

# The Newtown Grant Newsletter

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#### THE KINDNESS PROJECT



The Kindness Rock Project is a movement motivating people across the US and now nine other countries around the world to be happy, to be kind and to connect! Founder, Megan Murphy, was the inspiration behind the concept which began with her random placement of painted natural rocks on the beaches of Cape Cod. Each had been decorated with a word or phrase she hoped would send a positive message that might make an unsuspecting someone smile or potentially even change their perspective on life in a more optimistic and encouraging way.

Today, the Kindness Rock Project continues to evolve with one simple goal of promoting random acts of kindness in cities, towns and other locations across the country and around the world. Newtown Grant HOA would like to implement the idea in our own community. Come enjoy this event filled with love and kindness painting and planting these thoughtful messages throughout Newtown Grant! An event for the whole family to enjoy!

Where: Newtown Grant Club House Banquet Hall

When: Saturday, January 25th @1pm-2:30pm

Cost: Free!

Register Here: <a href="https://conta.cc/35wQZo3">https://conta.cc/35wQZo3</a>

#### NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Newtown Township Public Works Department has developed a formal plan of action for snow and ice control. The following excerpts are some of the areas we find most important for you, the resident, to be informed of. Working together we believe we will be able to proactively assure a smooth operating procedure for combating winter storms. Please familiarize yourself with these guidelines and adhere to them. Ultimately, you will be helping your Township to help you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

#### **Salt Application**

Salt and/or magnesium chloride will be applied when snow begins to lie or rain freezes on road surfaces. Salting assignments shall be in accordance with snow and ice control maps and shall be distributed by priority Snow Route Class(SRC) 1,2, or 3. Salting will cease when snow reaches a depth of two inches, except when salting and plowing simultaneously.



#### Snow Removal/Plowing

Snowplowing usually begins when depth reaches two inches or at the discretion of the Director of Public Works or authorized representative. Each Township street will be plowed to the curb, widening the street and allowing for additional snow, unless otherwise directed. Snow will be plowed from roads in order of priority starting with primary, arterial, secondary and lastly, 153 cul-de-sacs.



#### **Parking During Winter Storms**

It is an Ordinance by law that no vehicle should be parked on any Township road once ice or snow has accumulated to one (1) inch in depth. Any vehicle in violation of this law will be towed and impounded. A fine may also be attached.



#### **Snow Removal from Sidewalks**

It is the responsibility of the property owner to clear a pathway on the sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Snow is to be placed on property owner's property. Snow should NEVER be placed in the roadway.

#### RESIDENTS

- Please help to insure that public fire protection is maintained by shoveling snow away from fire hydrants located on or near your property.
- During significant snow storms, Public Works Department plow trucks will maintain all primary and secondary arterial routes within the township (e.g., Route 413, Linton Hill Road, North Drive, etc.). PennDOT will maintain roads such as the Newtown Bypass, Stoopville Road and Swamp Road, for example.
- Residents with snow related concerns (i.e., extended power outages, residents with special needs, etc.) can call Newtown Emergency Management at 215-968-2800 ext. 255
- Residents are encouraged to register with Bucks County Ready Notify PA, to receive storm and news alerts. <a href="https://bucks.alertpa.org/register.php">https://bucks.alertpa.org/register.php</a>



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#### GREEN CORNER: RECYCLING OPTIONS FOR USED TEXTILES AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS

#### **Cleaning out Closets?**

Have items that are torn, stained, worn out and otherwise unwearable? Want to keep your discards from hitting the landfill? Please consider donating them to the Hopewell Valley Regional School District's Clothing & Textile Drive. The school system partners with Spin Green and collects ALL textiles: clothing, blankets, sheets, towels, linens, scarves, scrap fabrics, unmatched socks, shoes, gloves, hats, belts, handbags, pillows and stuffed toys. All items must be dry, but stains and rips are OK. Just drop your donations into a collection bin at one of the nearby six Hopewell Valley schools (Hopewell Elementary, Toll Gate Grammar, Bear Tavern Elementary, Stony Brook Elementary, Timberlane Middle School, and Hopewell Valley Central High School). Items that are reusable are sorted and donated; items



that cannot be reused in their present state will be recycled into other products, including carpet padding, insulation, rags and car seat stuffing. For more information, the following is a link to the FAQs for the program: <a href="https://www.hvrsd.org/apps/pages/TextileDrive">https://www.hvrsd.org/apps/pages/TextileDrive</a>.

