



The Redwoods HOA

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To Avoid Plumbing Stoppages

Fats, oil and grease harden along the walls of the sewer lines and block the flow, causing backups, overflows and sewer spills.



Here are things each of you can do to prevent sewer/plumbing backups:

- **Do not put grease, lard, oil, butter, shortening, etc., down the drain!** Dispose of all cooking grease into the trash. Drain all grease into a container until it's full and ready for disposal.
- Do not put coffee grinds, egg shells, rice, etc., into the garbage disposal/drains. Dispose of these items in the trash.
- Cat litter should not be flushed down the toilet. It should be thrown into the trash.
- Dispose of waste baby diapers and baby wipes into the trash.
- Dispose of feminine products into the trash.
- Use a screen in your sink drains to prevent materials from being washed down the drain.
- The toilet is not a trash can. Please dispose of hair, cotton balls, Q-tips and Kleenex in the trash.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. When operating a garbage disposal, use plenty of water to flush everything down the drain. **If your garbage disposal is old and no longer grinding the food small enough, please replace it with a new one.**

Please review these guidelines with members of your household to minimize plumbing/sewer stoppages!

ABANDONED BULKY ITEMS

We are finding abandoned bulky items (appliances, furniture, mattresses, etc.) being disposed of in our common areas. This is costing the association (YOU) in excess of \$7,000.00 + annually to have these items removed from the property!! our association dues should not be spent on disposing personal items for irresponsible, inconsiderate people!

This past week, we did have one homeowner witness and report two different residents who were disposing items. Both owners received an immediate \$200.00 fine + a \$65.00 removal fee.

Please report the unit address and license plate of anyone you see participating in this type of activity. Let's put an end to allowing these folks to pass the expense on to us!!

MAILBOX AREA TRASH CAN

As a convenience to our residents, a trash can was purchased and placed near the mailboxes so that residents could dispose of their unwanted junk mail. We are finding that residents are disposing household trash and other items in the can, causing it to overflow leaving no room for unwanted mail!

Please be advised that the trash can is **ONLY** for the disposal of junk mail, advertisements, etc., that you do not want to cart home! Please do not use it for any other purpose.

Holiday Rubbish

Because everyone will have more rubbish than usual during the holidays, as a courtesy to others, we ask that boxes be broken down flat to allow more room in the trash bin. Trash must be put **INSIDE** the dumpster. If a dumpster is full, please go to another dumpster that has space available.

An additional dumpster will be available to dispose of xmas trees.

KEEPING SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat thousands of people for injuries related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas Trees. In addition, Christmas Trees are involved in hundreds of fires annually, resulting in property damage, and often times death.

The US Product Safety Commission suggests following these tips to make your holiday a safe one.

CHRISTMAS TREES

- Purchase green, moist trees. Try to find a tree with needles that bend, instead of break.
- After purchasing a tree, be sure to cut the bottom of the tree to expose new wood that will be able to soak up water.
- Always keep live trees watered.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "fire Resistant". Although this does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

LIGHTS AND EXTENSION CORDS

- Only use UL or FM approved extension cords.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections and throw out damaged sets. (if questionable, throw them away!).
- Do not overload outlets! Use no more than 3 standard size sets of lights per single extension cord. Use surge protectors if multiple outlets are needed.
- Match plug with outlets. Don't force a 3-pronged plug into a 2-pronged outlet or extension cord.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- Turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.
- Never use lit candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down. NEVER leave candles lit when you go to bed, or leave the house!

Stay safe this holiday season; "It's the best gift you can give."



Please Report Crime!

If you experience ANY type of crime report it to the Police immediately. Also report all crime to Kathy at Team Property Management so we can make other residents aware of it.

- Be sure to lock all your doors and windows when you are away.
- Don't leave any valuables in your vehicle.
- Form a neighborhood watch with your neighbors.
- If you see anyone or anything that looks suspicious, call the police immediately!

**For all your Association needs call:
Team Property Management
639-8484
639-8585 (fax)
Redwood's On-Site Office
541-8636
Kathy@thehoateam.com**

**Redwood's On-Site office hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Community Patrol Officer
(714) 337-7814**

**For All Your Parking Needs Call:
Patrol One
(714)541-0999
patrol-one.com**

**No Board Meeting in December
Due to the Holiday.**



*Your Board of Directors
and
Team Property Management
wish each of you a Wonderful, safe,
Holiday Season and
Best Wishes for the New Year!*