Winter Weather in Wisconsin

Winter weather will soon be upon us – bringing with it the snow, ice, and bitter cold temperatures that come with the territory here in Wisconsin. With a little bit of planning and a few preparations on your part, the winter elements are still manageable and survivable.

Winter storms can be just as deadly as summer tornadoes and severe thunderstorms. They can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. One major concern is the winter weather’s ability to knock out heat, power, and communications services to our homes and offices – sometimes for days at a time. Heavy snowfalls and extreme cold can immobilize an entire region, hindering rescue and recovery efforts. Large snowfalls, freezing rain, sleet, and ice can make driving extremely treacherous during the winter months. Sadly, many winter deaths result from traffic crashes on poor road conditions. So what can you do to be ready? Winterize yourself, your home or apartment, and your car.

If you absolutely must be out in cold weather, dress for success:

- Wear layers of warm, loose fitting clothes
- Cover exposed skin to prevent frostbite
- Wear proper footwear – good boots or overshoes, not your tennis shoes.
- When walking or driving, use the “buddy system” and let a friend or relative know where you’re going, when you’re leaving, and your route of travel.

Winterize your residence:

- Have the heating system checked and tuned
- Have some ice melt, sand, and a shovel or two ready to go
- Know how to turn off water valves in case pipes do freeze
- Keep some dry wood on hand if you have a fireplace or wood burning stove as backup sources of heat
- If you have pets or animals, look out for them and their shelters too
- Maintain an emergency kit with the basics you’d need to survive a long power outage and a loss of heat to your house/apartment.

Winterize your vehicle:

- Have the battery and coolant system checked
- Carry an emergency kit with you in your vehicle – it should include items like a first aid kit, a blanket, jumper cables, a shovel, a change of clothes, etc.
- Ensure the tires are designed and ready for winter driving
- Pay attention to media sources for winter weather updates. Today’s forecasts have become pretty accurate, and watches and warnings come with plenty of advance notice.
- When officials are advising people to stay off the roads, there is a valid reason for that – please heed the warning and don’t drive.

You can’t stop winter from coming, but you can be ready for it. Stay warm, be prepared, make good decisions, and stay safe!! Additional information on winter weather hazards and protective measures can be found at: http://www.nws.gov and http://www.fema.gov.
Badger Watch is the crime prevention program for the UW-Madison Campus, a collaborative effort between the community and the UW Police Department to help make the community a safer place. Badger Watch began in 2002, and relies on volunteers becoming the "extra eyes and ears" of the UW Police Department.

On January 5, 2017, the UW Police Community Officers will be hosting the 11th annual Badger Watch Safety Conference at Union South. The Badger Watch Safety Conference is a one day event that has normally only been open to Badger Watch Volunteers. New to this year we will be expanding the conference to the UW Madison community.

The conference will include a breakfast, welcome by Jim Palmer with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, lunch, and door prizes. The conference breakout sessions include; CPR (at an additional fee), Fair and Impartial Policing, UWPD Crowd Management, interactive Laser Shot training, Street Gangs in Madison, a K9 demo, an Active Shooter discussion, a panel on Sexual Assaults, a demo by the Dane County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Squad, and staying safe on social media training. We will also be providing the all-new Badger Watch Volunteer training during lunch.

This conference is free (other than the CPR training fee) and you can register by visiting: http://go.wisc.edu/qwvpwb. If you have any questions please contact one of us:
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Winter Driving Safety Tips

We would like to remind everyone that driving during snowy and icy conditions can be very dangerous. With a little preparation and planning there are many things that can be done to ensure you get to your loved ones safely. Remember that driving safely is the responsibility of all of us and if we do our part we can make this holiday season a safe and memorable one. Consider the following tips as you make your way around during the winter season:

1. Always have a full tank of fuel in your vehicle.
2. Be sure to have extra/warm clothes in your vehicle in the event you’re stranded due to vehicle breakdowns, poor road conditions, or any unforeseen issues.
3. Let others know when you leave or expect to arrive at your destination.
4. Have your cell phone with you, and don’t forget the charger. Consider carrying an extra cell phone battery with you.
5. Finally don’t push it. If it is too dangerous to drive then don’t.