#### **Animal Shelters**

Animal shelters are always willing to take used blankets, pillows, towels, sheets, and the like to keep the animals warm and clean. Consider donating discards of this nature to your local animal shelter (or even towels to your local veterinarian)!

#### Have broken holiday lights that you don't know where to recycle?

Mom's Organic Market is holding its annual Holiday Light Recycling Drive from November 29<sup>th</sup> until January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mom's Organic Markets have nearby locations in Cherry Hill, NJ and Bryn Mawr, PA, as well as Philadelphia. For additional information on this and its other recycling programs, you can view the company's website at https://momsorganicmarket.com/recycle-center/.



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Take a look at the new blog here

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (officially Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.,[1] and sometimes referred to as MLK Day) is an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. King's birthday is January 15. The holiday is similar to holidays set under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

The national Martin Luther King Day of Service was started by former Pennsylvania U.S. Senator Harris Wofford and Atlanta Congressman John Lewis, who co-authored the King Holiday and Service Act. The federal legislation challenges Americans to transform the King Holiday into a day of citizen action volunteer service in honor of King. The federal legislation was signed into law by President Bill Clinton on August 23, 1994. Since 1996, Wofford's former state office director, Todd Bernstein, has been directing the annual Greater

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# YOU CAN JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST AND STAY IN CONTACT IN DIFFERENT WAYS:









#### SUPPORT OUR NEWTOWN AMBULANCE SQUAD

#### Become a subscriber!

Help maintain the squad's emergency readiness. Reduce out-of-pocket cost if you, family, or visitors at your residence need an ambulance

#### **Annual membership rates:**

- Household \$65,
- Individual \$45,
- Senior Household \$40,
- Senior Individual \$30



Additional donations are very much appreciated!

Ambulance squad revenue is obtained:

- 3% from Property Tax revenue
- 92% from fees for service (insurance reimbursements, patient co-pays)
- 3% from the subscription drive
- 2% from grants and other donations such as bequests and investment income.

For membership and information, go to newtownambulance.org

or call Pat Miele 215-968-3500, ext. 10

#### Mah-Jongg

Every Tuesday, Newtown Grant competes on the Mah-Jongg Table at the Clubhouse, at 6:30pm. Always looking for willing players!!

No Newcomers please! Anyone interested that has no experience should contact the Township, as they hold classes teaching new players!

To join in and play Tuesday evenings, interested players can email Andi at utetennis@aol.com











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# Don't Kick that TV to the Curb!

hy? Televisions, along computers some other electronics (covered devices), can no longer be disposed of with municipal waste under the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010. Many of these electronics contain mercury, lead, arsenic, chromium and other potentially hazardous substances. In addition to keeping these toxic substances from contaminating groundwater when landfilled, it is less expensive to recycle than to mine rare earth minerals used in the manufacturing.

Listed are several locations to drop off your television, and companies that will come to pick up your television for recycling. Some retailers offer a haul-away service with a purchase of a replacement tv.

Please confirm the program, fees, and any other conditions that may apply prior to dropping off your television.

# **Bucks County Television Recycling Options**

Some Bucks County municipalities have TV and E-waste collection programs for their residents. Visit your town's website or give them a call.

For more information go to <a href="https://www.buckscounty.org/recycling.or">www.buckscounty.org/recycling.or</a> call the Bucks County Planning Commission at 215-345-3400.

