

KEEP YOUR MOBILE HOMES WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING

Unfortunately, mobile homes are very prone to pipes freezing because they are smaller and have thinner materials making up their walls and foundation. The process of making sure your mobile home stays protected is different than in a stationary home, as well.

- First, make sure you have heat tape around the pipes plus some insulation around the pipe that goes into the ground.
- Next, make sure all your skirting is together so freezing winds to get under your home.
- And finally, DRIP! Once the temperature drops into the 20's, and the wind chill factor is even lower, I drip my kitchen faucet. This keeps the water flowing and reduces stationary water which can turn into ice. If it's too late and your pipes have frozen, you'll need to go to a rental place and get a kerosene turbo heater. You'll remove a piece of skirting and place the heater just outside your home. Do not put it under or real close to your home since it does get pretty hot. Keep all your faucets open so once you see the water running, you can turn it off, but keep the water running and flush your toilet for a bit. You should get more information from the rental company. And now, DRIP!!

WHAT MR. MIKE'S NEIGHBORHOOD CAN DO FOR YOU IN 2024

Whether you're leasing your home or a homeowner, there are items in your lease that Management will not help you with - changing furnace filters, ceiling light bulbs, smoke detector batteries, picking up packages delivered on your porches when you're not home, especially for my Seniors and Handicapped Neighbors. I'm just a text away. If there's something you need, it never hurts to ask.

WHY DO PEOPLE LITTER?

If you notice how much cleaner our Community has been over the past months, it's because Linda and I walk the park every single day, and pick up every small and large piece of trash. We want to live in a clean Community and feel that the only way this can be accomplished is to walk the park. Little pieces of paper, cigarette butts, plastic bags, if not managed daily can become an ugly site, and can be detrimental to our Neighbors health attracting unwanted rats, possums, racoons, ants and roaches.

So why do some Neighbors continue to throw their trash on the ground, while others observe the taboo on littering? It's the burger wrapper tossed from a moving car, the plastic bottle left behind in your parking space, and the cigarette butt dropped on the sidewalk. Why can't some people just hold onto that burger wrapper? Or tuck a plastic bottle back into their bag? Researchers call it "littering behavior," and there are multiple reasons why people mindlessly discard their trash. People are more likely to litter if they were in an area that already had trash on the ground. A person in their parking area that's cluttered with cigarette butts and food wrappers is more apt to litter than someone at a manicured park. Some people feel no sense of ownership for our Community. They believe someone else will pick up after them and it's not their responsibility. But it is. **Help Keep Our Community Clean!**

FINAL THOUGHT:

Since Management and Sun Communities has stopped me from passing out my newsletter to every home, I've lost many Neighbors who are not receiving information on programs we have for them, which is why they put so many roadblocks in my way. I provide programs that are of value to many of our Seniors, Handicapped and Disabled that Management and Sun do not, or will not provide. This makes it look like we do more for our Community than Management, and that doesn't look good for them. They would sooner deprive you of information, then allow us to do our good work. So if you're a Neighbor that reads our newsletter either in paper form or on the website, and you see a program that will benefit your Neighbor, tell them to call me. With Management and Sun tying my hands, I can only do so much by myself. Become an active part of our Community. **You don't have to be a close friend to your Neighbor to be a good Neighbor!**
