

The Winston Downs Community Association (WDCA) is a Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) formed by residents of the Winston Downs and Lee Downs subdivisions. We serve all single-family homes in the neighborhood bounded by Monaco, Alameda, Quebec and Leetsdale.

Volunteer Opportunities

The WDCA Board is often asked to engage in projects that would enhance the neighborhood and raise property values. We look to volunteers to help us form committees to address these. We have needs for committee members to work on numerous issues, including but not limited to education, newsletter, beautification and social event planning. **Please contact us if you're interested in joining a committee or if you would like to help in any way.**

PLEASE.... LIKE US

If you're on FB, so are we. Right now, we have about 120 homeowners who "follow" the Winston Downs Community Association FB page - and we would love to have more followers. It's an easy and cost-effective way to spread news, events, questions and fun to our neighbors and friends in Winston Downs.

Just go to "Winston Downs Community Association" and follow (and like!) us. Thank you - you'll make the page admin very happy.

Join WDCA: Strong Communities Make Great Communities

The Winston Downs Community Association is not an HOA, so we don't set or enforce rules or mandate fees on residents.

Instead, the WDCA's role is to promote community by organizing social events, connecting residents with each other and with support service networks, keeping residents informed about city development and other issues that directly affect us, promoting safety and crime reduction efforts, and serving as a liaison with the city for zoning/permitting and policy issues.

Be on the lookout for our 2019 community drive information in our next newsletter due out in the first quarter of 2019.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Come help keep our neighborhood beautiful this Veteran's Day! We're planning a volunteer litter cleanup for the Quebec and, time and resources permitting, Monaco corridors.

Saturday Nov. 10 9:30am to 12pm

Meet at Quebec St & Virginia Ave

Join us for a brisk morning cleanup and opportunity to chat with your neighbors.

Just bring yourself- we'll bring all the tools and supplies.

- ➔ Property Care
- ➔ Denver Leaf Drop
- ➔ Safety Report
- ➔ Denver Pet Tips
- ➔ SKUNKS!
- ➔ Denver Happenings
- ➔ And More...

WDCA MEETING DATE!

Our next WDCA Board meeting is December 18 at 7:00 PM in the library at BMH Synagogue 560 S. Monaco Parkway. Please join us. We'd love to meet you and hear your ideas. It's only through neighbor participation that we get direction on what matters most to you.

Visit our website
www.winstondowns.org
 AND
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 on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/wdhoa>

Property Care & Sidewalk Safety

Another Denver winter is right around the corner. The City and County of Denver is making it clear that more attention will be paid to the enforcement of several common codes that affect our streets and sidewalks.

Denver enforces regulations that require all homeowners to keep their properties well-maintained to protect the safety, health and welfare of its residents. Two of these regulations are of particular relevance to all homeowners in Winston Downs:

Property Care:

Plant growth may not extend onto adjacent sidewalks, streets, alleys or block visibility at street corners. Denver's neighborhood inspectors work to ensure that all neighborhoods are safe and maintained according to the city's codes, and they also respond to all complaints and concerns. If there is a code violation at a property, the owner is notified and has at least 10 business days to correct the issue. The city will then re-check and work with the owner to resolve the issue, if it hasn't been fixed. As a last resort in cases of non-responsive owners, fines can start at \$150 at the city's third visit and may escalate from there.

Sidewalk safety:

Denver requires that property owners clear snow and ice from their sidewalks, including adjacent ADA ramps, so that everyone has safe access throughout the city. Senior citizens, people with disabilities, parents with strollers, and mail carriers — just to name a few — struggle to negotiate hazardous walkways. After snow has stopped falling, inspectors begin enforcement — checking business areas the same day and residential areas the following day. Inspectors leave a time-stamped notice at properties with unshoveled sidewalks. After receiving a notice, businesses have four hours and residences have 24 hours before the inspector's re-check and a potential \$150 fine.

We realize that these requirements may be difficult for some of our neighbors to handle on their own. The good news is that there may be a way for those who need assistance to get a helping hand.

