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Winterizing Your Manufactured Home

With the worst of winter weather still yet to come, homeowners and park operators should be preparing their homes for the cold season, if they have not done so already. Below are some helpful tips for winterizing manufactured homes:



- Check the skirting around your home to make sure it is intact and undamaged.
- Check water pipes for adequate electrical tape/heat tape to help prevent your pipes from freezing in the coldest temperatures.
- Make sure your furniture doesn't cover your heating vents.
- Use draft stoppers to keep gusts of cold air from slipping in beneath your doors. You can buy them or create your own by filling a fabric tube with newspaper or simply using a rolled up towel or blanket.
- Consider adding a curtain in front of doors and windows.
- Check electrical outlets that can let heat escape your home, especially if cracked. To prevent warm air from leaking through your electrical outlets, turn off the electricity, remove the electrical plates, and reseal the insides with caulk to keep warm air indoors.
- Unhook garden hoses in order to allow freeze-proof faucets to drain.

These are just a few ideas you can use to ensure your home is ready for the winter.

Happy Holidays!

2020 Park Operator License Registration & Renewal Due Dec. 31

Manufactured home park operators who intend to operate or maintain a manufactured home park in 2020 must register or renew their park operator license online by December 31 at this website:

https://elicense.ohio.gov/OH_CommunitiesLogin.



Any park operator that fails to timely renew the park operator license shall be required to pay a penalty that is equal to 25 percent of the park operator license fee, in addition to paying the park operator license fee.

If there are any questions or issues relating to the registration or renewal of a manufactured home park operator license, please contact Molly Flanagan at 614-644-3130 or molly.flanagan@com.ohio.gov.

Manufactured Homes Rules

The Manufactured Homes Program rules have been filed in their final form and shall take effect on Jan. 20, 2020. To view the final forms of the rules, [please click here](#).

You can search by a specific rule number or you can view all the Manufactured Homes Program rules by doing a search for a specific agency's rules and selecting "4781 – Ohio Manufactured Homes Program."



Cooking Safety

The Division of State Fire Marshal is reminding Ohioans about the dangers of cooking fires in the home. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, about 3,500 Americans die each year in fires and about 18,300 are injured. You can stop the fire before it starts. Use this fact sheet to learn how to prevent a fire in your home.



Watch What You Heat

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer as a reminder.



Keep Children and Pets Away from the Cooking Area

- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Never hold a child while you are cooking, drinking a hot liquid, or carrying hot foods or liquids.
- Keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto the burner.



Prevent Home Kitchen Fires by

- Staying Alert. You will not be alert if you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medicines or drugs that make you drowsy.
- Heating cooking oil slowly to avoid burns from spattering grease.
- Making sure you turn off the stove or oven when you are finished using it.
- Never using the stove or oven to heat your home.
- Double-checking the kitchen before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure all appliances are turned off.



Be Prepared for a Fire

- Keep an ABC multi-purpose dry chemical fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Water and grease are a dangerous combination and could cause hot greases to splatter.
- If you are cooking and a fire starts, turn off the stove or burner and put a lid on the pan to stop it. Never throw water on a grease fire.
- Have a working smoke alarm. A working smoke alarm greatly reduces your chances of dying in a fire.
- Prepare an escape plan and practice it twice a year. Have a common meeting place for everyone to gather. Make sure everyone in your family knows at least two escape routes from their bedrooms.

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