clubhouse and the Community. You can find info on all the clusters within Newtown Grant. You can also see management contact info for FirstService Residential, CAMCO and Continental Property Management. If you need immediate attention you can contact our FirstService Customer Care Center at 800-870-0010.

Environmental Review Board (ERB) Reminders for Exterior Home Improvements – As the spring and summer months approach, as a friendly reminder, to please double check with your respective clusters regarding what exterior home improvements require an Environmental Review Board (ERB) to be submitted for board approval prior to scheduling. To view your clusters ERB guidelines, please check out the Newtown Grant website at www.newtowngrant.org, then click on the Master Board & Clusters tab and then your respective cluster. ERB guidelines and forms can be found on the right hand side of the screen. For any questions or additional information, please contact your associated cluster property manager for assistance.



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- Trash bins and/or trash bags shall not be permitted to stand along the outside wall of any building
- All non-recyclable trash shall be in bags that tie closed and be placed within trash bins with a top closure.
- Trash bins and recyclable trash containers shall not be placed outside until the evening before the scheduled trash pick-up no earlier than 7:00 PM.
- Trash bins and recyclable trash containers shall be removed from the street returned inside as soon as possible, but no later than 9:00 PM on the day of pick-up. e. Society Place Condominiums use dumpsters and initiates an immediate and un-waivable fine of \$50 per bag/box left on the ground and not deposited in trash bins. This fine escalates with each infraction.

Per Newtown Grant Master Board Rules and Regulations:

All vehicles must be properly licensed and registered. Vehicles may not be disabled, leaking fluids, and must not be in an obvious state of disrepair. Only private passenger type sedans, coupes, vans, sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks and two wheel power vehicles are allowed to park in Newtown Grant, unless garaged in the Unit. No recreational vehicles (including but not limited to campers, or any kind, motor homes, boats or other recreational equipment), nor commercial vehicles (regardless of whether licensed or registered as a commercial vehicle) may be parked in Newtown Grant, unless garaged in the Unit.

Vans, as well as other enclosed vehicles must have windows on all four sides. Vans and other enclosed vehicles must have windows in the front and back on the passenger and driver's side. Blank metal sides or panel sides are not permitted. No vehicle may have a commercial appearance, including but not limited to ladder, tool and equipment racks or visible advertising or lettering. Dump trucks, vehicles having a double rear axle, fifth wheels, and other vehicles of similar nature are specifically prohibited anywhere in Newtown Grant unless garaged.

Commercial vehicles are permitted to park temporarily (but not overnight) in Newtown Grant in connection with service or repair to a Unit or the Common Element

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A MESSAGE ABOUT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Good Rain Gone Wrong

Stormwater becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Stormwater travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants stormwater carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because stormwater does not get treated!

- Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by stormwater, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.
- Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where stormwater runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.
- Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.
- Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.



Restoring Rain's Reputation

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent stormwater pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil,
- Cleaning supplies and paint-never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in stormwater runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles.
- Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact stormwater runoff to your community.
- Install innovative stormwater practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture stormwater and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from stormwater outfalls during times of dry weather-a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess, in a backyard or at the park, stormwater runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute stormwater indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to stormwater.



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TIPS FOR WINTER

Fall is the time to prepare for winter—cold and wet conditions not only make you miserable, but they can damage your home.

Some winterizing can wait, some can't. Make a list of what needs to be done, and tackle the time sensitive tasks first.

Here's a simple checklist from the association to help you get a jump on winter.

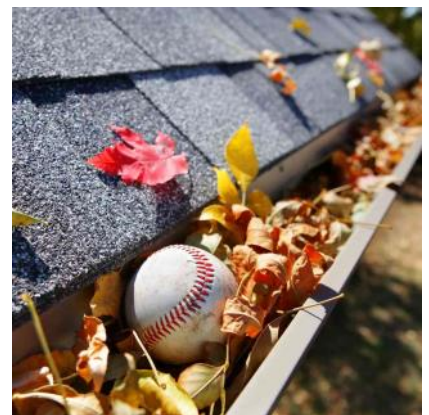
Indoor Winterizing

- Examine doors and replace weather-stripping as needed.
- Examine window caulking and reseal where needed.
- Examine and repair vents where needed.
- Clean chimneys and flues.
- Remove items near heat vents.
- Place nonskid runners or doormats outside to help keep water, sand, and salt out of the house.



Outdoor Winterizing

- Cut back tree branches and shrubs that hide signs or block light.
- Examine outdoor handrails and tighten if needed.
- Turn off electrical breakers for outdoor equipment.
- Close hose bibs.
- Clean out gutters and downspouts.
- Clear yard drains.
- Spray outdoor locks and hinges with lubricant.
- Stake driveway and walkway edges that may be difficult to find under deep snow. Assemble, stockpile or refresh winter supplies:
 - Batteries
 - Candles and matches
 - Ice melt and deicer
 - Sand
 - Snow shovels



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP CHIEF OF POLICE

Newtown Township Police Department would like to remind all residents of Newtown Grant to please adhere to the posted speed limits and stop signs within the neighborhood. The Police department has received complaints and has requested police enforcement.

Our officers have been instructed to strictly enforce the traffic laws to ensure for the safety of our community members, so please slow down and yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians are also asked to walk on the sidewalks and pathways designed for pedestrian traffic rather in the the street for your safety.

Thank you!

Chief John L. Hearn



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