If you are concerned about being able to control plant growth around your home or keep your sidewalks shoveled in keeping with the city's codes, we encourage you to reach out to one of these groups:

Yard Angels/Limited-income seniors aged 60 years and older.
303-297-0408 or www.voacolorado.org

Chore Services for 60 and Older
303-235-6952 or email Loretta Trujillo at ltrujillo@SRCAGing.org

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS TO REMEMBER

Turn on your outdoor lights! Use dusk to dawn exterior lighting and put interior lights on timers when you are away. Motion detector lights are effective and help save energy.

Keep your cars locked. Even when they are in front of your home or in your driveway. Even if you're home.

Don't leave valuables and garage door openers inside and visible in your car.

Stop mail and newspapers when you're away.

Don't leave empty trash receptacles at the street. They say, "We're not home".

Obviously, don't let strangers know that you are home alone.

Put locks on your fence gates.

Display visible house numbers at your property. They help ID your location if you need to contact emergency services.

Secure your interior garage door release with zip ties.

Don't leave your garage door open even if you've just stepped around the back.

It only takes seconds for something to go missing

Winter Fun for Non-Skiers

Many newcomers to Colorado assume that we're all gung-ho downhill skiing buffs. However, many of us don't make the trip up the hill more than a few times a winter, if at all. Here's some things for the rest of us to do that don't involve strapping on the skis:

- ➔ **Hot springs:** Colorado is home to 30 hot springs resorts that range from a hole in the ground to a luxe resort. See this guide for more information: <https://www.colorado.com/articles/30-colorado-hot-springs-quick-guide>
- ➔ **Sleigh Ride Dinners:** Two Below Zero in Breckenridge is just one example of an operator that will give you hot chocolate and blankets during a sleigh ride to a gourmet dinner
- ➔ **Snowshoeing:** OK, so it still involves strapping things onto your feet and trudging in the snow and it doesn't involve high speeds. Many of us don't feel the need for speed though.
- ➔ **Take a train:** The Georgetown Loop Railroad offers Christmas-themed train rides and the Colorado Railroad Museum reenacts the Polar Express in its entirety on a train ride on weekends in November and December

Locks & Illumination

There are many things you can do to secure your home - some are easy, and others are just common sense (See "Crime Prevention Tips" also in this newsletter). Here are some that you might consider:

Illumination

Outside: With longer nights, you will need to think about extending your exterior lighting timers. If you have your landscape lighting on timers, move the start and stop times to provide the longer coverage that longer nights demand. Also, leave your porch lights on.

Inside: There are plenty of high-quality and inexpensive timers for interior lighting. If you're going to be away for more than a few days, consider adding timers to lamps throughout your home.

Some timers have random settings that vary day-to-day. Those are great if you're concerned about setting an easy-to-figure-out pattern that still tells the outside world that "We're not home".

Locks

Check the lock and strength of the door from the interior of your garage into your home. Often the original doors are hollow-core and can be easily forced open. When you're ready for an upgrade, pick a solid-core wood or reinforced steel door - and install an anti-kick device and dead-bolt lock.

If you're leaving your home for any length of time, throw the latch on your garage door locking system or use a C-clamp to tighten down the doors on each side.

Like your mother used to say:

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

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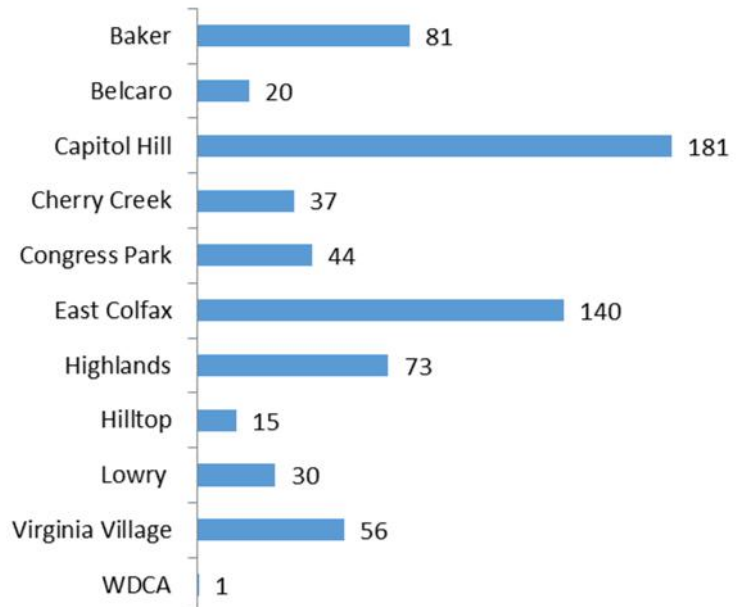
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Safety Report