Safety is everyone’s responsibility. Remember these safety tips while in your vehicle and you’ll be better prepared for emergency situations that may arise. Driving in the snow can be tricky, but if you follow these driving tips, traveling to your destination will be an enjoyable one.

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don’t try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, and turning does not happen as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don’t power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill as slowly as possible.
- Stay home. If you really don’t have to go out, don’t. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don’t tempt fate: If you don’t have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.
EAGLE’S WING TEACHER FEATURE: Mao Thao

We are happy to present to you Mao Thao. She is one of our morning Yuwa teachers and she coordinates our Glider After-School Program. Mao has worked with Eagle’s Wing since 2007 and became a full-time teacher in 2013. She is certified to teach 1st to 8th grade students and did her student teaching, here in Madison, at a middle school and three elementary schools.

Mao wanted to work with children at Eagle’s Wing while she was earning her education degree because she wanted a well-rounded experience. She also worked with children in Japan for three months through a volunteering program.

Mao was born in Thailand however her ethnicity is Hmong, a minority group in Southeast Asia. She speaks two languages – Hmong and English. Mao is engage and currently planning three weddings (yes, not one but three weddings). The three weddings to be held are reflections of three religious services that needs to be observed between the two families.

Mao loves gardening and biking. With the effect of a biking accident, she now wears a helmet religiously when biking. Under Mao’s guidance, gardening happens both outdoors as well as inside the classrooms. Eagle’s Wing Children’s Peace Garden has flourished much with her coordination.

Mao’s advice to parents would be to inquire about the after school programs. The Glider After-School Program activities are centered around the children’s interests, attention spans, and contains many educational components. Mao further commented that children teach her many facts. They have introduced her to many different cultural practices. Her students are truly inspirational.

PEST OF THE MONTH: Mice

Mice

A mouse (plural: mice) is a small rodent characteristically having a pointed snout, relatively large rounded ears and small, black eyes. They weigh about 1/2 ounce and usually are light brownish to gray. An adult is about 5 to 7 inches long, including the 3- to 4-inch tail. The best-known mouse species is the common house mouse (Mus musculus).

They are known to invade homes for food and shelter. Droppings, fresh gnaw marks, and tracks indicate areas where mice are active. Mouse nests are made from finely shredded paper or other fibrous material, usually in sheltered locations. House mice have a characteristic musky odor that reveals their presence. Mice are active mostly at night, but they can be seen occasionally during daylight hours. Mice often live in hidden areas within homes, including storage boxes, attics, lofts and wall interiors.

How Mice Enter Homes

Mice enter homes through cracks and holes found in walls, floors and foundations. Residents commonly do not recognize mouse holes until other signs of their presence appear. As a result of dropping temperatures, mice start entering homes at the beginning of fall. After mice enter a structure and find it to be safe and warm, they rarely venture outside again.

Prevention

In order to prevent mice from entering the home, all cracks, openings and holes should be sealed. All doors and windows must close properly. Do not store any food outside or in basement storage. Store food indoors in glass, plastic or metal containers with tight lids, and be certain to dispose of all food waste as soon as possible. If you think you may have a mouse problem, place a work order through the online system, and it will be responded to within 24 hours. You may also contact a University Apartments pest control professional at (608) 262-1530 for help.

Sources: orkin.com, wikipedia.com, ipm.ucanr.edu

University Apartments Office Closings

Season’s Greetings Residents!

In observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the University Apartments Community Center and Facilities offices will be closed on Saturday, December 24th through Monday, December 26th, and Saturday, December 31st through Monday, January 2nd.

Regularly scheduled hours will resume Tuesday, December 27th and Tuesday January 3rd. If you need assistance during closing hours, please contact the Resident Manager on call at 608-444-9308.

Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year.
Calling All Gardners!!

University Apartments Garden Apps due February 15

Applications for 2017 garden plots will be available December 15th

Everyone has to reapply to get a plot, even if you had one this past season. Once the application becomes available, you can find it and more information at http://www.eagleheightsgardens.org.

The deadline to apply is February 15. After that date, your name will go on a waiting list, regardless of whether you have gardened there before.

Stay Grounded with the Grounds Department

Please do not park in visitor stalls in your base lot or you may receive a $40 citation. Please read the parking policy.

All property in common areas must be in storage as of October 1st or it may be removed at any time.

Snow Removal

- Parking will change on Eagle Heights Drive, Garden parking, and 912 visitor stalls so we can pile snow in these areas.
- Residents ARE responsible for clearing snow out of their own stalls. This includes paid parking.
- Do not put snow on sidewalks or behind vehicles in the roadway.
- Do not walk in roadways or step behind plow trucks. It is very difficult to see out of the plow trucks and someone could be seriously injured.
- There are sand barrels placed in 11 areas around Eagle Heights for residents to use. Please do not take scoops or put garbage in them.

- Please place bikes in racks close to the building and not on the end or it may be damaged by snow removal equipment.
- Put garbage in dumpsters and not on the ground. We do not clean snow off of dumpsters and we may not get to clearing off snow around them for a day or more so it is very important garbage does not freeze on the ground. Clothes may be taken to the Community Center and picked up for charity organizations. If clothes are left on the ground they will be discarded.
- Do not tape doors shut if there is a draft. It is very important to be able to get out of your apartment if there is a fire. Call maintenance and they can use proper weather stripping so doors can stay open.
- Do not leave windows open in apartments and hallways. This will affect the thermostat so apartments will not heat properly.
- If using space heaters, please use carefully to avoid fire.

University Apartments Halloween Party

Photos by Joel Ninmann

Connect with us on Facebook

UW-Madison University Apartments
EVENTS THIS MONTH

You can sign-up for our events on our website located at www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments-resident-news. Please follow the instructions on the page to sign-up.

Kids Night Out
Friday, December 2, 6:00-8:45 p.m., Community Center—Large Gym
Parents, register your kids for a fun Friday night with games, crafts, snacks and more! This event is sponsored by the UW Campus Women’s Center and is for children 3-10 years of age (pre and elementary school only). Spaces are limited and fill quickly. Be sure to sign-up for one today! Registration is required.

Teen Night Out
Friday, December 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Community Center—Large Gym
Middle and High School Teens! Join us for a fun evening with your community neighbors and friends in the University Apartments Teen Night Out program. TNO is hosted by UA staff members as a monthly series of Friday night activities designed just for middle/ high school students. December’s Teen Night is a home stay at the Community Center with an open field of basketball, soccer, Frisbee, board games, music, snack foods and more. This is a free event. All participating teens will need a signed parent permission form to officially register for this activity. Registration is required.

Game Night, Movie Night
Friday, December 23, 5:00-9:00 p.m., Community Center—Large Gym
You’re Invited! Kick-off winter break with an all new Game Night at the Community Center. Enjoy a festive evening playing a variety of games including Pictionary, Twister, Taboo, Clue, Monopoly, Scrabble, Boggle, checkers, chess and many more! Games are provided, however, feel free to bring your favorite games from home and let the good times roll. Afterwards, stay for the night’s theater feature, Disney/Pixar’s “Finding Dory” playing on the large screen and voted by you!! Just keep swimming with take home Dory. Make a colorful rainbow fish or fish mobile craft while enjoying tasty rainbow fish crackers and blue raspberry lemonade. It’s a full night of fun for everyone! This is a free event, all ages are welcome. Light snacks are also provided. Registration is not required, but is recommended.

Saturday Zumba Class
Zumba Class is cancelled for the remainder of the year. Classes will resume at the end of January. New dates and times will follow.

Christmas—Community Center CLOSED
Saturday, December 24 thru Monday, December 26
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