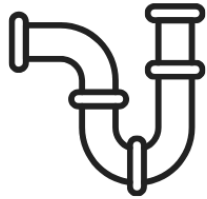


TIPS TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR COLD WEATHER

Winterize Your Home



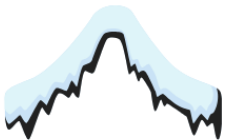
Seal any gaps or cracks in windows and doors to prevent drafts, which can contribute to heat loss and higher energy bills. Insulate pipes in unheated areas to prevent them from freezing and potentially bursting. Additionally, consider installing weather stripping around doors and windows to keep the cold air out and the warm air in.

Heating System Maintenance



Regular maintenance of your heating system is crucial to ensure it operates efficiently throughout the winter. Schedule a professional inspection to clean and service your furnace or heating system. Replace filters regularly to maintain optimal airflow and energy efficiency. If you use a fireplace or wood-burning stove, have the chimney cleaned to reduce the risk of fires and ensure proper ventilation.

Protect Against Ice Dams



Ice dams, which form at the edge of your roof and prevent melting snow from draining properly, can lead to water damage and leaks. To mitigate this risk, ensure your attic is well-insulated to prevent heat from escaping and melting snow on the roof. Additionally, keep gutters and downspouts clear of debris to allow proper drainage. Taking these precautions can help safeguard your home from the potential structural and water damage associated with ice dams.

Service Utilities



Regularly check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and fire alarms to confirm they are operational and replace batteries as needed.

Nomination for Position on Whethersfield Maintenance Corporation Board of Directors

New Castle County law mandates all homeowners are members in the Whethersfield Maintenance Corporation but serving on its Board of Directors is voluntary. Being a Board Member is a very important role in our community. Each year, many challenges face our community, and we need leaders to face these challenges. Leaders are needed who willing to invest their time and help make decisions that best suit our community's interests and needs. Are you up for the challenge?

Whethersfield Maintenance Corp (WMC) by-laws call for a maximum of five (5) board members for a one-year term. **In February 2024, all positions on the Whethersfield Maintenance Corporation Board of Directors will be up for election.** After the new Board is elected in February 2024, decisions are made amongst themselves as to which position each will serve (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Member at Large). **The one-year term will be from March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. Board meetings are held at least 4 times per year.**

If you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot for a position for 2024-2025 fiscal year, please **return this form by December 31, 2023.** **PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND SEND BACK** to WMC, PO Box 10286, Wilmington, DE 19850 or send an email to Presidentwhethersfield@gmail.com **no later than midnight December 31, 2023.** **If you are mailing the form, it must be received, not postmarked, by December 31, 2023.**

Notice of nominated members will be listed in the Annual Mailing Packet due out January 2024 for members to vote

Return the bottom portion of this form to the address below

Nomination Form for possible position as Board Member of Whethersfield Maintenance Corporation

I, _____, member of Whethersfield Maintenance Corporation,
(Print First and Last Name)

on this _____ day of _____, 2023 request to be placed on the ballot for members to vote upon for the 2024/2025 WMC Board of Directors.

THIS FORM SHALL SERVE AS THE SUGGESTED FORM OF NOMINATION. RETURN YOUR SIGNED AND DATED NOMINATION FORM ENSURING IT IS RECEIVED BY December 31, 2023 by 5 PM at the address below. An email will also be accepted up to midnight at Presidentwhethersfield@gmail.com, please include all the same information as is stated on this form.

A ballot with all nominated members listed in alphabetical order will be mailed to all registered members of the corporation by February 2024 for voting of board members. Final vote of the Board will be determined based on majority vote.

Return to: Whethersfield Maintenance Corporation, P.O. Box 10286, Wilmington, DE 19850

Please print Full name: _____

Signature (of Deed Owner): _____

Homeowner's address: _____

DATE: _____

All nominations are confidential.

LET'S GET SOCIAL

- Keep up to date with all that is happening in our community. Join us on Facebook at **Whethersfield Neighborhood**
- Join the conversation at **School Bell Road Communities** Facebook Group to get to know our neighbors in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Visit our website at **www.whethersfield.org** for more information about our community.
- Future newsletters will be available on the website. If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please email us your email address to **presidentwhethersfield@gmail.com**



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WINTER 2024

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As the chill in the air heralds the arrival of winter, it's time to embrace the warmth of community spirit and festive cheer! On behalf of the Whethersfield Maintenance Corporation, we are delighted to extend our heartfelt greetings to each of our neighbors. We encourage everyone to consider spreading kindness and goodwill during this season. Whether it's through a friendly wave, a helping hand, or a simple act of kindness, let's make our community shine as a beacon of warmth and compassion.

TRASH DISCOUNT

There is still time to consider switching your trash service to **Evergreen** and receive a community discount when we have a majority of the homes participate. They pick up trash and recycle every Wednesday. The rate will be:

- **\$78/quarterly for trash/recycle**
- **\$102/quarterly for trash/recycle/yard waste.**

We need at least 167 homes to participate to receive the discount. Call or text Tami by **3/31/24** at **302-635-7055** to sign up or sign up online at www.evergreenws.com.

SNOW REMOVAL

Fortunately (or unfortunately), the heavy snowfall has avoided our area the past couple of years. Snow removal runs per winter season, typically November through March. The plow trucks will plow the streets with a minimum of 2" of snowfall. Please take caution if your car is parked on the street during heavy snowfall, as the plow may move snow which can block in your vehicle.

Note that each homeowner is responsible for shoveling or plowing their own sidewalks and driveways and ensuring a safe pathway to your home.