#### **Lower Bucks Area**

E-Waste Experts 416 Green Lane Bristol, PA 19007 877-328-2927

#### **Central Bucks Area**

611 Metals 6776 Easton Road Pipersville, PA 18947 267-221-6924

#### **Upper Bucks Area**

Gigabiter 130 Penn Ann Drive Quakertown, PA 18951 484-681-5084 Perkasie PC Repair & Recycling 1133 N. 5th Street Perkasie, PA 18944 215-257-7727

#### **Mail-in Program**

Samsung products: www.oemtakeback.com

#### **Nearby Bucks County Locations**

611 Metals 2509 Wyandotte Road Willow Grove, PA 19090 267-221-6924 AERC Recycling Solutions 2330 Southwest 26th Street Allentown, PA 18103 610-433-4011/866-447-5177

#### Call for Pick-up

E-Waste Experts—1-877-328-2927 Geek Squad—1-800-433-5778 1-800-Got Junk—1-800-468-5865 Junk Luggers— 1-800-584-5864

Contact the Department of Environmental Protection at 800-346-4242 for a list of events not sponsored by Bucks County.

#### **Bucks County Planning Commission**

1260 Almshouse Road—Doylestown, PA 18901 Phone: 215-345-3400 Fax: 215-345-3886

Email: bcpc@buckscounty.org

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#### Introduction

Spotted lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula*, is an invasive planthopper, native to China, that was first detected in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania. It feeds voraciously on many plants, including economically important crops like fruit trees, grapevines, hops, hardwoods, and ornamentals. If you think you have SLF, do not panic! First, make sure the insect you are seeing is the spotted lanternfly. Second, learn about its life cycle and habits. Third, determine what plants it is infesting and what it is not. Fourth, employ management strategies at the proper time of the year.

# **Identification and Life Cycle**

There is one generation of SLF per year. The eggs are laid in late fall and hatch in the spring. Egg masses are laid on hard surfaces (trees, decks, houses, outdoor equipment, rocks, etc.) and protected with a mud-like covering. Each egg mass contains 30–50 eggs. After hatching and before reaching adulthood, SLF goes through four nymph stages. Nymphs are small (½ to ½ inch) and hard to find. The first three stages (instars) are all black with white spots, and the last instar is red with white

#### **Quick Facts**

- SLF is a destructive invasive pest, threatening agricultural, timber, and ornamental industries, and the plants in your backyard.
- SLF is currently under quarantine in 13 counties in Pennsylvania.
- SLF does not bite or sting.
- Stop the spread of SLF by checking your car and any outdoor equipment (grills, mowers, firewood, etc.) when going in and out of the quarantine zone.
- Manage SLF on your property by scraping eggs, banding trees, removing the favored host (tree-of-heaven), and using chemical control when appropriate.

dots and black stripes (Figure 1). SLF adults emerge in July and are active until winter. This is the most obvious and easily detectable stage because they are large (~1 inch) and highly mobile. Adults have black bodies with brightly colored wings. Only the adults can fly. Because SLF adults jump more than fly, their wings often remain closed. SLF wings are gray with black spots, and the tips of the wings are black with gray veins.











- A. Egg massesB. Early nymph
- C. Late nymph
- **D.** Adult, wings closed

Figure 1. The life stages of SLF, including an egg mass on a tree.

# Current Distribution and Reporting

An SLF quarantine is currently in effect for 13 counties in Pennsylvania (Figure 2). If you are located outside the quarantine zone and find a spotted lanternfly, collect and report it immediately with our online reporting system at **extension** .psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly or by calling 1-888-4BAD-FLY. SLF found within the quarantine zone does not need to be reported.

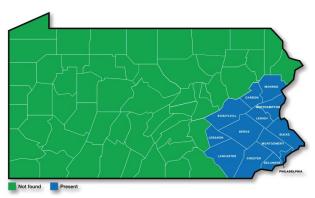


Figure 2. The distribution as of June 20, 2018, of SLF in Pennsylvania, indicated in blue. Check the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's website for updated distribution information.

