



HOAs preparing for winter in Texas: Start with these 5 areas

Checklist

Ground & emergency lighting:

- Check your community's emergency lighting before winter.
- Make sure the batteries, power sources, and backup supplies are working properly.
- Change to LED lights to save on lighting costs.
- Ensure ground lighting bulbs are in good condition and free from debris.

Pools:

- Adjust pH and alkalinity levels of the water.
- Apply algaecide and clarifier to keep the water clear.
- Remove any debris from the filter, pump, and skimmer baskets.
- Lower water level below skimmer.
- Place a strong, durable cover over your pool.

Landscaping:

- Spray for bugs.
- Get rid of weeds.
- Ensure the irrigation system and timer are working so the grass and plants get enough water.
- Clear any drainage areas or bushes to prevent flooding or structural damage.

Seasonal property décor:

- Consult with your association's decorating committee about decor plans. Don't have a decorating committee? Consider creating one.
- Communicate décor plans to residents in your community.
- Start the Request for Proposal process with vendors ASAP if you need electrical items like holiday lights.
- Check for fire hazards like branches near electric wires.

Winter tips to share with individual homeowners:

- Replace smoke detector batteries.
- Clean or replace furnace filters.
- Have heating systems checked by a professional.
- Clean out dryer vents.
- Winterize (insulate) your pipes.
- Check your home appliances and schedule any necessary maintenance.