The Denver Police Department (DPD) compiles comparative crime statistics for different neighborhoods in Denver. The snapshot below covers the most recent monthly period. Winston Downs is smaller than the other neighborhoods in the graph (both in terms of area and population), so the number for our neighborhood is not directly comparable to those from larger neighborhoods. Nonetheless, we can still take comfort in the fact that Winston Downs is currently experiencing only a tiny fraction of the number of crimes that are happening in many Denver neighborhoods.

Criminal Offenses by Neighborhood How We Compare



Offenses 9/18-10/16

Still, WDCA tries to do our part to provide you with tips and resources that you can use to reduce your chances of becoming a crime victim. This newsletter edition has loads of information to help new and long-term residents help secure their property.

If you're interested, the Denver Police District 3 Commander holds a Community Advisory Board Meeting at 6pm generally on the first Tuesday every month at District 3 1625 S. University Blvd. The next CAB meetings are scheduled for November 13 and December 4. For more information call the station at 720-913-1300.

REPORT CRIMES AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Report all crimes and suspicious activity to the Denver Police Department. It helps to keep our neighborhood safe. Keep these important contact numbers on hand:

Emergencies: call 911

Non-Emergency Help: 720-913-2000

Graffiti: 311 or 720-913-1311

Crime Stoppers Tip Line: 720-913-7867

Everything You Need to Know about SKUNKS

Well, at least a few things to know. Yes, there are SKUNKS in Denver and WD has its fair share (although reports are down this year versus last year).



As with other wild animals, food, water and lodging are important when it comes to controlling these prolific breeders.

- **Food.** If you leave food out for your pets, take it in at night. Keep trash cans and composting contained and covered, too. Pick up fallen fruit and berries. AND, investigate using MILKY SPORE or another grub control product on your lawns if you have insects or grubs/larva - a favorite of skunks that they harvest by digging holes in your grass!
- **Water.** Keep outdoor containers free of standing water.
- **Habitat.** Skunks den in burrows. They will often use abandoned burrows dug by ground squirrels, foxes, or coyotes and will enlarge them if necessary. If dens are scarce, they will readily use brush piles, hollow logs, and culverts. In urban settings, they den under decks, porches, or beneath buildings. If other suitable dens are unavailable, skunks will dig their own dens. Skunks do not hibernate; but in regions with colder weather, they may congregate in communal dens during the winter. If you have wood piles, keep the wood stacked tightly and off the ground about 18 inches.

Skunks are often active at night – you may see females taking their kits along to hunt for food at dusk or after dark. However, you can see signs of them in the daytime. Besides a lingering odor, you may notice round 3 - 4-inch holes in your yard, evidence of burrowing under your fence or around patios and foundations.

Unsure if you have a skunk den near your house? Fill the hole with soil, cover with hay or put crumpled paper in the opening. If a skunk is living there, you'll see the blockage disturbed. Check over several nights to be sure.

If you do find that you have skunks (whether they just frequent your yard, or they have set up shop and have a den), there are several ways to keep them away or even to repel them from their den. Pepper sprays, also sold to repel squirrels and other wild creatures, are effective skunk repellents. Spray them on trees and other areas where you've seen skunks. Ammonia also deters skunks. Soak old rags in ammonia or tennis balls and place them under your deck or porch to keep skunks from coming in or to convince them to leave their den.