# **Feeding Damage**

SLF is capable of causing serious damage to its host, including oozing sap from the trees, wilting, leaf curling, and even death. SLF feeds using a piercing-sucking mouthpart tapped into the plant like a straw. When SLF feeds, it also excretes honeydew, or sugary water. This creates a sticky surface on and around plants that encourages the growth of black sooty mold. This mold is harmless to people but can cause damage to the plant. If you see black sooty mold or sticky areas on a plant or tree, it may be infested by SLF, but it could also be aphids, leafhoppers, planthoppers, or scale insects. Therefore, it is important to identify the cause of the mold, as control measures may differ for pests other than SLF. There is no way to prevent SLF from moving onto your property. Be aware that SLF is very mobile and management actions must be continuous to keep them off your property.

# **Management**

#### Stop the Spread

When you travel in and out of the quarantine zone, check your car and outdoor equipment (grills, outdoor furniture, landscaping supplies, mowers, etc.). Check for SLF egg masses from late fall to early spring. Remember that egg masses may

#### Steps of Spotted Lanternfly Management

**Apply insecticides** 

- 1 Stop the spread
  2 Scrape eggs
  3 Band trees to catch nymphs
  4 Remove tree-of-heaven
- be underneath your car or in your wheel well. During all other times of the year, check for nymphs and adults, and keep your windows rolled up when you park. Don't store things or park under infested trees, and don't move firewood.

#### **Egg Scraping**

Walk around your property to check for egg masses on trees, cement blocks, rocks, and any other hard surface. If you find egg masses on your property from September to June, you can scrape them off using a plastic card or putty knife (Figure 3). Scrape them into a bag or container filled with isopropyl

alcohol or hand sanitizer. This is the most effective way to kill the eggs, but they can also be smashed or burned. Remember that some eggs will be laid at the tops of trees and may not be possible to reach.

Figure 3. Scraping SLF egg masses from a tree.

#### Tree Banding

When the nymphs first hatch, they will walk up the trees to feed on the softer new growth of the plant. Take advantage of this behavior by wrapping tree trunks in sticky tape and trapping the nymphs. Any tree can be banded,



Figure 4. A banded tree with SLF nymphs stuck at the bottom.

but we recommend specifically banding tree-of-heaven, the preferred host, or trees where you see a lot of egg masses or nymphs (Figure 4). Special tape for this purpose can be purchased, though duct tape wrapped backward and tight to the tree also works well. Push pins can be used to secure the band. Adult SLF will avoid tape, so it is essential to band trees in the spring when there are nymphs. Be advised that birds and small mammals stuck to the tape, while rare, have been reported. Check and change traps every other week.

#### Host Removal

Tree-of-heaven (Ailanthus altissima) is an invasive plant, but it is common in landscape plantings, agricultural areas, and along the sides of roads. This is the preferred host for SLF and current management efforts are focused on removing this tree. This involves applying an herbicide to the tree and cutting it down from July to September. Failure to apply herbicide will result in new growth from the stump; even when treated, multiple applications may be necessary over time to completely kill the tree. These trees can get very tall, so seek the help of a tree care service if necessary. Tree-of-heaven is named because of its rapid growth, which can reach up to 100 feet tall and 6 feet in diameter. The bark of tree-of-heaven is similar to the outside of a cantaloupe. When crushed, the leaves put off a foul odor that many describe as rotten peanut butter. There are both male and female trees, and only female trees produce seed. They spread by seed and will also produce "clones" by their roots. This tree can be mistaken for other native species, including black walnut, hickory, and staghorn sumac. For help identifying and treating this plant, visit extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly. While tree-ofheaven is a preferred host, SLF feeds on a large variety of plants, including many of the trees in your backyard. Removing these may not be preferred; refer to the next section for further guidance.

#### **Chemical Control**

Insecticides can be contact, systemic, or both, and may vary greatly in the length of control after application (i.e., residual activity). Contact insecticides kill SLF when the chemical contacts the insect as a direct spray to the adult or nymph, or when the pest walks over a surface with pesticide residue on it. Systemic insecticides are absorbed by the tree through sprayed leaves, roots, and or woody tissue and are moved by its vascular system to other parts of the tree. SLF is killed as it feeds on any part of the tree, even if it was not sprayed directly (e.g., spraying the lower part of the tree will protect the tree tops). Systemic insecticides work best when applied in the spring and early summer, before the more mobile adults emerge. However, they can protect the tree and kill adults depending on the application timing and type. Systemic products will often give contact activity when sprayed directly to live SLF, but contact activity from surface residues is often relatively short as the product is absorbed into the tree.

