



# WINTER NOTICE

## 2016-2017 Season

The Winter season will be upon us all very soon. Please take a few moments and read these few safety tips.

### Preventing Slips on Snow and Ice

The following precautions will help reduce the likelihood of injuries:

- Wear proper footwear when walking on snow or ice is unavoidable, because it is especially treacherous. A pair of insulated and water resistant boots with good rubber treads is a must for walking during or after a winter storm. Keeping a pair of rubber over-shoes with good treads which fit over your street shoes is a good idea during the winter months. Always use caution when walking on snow, ice and wet conditions are evident.
- Take short steps and walk at a slower pace so you can react quickly to a change in traction, when walking on an icy or snow-covered walkway. Use step hand rails when going up or down stairs.

### Snow Plowing:

- **Sidewalks:** Do not park your car so that the front end hangs over the sidewalk. Leave a gap approx. 1-2 feet between the front of your car and the sidewalk. The snow blower is as wide as the sidewalk, so if you, your guest/visitors park your/their cars over the sidewalk-you are putting your car at risk for damages at your own cost. In addition, you are also endangering the safety of yourself and other tenants/guest/visitors if we cannot plow the sidewalk because of your car parking over the sidewalk.
- **Parking:** As soon as possible after the main driveways have been plowed, please move your car into a guest/visitor parking space so we can clear as many parking spaces as possible and as quickly as possible.
- **Townhouses & Apartments:** Townhouses must shovel their porches/landings and steps. Maintenance will shovel the apartments porches/landings and steps.

**Thermostats:** According to the United States Department of Energy (DOE), the ideal settings for a programmable thermostat are 68 degrees in the winter. Remember even though we pay the heat bill the fan in the furnace runs on electricity which you pay. Tenants should set their programmable thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees when you go to bed at night and when you are gone during the day. This one simple step can save you up to 10 percent a year on your winter electric bill.

