



NEWSLETTER

MARIPOSA CO-OPERATIVE HOMES INC.

November, 2016



Fall Clean-Up

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Animal Infestation

We are experiencing a higher than normal infestation of mice and rats as well as possums and skunks.

Please keep your back yards clean and clear of litter. DO NOT store garbage in plastic bags or containers that can be scratched open. If you store garbage outside for weekly pickup do so ONLY in metal or hard plastic containers with tops that are secure.

Look for possible nesting areas, such as unused BBQs. If you are not using an old BBQ please dispose of it. If you use it infrequently, check it periodically for rodents. Also, please cut your grass and ensure that there are no spots such as dry grass, leaves, wood etc. that can offer rodents a nest or nesting materials.

In the cooler weather rodents will seek warmer areas to nest. If rats are allowed to thrive and enter your unit it is extremely difficult to remove them!

It's that time of year again when the autumn leaves begin to fall! Remember to clean up the leaves around, and near, your unit. Doing so improves the look of our Co-op and it also helps to prevent a mess come spring. **There are bags in the Office that are available to all members.** And lets not forget the common areas - the fresh fall air makes it a great time to meet your neighbours and work together for the Co-op. *If you know of a Member who is unable to clean around their unit - be a good neighbour and lend a helping hand!*

Winter Water Shut Off:

Winter is coming and it's time again to shut off the front and backyard water taps (*where you hook up your hoses*) so that the pipes do not freeze during the cold winter months. (*The front shut-off valve is located in your garage and the back valve is located in the basement.*)

Thermostat Batteries:

Please keep in mind that your thermostat uses AAA batteries. These batteries should be checked and/or replaced regularly. *The Office has batteries if you need to replace them.*

Fire Extinguishers:

It is important that every unit has at least one fire extinguisher!

If you need to purchase a fire extinguisher please keep the following in mind:

It is highly recommended that you purchase that is suitable for Class A, B and C fires. Class A extinguishers are for ordinary combustible materials such as paper, wood, cardboard, and most plastics. Class B fires involve flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, grease and oil. and, Class C fires involve electrical equipment, such as appliances, wiring, circuit breakers and outlets. Never use water to extinguish class C fires - the risk of electrical shock is far too great! It is also recommended that you have an extinguisher that is within easy access to the kitchen, the garage and any workshop area.

Smoke Alarms & CO² Detectors:

Again, please ensure that both your Smoke alarms and CO Detectors are in good working order at **ALL** times.

Functioning CO² Detectors (Carbon Monoxide Detectors) are required in every unit. **EVERY unit MUST have a CO Detector installed and working at all times - it is the law!** Remember, this is for your own safety and the safety of other Members. *Thank you.*

Office Hours:

Monday:	CLOSED
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	CLOSED
Thursday:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday:	CLOSED
Weekends	CLOSED

