

The Village Voice

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How to Prevent Water Pipes in a Mobile Home from Freezing

- Check the skirting around your mobile home. Do not just do a quick spot check. Look at the skirting around your entire home to make certain it is not falling down in any areas. You will also want to look for any openings in your skirting. Repair any damage you find to keep cold air from breezing past the skirting and straight to your pipes.
- Purchase insulation sleeves at your local hardware store. You can put sleeves around any pipes that are at risk for freezing from exposure to the elements. The sleeves and wraps can be easily placed around the pipes. Make certain the insulation fits as snugly as possible to prevent any wind from passing through to the pipe.
- Use electrical tape in the winter to help prevent your pipes from freezing in the coldest temperatures. You will take the electrical tape and wrap it around any pipes that are exposed and that you are able to access. Follow all instructions that come with the electrical tape carefully when installing. Do not forget to plug in the power cord for your tape after it has been installed.
- Leave one of your faucets on enough to drip. You probably do not want to let your water drip all day, so consider trying this step at night. Any pressure that forms in the water line can be relieved as a result of having water flow from one of the faucets. Consider this only on the coldest nights of the year. But be careful because this could freeze your drains.


COMMUNITY



- **Please return your signed lease to the office.** There are only about 40 tenants that haven't returned their lease to the office. Please do so this week [Thank you](#)
- Save time, be on time; sign up for direct withdrawal for the 5th of the month. Stop in the office today to sign up.
- Please do not feed feral cats, they will end up wintering under your home and can cause damage to your property
- Please clean up after your pet and please dispose of the dog waste bag in your personal trash can. Thank you.

**NO
DUMPING
VIOLATORS
WILL BE
PROSECUTED**

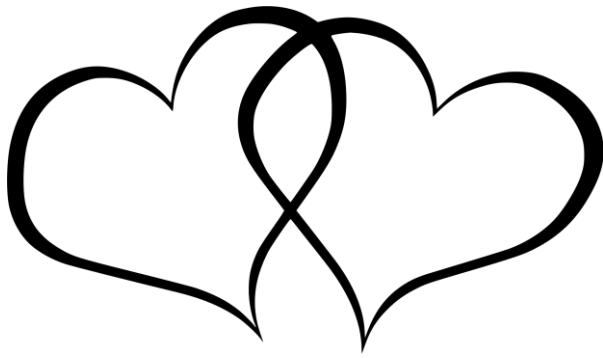
Please DO NOT dump leaves, yard waste or anything in the ditches or the field. Violators will be charged for clean-up.

- Tenants please put your garbage cans on the sidewalk Monday night, NOT on your lawns. By doing so it prevents the garbage trucks from driving on and damaging the sidewalks. 
- Received wrong mail? Please don't just leave on the table in the mail house. Bring to office or put a note on it and put back in the outbound mail.
- Winter is here! Be safe on the roads. Cars must be in the driveways so that the sidewalks/roads can be cleaned. If you are clearing your snow, be courteous of your neighbor's property.

Money Saving Tips for your manufactured home

Service your Home's Furnace

Unlike site built homes, mobile home furnaces draw air directly into the furnace through removable grilles. Cleaning or replacing the furnace filter inside can drastically reduce energy costs and make the furnace more efficient. It is also a good idea to inspect the squirrel cage blower at the top of your mobile home furnace for any dust, or grease.



M&M's Valentine's Day Cookie Bars

Prep Time 15 minutes

Cook Time 35 minutes

Total Time 50 minutes

Servings 18 -36 depending on size cut

Ingredients

- 2 sticks of butter at room temperature
- 1 cup of granulated sugar per Connie Leslie
- 1 cup of firmly packed golden brown sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups of all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon of baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon of salt
- 1 1/2 cups of Valentine's M&M's plus more for topping
- 1 cup of mini chocolate chips plus more for topping

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Line a 9x13 baking dish with foil; leave some overhang to make removal easier.
3. Spray foil generously with nonstick cooking spray.
4. In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar together until fluffy.
5. Add in eggs and vanilla extract and continue to beat.
6. Lower speed of mixer and add flour, baking soda and salt and mix until combined.
7. Add M&M's and mini chocolate chips and give a final stir, reserving some M&M's and mini chocolate chips for topping cookie bars.
8. Transfer cookie dough to prepared baking dish.
9. Press additional M&M'S and white chocolate chips into top of cookie dough.
10. Bake 35 to 40 minutes on oven rack in lower third of oven to prevent over browning.
11. Let cool completely and cut.

NEW HOMES FOR SALE

Ask us about our new home referral program

Lot #105 - \$76,000

Doublewide - MHE - 3 bedroom 2 bathroom

Lot #171 - \$49,000 - including a shed

Singlewide - MHE - 2 bedroom 2 bathroom

Lot #290 - \$78,000 - including a shed

Doublewide - MHE - 3 bedroom 2 bathroom

PRE-OWNED HOMES FOR SALE

Lot #48 - \$52,500

Doublewide - Falls Creek - 3 bedroom 2 bathroom

Where's Waldo?

Each month The Village Green awards a \$20 Meijer gift card to the resident who finds their last name placed *randomly* in the newsletter. Keep watching for your name and simply stop in at the Village Green office to collect!



Office Hours

There may be days when we will not be in the office 9-5. We will try our best to post a change in hours in advance on the office door. If for some reason we are not in you may call 616-405-9525 to reach us.



Rent is **LATE** on the 6th of each month and a **\$25.00** late fee will be applied. A reminder; please try to use checks/ money orders.

We prefer NO cash in the office as we can't make change.



THANK YOU for all the BOX TOPS!

We are always collecting Box Tops in the office.

Please clip them and bring them in



All dogs need to be on a leash *anytime* they are outside of your home.