

FAST FACTS:

Grinches exist in real life! How to protect yourself from thieves!



- A well-lit house is a safer house! Check to see that all outdoor fixtures have new, working bulbs. This is another reason to hang some strings of holiday lights, too!
- Keep your porch free from packages/ deliveries, or leave instructions to have items delivered to the side of your house or a less conspicuous place. Consider having packages delivered to an alternative address, like work, where you know someone will attend to it right away.
- If traveling, ask a trustworthy friend/ neighbor to get your mail daily, or perhaps freeze your delivery for the time you're away. Visit <https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/> to schedule a mail hold. Do the same with the newspaper, if you get it.
- Install a timer on interior lights, and even a radio. These can be programmed to go on and off throughout the night and give the appearance someone is home.
- If it snows while you're traveling, find a neighbor to clear your drive/entrance for you. A snowy entry is a huge red flag.



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A note from Cohesion Properties



MEET OUR WINNER!

Timber is a golden girl, ready for the holidays with her "paw-dicure" and all! She's a senior dog, a gorgeous boxer mix. Enjoy a night in, Timber, while your daddy heads to a movie on us!

Thanks for everyone who submitted photos!

Cohesion Properties is committed to giving back to the community we are so fond of living in. This month, we'll be donating 10% of our management fees to the Idaho Humane Society to help provide food, vet care and shelter to homeless animals.



Winter tips for maintaining a warm, safe household

1. Since your heating system will be running constantly throughout the winter, remember to change out your HVAC filters every month.
2. Pick up an inexpensive plastic-film sheet kit from your local hardware store. These will only last one season, but they do help with energy efficiency and are able to halt the cold flow of winter drafts.
3. Make sure low-lying tree and shrub branches are well away from the house and windows. Icy conditions can cause branches to break and damage your home. (Large scale pruning jobs are not your responsibility, but since you live there and we don't, please notify us of any major needs).
4. As you walk around your house, check the foundation for small cracks or openings where mice or other pests can tunnel in. Winter is when they seek the warmth of your house, so close up any possible entrances.
5. While you're outside, clear snow off gas meters and away from basement windows and your dryer exhaust vent.
6. Be ready with emergency kits for both your house and your car. Common helpful items in preparedness kits include flashlights, bottled water, nonperishable food items, blankets, basic first-aid kit, and battery back up packs for cell phones or computers. Consider creating a list of phone numbers for your utility companies, too (including us at Cohesion Properties, if you have questions or safety concerns).