There are four main methods to apply insecticides: **tree injection** and **bark sprays** (applied by professional applicators), and **soil drench** and **foliar sprays** (can be applied by homeowners). The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture are currently using the systemic insecticide dinotefuran as injections or

Active Ingredient	Mode of Exposure	Example Products
acetamiprid (neonicotinoid)	systemic/contact	Ortho Flower Fruit & Vegetable Insect Killer
azadirachtin* (botanical)	contact	Neemix 4.5 Insect Growth Regulator
bifenthrin (pyrethroid)	contact	Ortho Bug-B-Gon Insect Killer for Lawns & Gardens, The Anderson's Turf Products Duocide Insect Control, Bug Blaster II Turf Ornamental Insect Control
carbaryl (carbamate)	contact	The Anderson's Turf Products Duocide Insect Control, Sevin Bug Killer, Bayer Complete Insect Killer for Gardens, Ortho Bug-Geta Plus Snail Slug & Insect Killer
dinotefuran (neonicotinoid)	systemic/contact	Ortho Tree & Shrub Insect Control, Zylam Insecticide, Safari Insecticide, Transtect Insecticide
imidacloprid (neonicotinoid)	systemic/contact	Ortho MAX Tree & Shrub Insect Control, Ferti-Lome Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Drench, Bayer Tree and Shrub Insect Control, Bonide Annual Tree & Shrub Insect Control with SYSTEMAXX
thiamethoxam (neonicotinoid)	systemic/contact	Ambrands AMDRO Quick Kill Lawn & Landscape Insect Killer
soaps*	contact	Concern Insect Killing Soap C, Ortho Elementals Insecticidal Soap, Safer Insect-Killing-Soap

<sup>\*</sup>Organic product

**Note:** This product list provides an example of products with these active ingredients. It is not an endorsement or specific recommendation.

bark sprays on tree-of-heaven to kill SLF. Both methods work well and have residual activity that lasts from several weeks to several months. These application types, however, can only be applied by certified pesticide applicators, including tree care professionals, and can be costly.

Some insecticides available at your local garden or hardware store can be used as either soil drenches or foliar sprays. Be sure the product is meant for this type of application by reading the product label. Foliar sprays with contact insecticides are applied to surfaces where SLF feeds and walks, which includes the base of a tree, such as tree-of-heaven, where spotted lanternflies are abundant. They can also be applied directly to SLF nymphs and adults. Foliar sprays with systemic insecticides are best applied to leaves and green tissue of trees. This does not need to be the entire tree and can be leaves within your reach. While systemic insecticides can be applied to the bark of trees (bark sprays), they require special penetrants (only available to certified pesticide applicators) to effectively move them into the tree and kill SLF. Systemic insecticides on the leaves of trees will readily move throughout the rest of the tree. Systemic insecticides applied to foliage will be taken up by the tree quicker than systemic insecticides applied with soil drenches.

Soil drenches with systemic insecticides and water are applied into the soil around the trunk of the tree. The insecticide is taken up by the roots and moved into the rest of the tree. Ideally, soil drenches are best applied in the spring to trees such as tree-of-heaven or other favored hosts that have had high SLF populations in the past and are likely to have them again. Soil drenches may take several days or weeks to move into the tree. They should not be used to kill high numbers of SLF as you see them. Depending on the product and rates used, soil drenches have the advantage of longer residual activity (several weeks to several months) over foliar applications.

Currently suggested active ingredients for homeowners, their mode of exposure, and example products are provided in the table. Please note that most products currently available are not registered for use on SLF. These products and their companies are not liable for results when used on SLF. Research is ongoing to find the insecticides that are most effective on SLF, but that are safe to humans, pets, beneficial insects, and the environment. More detailed field trials are being conducted with a wider range of insecticides on SLF in summer 2018 to better understand direct efficacy and the residual activity of various products available to homeowners. We have not yet evaluated nontarget effects of listed products on beneficial insects, including pollinators. We do not recommend treating your entire property because these products are not specific to SLF and beneficial insects may be affected as well. Only treat areas where SLF is abundant.