Want more information? Colorado State University's Cooperative Extension is a good place to start:
<http://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/natres/o6500.pdf>

What to do if Fido Gets Sprayed

If your dog does get sprayed and you're looking for the recipe for skunk odor removal courtesy of The Humane Society

Step 1: Keep Fido outside

You'll probably want to keep your dog outside while you get it together so they don't carry the smell indoors. Check their eyes; if they're irritated or red, immediately flush them with cool water.

Step 2: Mix the Ingredients

Mix together:

-) 1 quart of 3-percent hydrogen peroxide (available at any pharmacy)
-) 1/4 cup baking soda
-) 1 teaspoon liquid dishwashing soap

Wearing rubber gloves, wash your dog with this solution immediately after they've been sprayed. DO NOT get the solution in their eyes. (If you don't have peroxide, baking soda, and liquid soap on hand, use vinegar diluted with water.)

Caution: Do NOT store this mixture or make it ahead of time, as the mixture could explode if left in a bottle.

Step 3: Clean and rinse

Rub the mixture through their fur, but don't leave it on too long (peroxide can bleach fur). Rinse them thoroughly.

Step 4: Shampoo

Next, wash your dog with pet shampoo and rinse thoroughly. By now, they should be de-skunked and smelling sweet. Thoroughly towel-dry your dog, and be sure to place them in a warm, sunny room for the next couple of hours so that they don't get chilled.

Owner cleanup

You can rid your clothes of the smell by using regular laundry detergent mixed with a half-cup of baking soda.

Winter Recipe to Try

Breakfast edition - Hot Chocolate Steel Cut Oats - 4 servings

-) 1 cup Bob's Steel Cut Oats
-) 2 cups unsweetened vanilla almond milk
-) 2 cups water
-) 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
-) 2 tablespoons sugar (or to taste)
-) 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
-) 2oz 65-80% dark chocolate
-) 1 cup mini marshmallows

Heat a pot over medium heat and add oats, milk, water and salt. Stir to combine and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer (uncovered) and let cook until done to your liking (18-25 minutes). Stir frequently and add more liquid as needed.

Turn to low and add sugar to taste (less if using milk chocolate), cocoa powder, and dark chocolate. Stir until combined. Fold in marshmallows and serve as they start to melt. Be creative with toppings (nuts, mini marshmallows).

Pet Ownership Your Neighbors Will Love

To many of us in Winston Downs, there's nothing better than to be a pet owner. But pet ownership comes with responsibilities and expected courtesy for your neighbors and the community. This includes excessive barking, off-leash dogs resulting in pet waste in private places, and even outdoor cats that do damage to yards and other wildlife and birds.

So, here's some reminders about Denver animal ordinances that can help keep you and your pets safe and make your neighbors happy:

- All dogs and outside cats over the age of 6 months must be licensed. These licenses can also be helpful in finding your pet should s/he stray away.
- Dogs and cats over the age of 6 months must be vaccinated for rabies. You will receive a collar tag as proof that your pet has been vaccinated.
- Except for designated areas, dogs must be kept on a leash when not on their owner's property. Please keep in mind that not everyone is comfortable with your pet running up to them or their children without being under your control.
- Especially between 10:30 PM and 7:30 AM dogs must be kept from continuous or excessive barking.

When your pet is not on your property it is your responsibility to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste. Plastic grocery bags make terrific picker-uppers.

LeafDrop Open Now

Three Weekday Drop-off Sites Open Through Dec. 7

Denver Recycles provides FREE leaf drop-off sites for Denver residents through Friday, December 7. The leaves collected through this program will be turned into a high-quality compost, which will be made available for residents to purchase in May.

Weekday Drop-Off Sites

Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 2:00pm

- Cherry Creek Transfer Station –
7301 E. Jewell Ave. (Quebec Street & Cherry Creek Dr. South)
- Havana Nursery –
10450 Smith Rd. (Just south of I-70 on Havana St.)
- South Platte –
678 S. Jason St. (Enter on W. Exposition Ave.)

