November Program Of the Month

Winter Driving in Wyoming is something special and new for many students, faculty, and staff. Even if you have lived here for a while, when the first snow flies it is a time to slow down and learn again how to manage the ice and slippery roads.

The Student Leadership & Community Engagement office (SLiCE) is preparing a special event to refresh us all on safe driving in the winter and all year round. The specific times and date are yet to be announced but please watch for an announcement coming from mblack@uwyo.edu that will give you the information of when to attend.

Your safety and the safety of your friends and family may depend you learning or relearning some of these important tips for staying safe in the winter.
WINTER IS UPON US!!!

By: Elijah Cox

As we approach the holidays and the end of the semester there are some things that we all need to be aware of. First off is a shout out in Spanish Walk and Landmark specifically (you’re going to get sick of hearing this but we have a problem with it every year), when the temperature drops KEEP YOUR WINDOWS CLOSED! Every year someone leaves their windows open overnight, or over a weekend as they go on vacation. Then their pipes freeze and burst and there are thousands of dollars of damage which the resident is responsible for. So please be responsible with your windows.

As the winter closes in the snow will begin to pile up around the apartments. There are a few things to remember when we look out our window and only see white. First, each apartment in River Village is responsible for the snow removal of the sidewalk from their door to main sidewalk. Next, as you are parking your cars, remember to keep the front of your vehicles away from the sidewalk so that maintenance can plow the sidewalks without dodging vehicles. Lastly, if you plug in your vehicle remember that the sidewalk plow cannot see the cords under the snow and can tear them and potentially cause damage to vehicles. Remove that cord before 6:30 a.m.

TIPS FOR MAKING LIFE EASIER

By: Cheyenne Wortham

Just a friendly reminder, please do not leave couches, desks, TVs, washers, dryers, and other large objects next to the dumpster. The University is not responsible and will not clean up after you. You are responsible to dispose of these properly at the city dump. The City Dump is located north of town on 9th Street. Just follow the street north until you see the appropriate sign. You will get directions on what to do once you get to the entrance.

If you fail to remove your own items we will charge the appropriate person for what is left out. Either at the time it is left out or at your check out. It is cheaper for you to remove it yourself than to have us charge a removal fee so remove it yourself and save yourself the cost. Thank you.

With the climate dropping, it’s important you take care. If you are headed out of town for an extended amount of time, make sure you have your heat set at 70 degrees minimum, and your windows are closed. This will help prevent the pipes from bursting. If this does happen, the lease holder is responsible for any and all damages. Furthermore, it is not limited to your apartment. The lease holder will be held accountable for ANY/ALL damages to other apartments and the facilities will. This can result in charges in the thousands of dollars.
By: Michelle Black

The office of Environmental Health and Safety has put together some excellent information about staying safe this winter. I have taken some of their information and am reproducing it here for your use with a few tips of my own.

1) **WATCH YOUR STEP!!** Wear non-slip footwear with flat heels. Slow down and give yourself plenty of time to get where you are going. Test surfaces before you cross and avoid waning on ice (especially in shady areas and inclines). Please report icy spots to Physical Plant when you are on campus (766-6225) or when you are around the apartments to Maintenance at 766-2308.

2) **PREVENT SEASONAL FIRES!!** Cut trees and candles are not allowed in the University Apartments. Just don’t get them. If you put up a holiday tree be sure to only turn on decorative lights when you are there to observe them. Check them over before using them for wear and tear. Use only indoor lights. Exterior lights are prohibited.

3) **BE PREPARED FOR WINTER DRIVING!!** Check your battery, gasoline level, wiper fluid, oil level, and tire inflation. Always have the following: Well stocked first-aid kit, a set of tire chains, shovel & small bag of sand, snow brush & ice scraper, can of de-icer for frozen locks, blanket & dehydrated foods, flares & flashlight, and booster cables. ALWAYS CHECK [www.wyoroad.info](http://www.wyoroad.info) and have someone know your travel plans.

4) **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!!** Not only should you pay attention to having flat shoes that don’t slip but make sure you dress in layers. It is easier to take a layer off if you are a little warm. Socks, closed toe shoes or boots, mittens are better than gloves, scarves to cover your mouth, cover your head, and shield from the wind are a good investment. Prepare for the Wyoming wind and blowing snow and you will be safe and warm when you need it. You never know when a lovely morning will turn into a blustery and cold afternoon.