These recommendations are current as of June 20, 2018, and may change as we learn more. We encourage you to stay up to date by visiting our website. Check the version of this fact sheet (listed below following the publication code number) and always look for the most up-to-date information. When using any pesticide, follow the pesticide label for directions, application rates, methods, and appropriate protective equipment.

## **Summary**

Spotted lanternfly is a destructive invasive pest, threatening agricultural, timber, and ornamental industries, and the plants in your backyard. Together, we can take action to limit the spread and damage from this pest.

- If you find SLF outside the quarantine zone, report it! extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly or 1-888-4BAD-FLY
- Don't let SLF spread. Check your car, outdoor equipment, etc., for SLF eggs, nymphs, and adults when moving in and out of the quarantine zone. Don't move firewood.
- Help us reduce SLF populations by scraping egg masses from trees, houses, and anywhere else you find them.
- Band trees to trap and kill nymphs in the early spring.
- Remove tree-of-heaven, the preferred host for SLF.
- If needed, protect your trees by applying insecticides using foliar or soil drench methods or consult a local tree care service. Always follow label instructions when applying any pesticide.
- Keep in touch and stay up to date! Sign up for our newsletter and find new information on SLF at extension.psu .edu/spotted-lanternfly.

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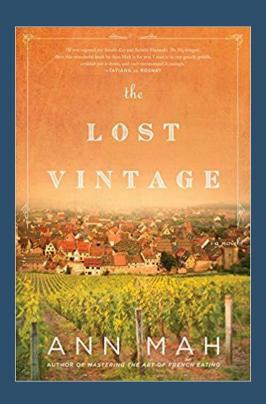
# Wednesday Night Book Club

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 7:15PM

In the Clubhouse Conference Room

THIS MONTH'S SELECTION:

The Lost Vintage by Ann Mah



Drops of Gold—les gouttes d'or: That's the name of the wine Kate's family has been making for generations. But Kate's life in San Francisco is half a world away from the French vineyard her mother turned her back on a generation ago.

When Kate returns to the vineyard to help her cousin Nico and his wife, Heather, with the annual grape harvest, her unspoken goals are to avoid as best as possible both the bittersweet memories of her childhood and Jean-Luc, a neighboring winemaker and her first love.

What Kate doesn't expect is to discover in the basement of the vineyard house a secret room with a cot, World War II Resistance pamphlets, a hidden stash of invaluable wine, and the belongings of an aunt she never knew existed—an aunt who would have been a teenager at the time of the Nazi occupation. But who was this mysterious young woman?

The more Kate digs into the past, the more she wonders: Who was her family helping during the difficult years of the war?

### TIPS FOR WINTER

Fall is the time to prepare for winter—cold and wet conditions not only make you miserable, but they can damage your home.

Some winterizing can wait, some can't. Make a list of what needs to be done, and tackle the timesensitive tasks first.

Here's a simple checklist from the association to help you get a jump on winter.

## **Indoor Winterizing**

- Examine doors and replace weather-stripping as needed.
- Examine window caulking and reseal where needed.
- Examine and repair vents where needed.
- Clean chimneys and flues.
- Remove items near heat vents.
- Place nonskid runners or doormats outside to help keep water, sand, and salt out of the house.



# **Outdoor Winterizing**

- Cut back tree branches and shrubs that hide signs or block light.
- Examine outdoor handrails and tighten if needed.
- Turn off electrical breakers for outdoor equipment.
- Close hose bibs.
- Clean out gutters and downspouts.
- Clear yard drains.
- Spray outdoor locks and hinges with lubricant.
- Stake driveway and walkway edges that may be difficult to find under deep snow.



# Assemble, stockpile or refresh winter supplies:

- Batteries
- Candles and matches
- Ice melt and deicer
- Sand
- Snow shovels



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