All leaves must be in bags (paper bags are preferred) and dropped-off during hours of operation, otherwise it is considered illegal dumping. Paper bags can also be composted! Help us manage the LeafDrop program by following these guidelines:

- Pumpkins will be accepted for composting at drop-off sites.
- Make sure leaves do not contain branches or other materials.
- Never rake or blow leaves into the street

Weekend LeafDrop sites will be coming soon in November! More details on dates and locations can be found at

www.denvergov.org/leafdrop

Sprout City Farms

2019 Farm Shares Available! Vegetable and egg membership shares at the Denver Green School (DGS) Community Farm are available!

How Does it Work? Shareholders just need to come to the DGS schoolyard every Wednesday afternoon during the harvest season to pick up their freshly picked produce.

Plus, the farm stand is open on Wednesday afternoons starting in mid-August for all to come and purchase fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables.

What is Available? The DGS Community Farm selection varies each year but it typically has a wide variety of fruits and vegetables including peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, squash and more. Memberships also include pick-your-own herbs and flowers, cooking demonstrations, educational workshops, and events throughout the season.

How Can I Find Out More? Check out the CSA page!
<http://sproutcityfarms.org/store/products/category/dgs-csa/>

Or, email the DGS Community Farm Manager, Farmer Meg, at meg@sproutcityfarms.org or call 720-319-8126 with any questions.

Build a Beehive?

What? Why? Well, many of us are itching for a project to plan for the Spring. And who doesn't want local honey? That said, beekeeping takes time and preparation and it isn't for everybody. WDCA isn't recommending that any particular resident up and install hives in their yard. However, my neighbors keep bees and, overall it has been interesting and fun for me and my children to watch them do what they do (and eat the honey).



First things first – review the local ordinance surrounding beekeeping in Denver. Visit <http://www.denverbee.org/> to review the local beekeeping requirements.

Also, it's a common courtesy to tell your neighbors. Some may have a severe allergy, in which case you may not want to go through with your plan. Others may just be concerned about stings. Generally, bees don't sting unless they're threatened, and some concerns might be overcome with the promise of a jar or two of honey.

Plan ahead –decide what kind of hive you want, take a class, check out prices for different hive types and equipment (it can get pricey). If you do decide to give it a go, remember that Spring is the time to install a hive. It's when most companies that can sell you bee colonies do their business. Plan to have your hive ready to go when you order your bees. As soon as they arrive they'll need a home.

There are plenty of resources out there to help you. Here's one site that provides comprehensive information on planning, installing your hive, and keeping bees happy and healthy:

<https://www.perfectbee.com/>

Monaco Parkway and Lowry Boulevard Improvements

New intersection set to open in October

The Lowry Redevelopment Authority began work last fall on the median and east side of Monaco Parkway. A new signalized intersection was built at Monaco and Lowry Boulevard and the east side of Monaco Parkway is being improved. The project is designed to disperse area traffic, add neighborhood connections and improve the parkway on the Lowry side.

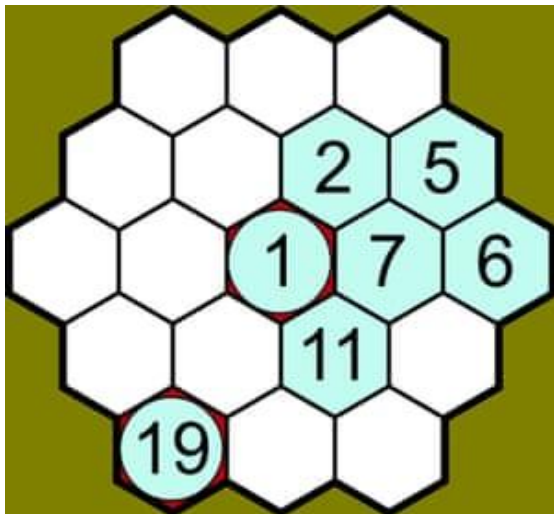
The project is being implemented in coordination with the City of Denver Department of Transportation. It includes:

- Narrowing and a break in the Monaco Parkway median to add a new left-turn lane for southbound Monaco traffic onto eastbound Lowry Boulevard.
- Removal of 9 trees on the median; 8 trees remain and 3 new trees were added.
- Significant landscape improvements are being added on the east side of Monaco Parkway, from Bayaud Street to First Avenue, including:
 - Overhead utilities were put underground
 - Tree lawn was widened to 12 feet
 - 27 new street trees are being added
 - A new sidewalk, with links to trails
 - 5.3 acres of new landscape behind the sidewalk will be added

New traffic signals are being installed and will be operational when Lowry Boulevard opens to Monaco –scheduled for October (may have already occurred by the time you get this newsletter!).

