Yard Care

How To Care For Your Lawn, Control Insects, Maintain Fences And Gates, And Prepare Your Yard For Winter

Caring for your lawn

- Keep grass watered and cut to help reduce the likelihood of mice and other pests.
- Fertilize grass once per year to keep it healthy, green, and to reduce weeds.
- Trim grass along the fence line and walkways.
- Bag leaves in the fall.
- Do not park vehicles on the lawn.
- Store items such as lumber, tires, pools, toys, bikes, and BBQs in the basement, shed, or patio area.

Controlling insects

- Items that can collect water, such as spare tires; toys; and garbage cans without lids, are ideal breeding sites for mosquitoes. To reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home, ensure that there is no standing water.
- Wasps and other insects are attracted to fresh fruit. To reduce the presence of wasps, pick fruit from trees and bushes and remove fruit that has fallen on the ground.

Maintaining fences and gates

- Tighten screws and adjust latches.
- Reduce damage to fences and gates by not climbing or putting weight on them (e.g., swinging on gates).
- Do not take down fences or gates.
- Call the housing authority for repairs and painting.
- The housing authority does not have to supply fences. A fence that is a hazard or eyesore may be removed instead of fixed or replaced. To ensure that you keep your fence, take care of it.

Something to think about...

Make your community a nicer place to live, safer and healthier by taking care of your yard.

Preparing for winter

- Put hoses, outdoor toys, and summer tools and equipment away.
- Shut off the water supply to your outside taps and drain the water from the taps before it freezes and damages the pipes.
- Ensure you have the proper tools to clean snow off your driveway and walkways.

Contact your local housing authority for more information