Hidato puzzle

Fill the cells with consecutive numbers from 1 to the highest number (both of which are circled) so that consecutive numbers connect. In other words, 1 must be next to 2, which must be next to 3, and so on.



City Council Update

City Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman has informed WDCA that the City plans to paint the staircase that links the S. Oneida St. cul de sac in Winston Downs to Leetsdale Dr. to the south.

Also, Councilwoman Susman’s recent newsletter includes a reminder to make sure to keep the following items OUT of your purple recycle bin:

- Bagged recyclables. Placing items in bags could result in the whole bag getting thrown out
- Plastic bags or film. Denver’s material recovery facility (MRF) cannot handle loose plastic bags or other plastic films.
- Scrap Metal. The only metal items accepted in Denver’s purple carts are steel cans, and aluminum cans, trays, pie tins and foil. All other metal items are considered scrap metal.
- Tanglers. Cords, hoses and chains can cause damage to sorting equipment that is both costly and time-consuming to repair.

District 5: Contact Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman by phone at 720.337.5555 or email: marybeth.susman@denvergov.org

District 6 (Part of Lee Downs subdivision): Councilman Paul Kashmann. Contact Councilman. Kashmann by phone:720 337-6666 or email: paul.kashmann@denvergov.org

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Cold Weather Tips

There are lots of things to do to keep your home safe and comfortable over the winter, but don't forget this winter to help take care of yourself:

- Avoid slipping on ice: Wear shoes with good traction and non-slip soles. Take off wet and icy shoes as you return inside because ice and snow can stick to the soles, creating slippery conditions inside as well.
- Get a flu shot early in the season
- Stay hydrated – drink at least 6 to 8 glasses of water per day
- Dress in layers and avoid cotton fabrics as they don't retain heat when they're wet. Wool socks!
- Maintain indoor temperatures at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit to avoid decreased body temperatures
- Fight wintertime depression by checking in with neighbors and friends and check in with neighbors to make sure they're doing OK. Setting up a check-in system with friends and family can help ward off feelings of isolation.
- Check your car to make sure that your tires, battery, wipers and oil level are in good shape rather than waiting until you're out in a storm.



Thanksgiving

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16 Things That You Should Do for Your Home This Winter

With frosty temps, ice, and snow, our homes stand to take a beating around this time of year. To help keep your house safe and cozy, we've rounded up a checklist of care necessities and decorative swaps that will take a little of the chill out of winter.

- Ensure that your fireplace chimney is clear of debris and check your flue damper operation. Make sure it opens and closes fully, and that it can be locked in the open and closed position.
- If it has been several years since you had your chimney cleaned, you should have it done by a professional chimney sweep.
- Put together a cold-weather emergency kit consisting of flashlights, candles, batteries, blankets, bottled water, and nonperishable foods.
- Tend to dead trees or overhanging branches. Freezing temps could make them a real threat.
- If you have a window air conditioning unit in your home, either remove it for the season, or purchase an air conditioning cover so that air does not enter or escape.
- Make sure patio furniture is covered.
- Consider swapping your cotton sheets for cozier, flannel ones.
- If you're still using a light-weight comforter, give in to the temptation of cloudlike down.
- Hang curtains in a darker color and heavier fabric than you might in summer months. They'll act as decorative insulation!
- Reverse your ceiling fans to help circulate warm air that gathers near the ceiling. When the fan blades rotate clockwise, they push the warm air down to "reheat" the lower areas.
- Mount (or change the batteries in) smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Heating appliances may emit (odorless) carbon monoxide and other harmful fumes. You should have a
- Hardwood and tile floors can get chilly and cause you to overdo it pumping the heat. Lay out a seasonal area rug and you'll warm the space right up.
- Cut down on cold drafts and loss of heat by weather-stripping places where warm air seems to be escaping, and cold air is coming in. Find the leaks by holding a candle or incense near the edges of a window frame. If the flame flickers or goes out, you have a leak. Install a door sweep, use inexpensive rope caulking to plug air leaks, and/or purchase a DIY window insulation kit at the hardware store.
- Do a roof check: Have loose shingles replaced or repaired. Damaged roofing can cause water damage.
- Make sure gutters and downspouts are clean. Wet leaves add weight and volume to the gutter when frozen and increase the risk of damage.
- If you have exposed water or drain piping in chilly spaces such as a garage, crawlspace, attic, etc., make sure to insulate them with foam insulation at a minimum.



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Denver Happenings

Denver Film Festival October 31 - November 11. Sie FilmCenter and UA Pavilions. The Denver Film Festival brings over 200 guest filmmakers and sells over 55,000 tickets to more than 250 films, from blockbusters and documentaries to shorts and independent films.
<https://denverfilmfestival.denverfilm.org/>

Denver Arts Week November 2 - 10. Various galleries, museums and theaters throughout Denver. The Mile High City celebrates its vibrant creative community every year with Denver Arts Week. Denver Arts Week takes place at seven neighborhood art districts, several museums and dozens of art galleries, and it includes the wildly popular **Night At The Museums**, where several of the city's greatest museums are free.
<https://www.denver.org/denver-arts-week/>

JAAMM Fest Through November 18. Mizel Arts and Culture Center. The Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies and Music Festival is one of the most comprehensive Jewish cultural arts festivals in Colorado. Authors and lecturers include a 2018 Academy Award winner, a New York Times editor and a CNN commentator and TED talk lecturer. Music acts come to Denver from all over the world. <https://www.jccdenver.org/arts-culture/jaamm/>

Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Party November 2 and art exhibit October 26 - November 11. Pirate Gallery. The Pirate has hosted a neighborhood party and artistic celebration honoring Dia de los Muertos for three decades, becoming a Denver tradition. This family-friendly event features Day of the Dead inspired art made by students from area schools and handmade altars from local residents.
<https://www.pirateartonline.org/>

Winter Gift Market. Denver Botanic Gardens. November 15 - 17. Vendors sell one-of-a-kind, handcrafted holiday items; bath and body products; pottery; jewelry; specialty foods; clothing; antiques and more. The Gardens' Guild offers its popular herbal vinegars and seasonings. Gardens' admission is free during the Winter Gift Market. <https://www.botanicgardens.org/events/special-events/winter-gift-market>

Holiday Flea. November 23 - December 16. Denver Union Station 1701 Wynkoop St. Market on the plaza of Denver Union Station downtown. <http://www.denverflea.com>

Parade of Lights. Downtown Denver. November 30 - December 1. The two-mile parade route in Downtown Denver is the stage for Colorado's brightest holiday tradition. The FREE holiday spectacular features marching bands, ornate floats, and, of course, a special appearance by Major Waddles the Penguin and Santa! Grab your hot chocolate and ear-muffs, this year is going to be better than ever!
<http://www.denverparadeoflights.com/>

TEDXMILEHIGH: RESET. December 1. Bellco Theater Downtown Denver (Tickets \$40 - \$60). Explore how we may reframe the ways we see entrenched challenges facing our world, reimagine new opportunities for collaboration, reaffirm our shared humanity, and reanimate our purpose. TEDxMileHigh: Reset will feature two live sessions of speakers, an interactive exhibits lounge and more. <https://www.tedxmilehigh.com/reset/>

Ugly Sweater Brew Run. December 8. Landlocked Ales, Lakewood, CO (Tickets \$40 - \$60). Wear your most festive, ugliest holiday gear and get ready for some magical winter fun at this 5k run. After the 5kish run/walk enjoy seasonal brews, live music and a big ugly sweater contest.
<https://www.rockymountainbrewruns.com/ugly-sweater-brew-run-and-party-with-landlocked-ales/>