

info & updates

April utility bill insert

Reminder: fertilize correctly

Fertilizers must be used properly and carefully to avoid pollution of our waterways and groundwater – everything is connected. As a reminder, from October 1 to May 31, fertilizer containing nitrogen is permitted, however, it must contain at least 65% slow-release nitrogen. The fertilizer blackout period is June 1 through September 30 of each year. During this period, no fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus may be applied.

helpful tips to keep your yard beautiful & our lakes clean

- Always follow the label directions when using any pesticide.
- Do not deposit fertilizer or grass clippings on streets, driveways or in storm drains.
- When using a broadcast spreader, it must have spray/deflector shields to keep fertilizers off of paved surfaces.
- Clean up any spills immediately.
- Always dispose of unwanted pesticides at an approved household hazardous waste facility.
- Keep fertilizer at least 25 feet from natural bodies of water.
- Limit each application to 1 pound total nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.
- Check weather forecasts before applying any outdoor pesticides, and refrain from using them if windy conditions exist, or if rain is expected within 24 to 48 hours.
- Choose phosphorus-free fertilizer. Florida soils hold phosphorus very well, and rarely need any to be added.

More information about the proper use of fertilizer can be found by accessing cityofwinterpark.org/lakes or [City Ordinance 3180-20](#).

May is Historic Preservation Month

Throughout the month of May, the City of Winter Park's Historic Preservation Board and the Friends of Casa Feliz are working together to bring more attention and recognition to the architectural heritage of Winter Park. If you are an owner of one of the city's historic landmark properties that has been individually designated OR own a home deemed historic within College Quarter or Virginia Heights historic districts, please help us showcase the importance of historic preservation in our neighborhoods by displaying a yard sign.

These signs are free to all historic homeowners and can be delivered right to your front door. If you are interested in helping us celebrate your home and historic preservation, please email Susan Omoto, Executive Director of Casa Feliz at susan@casafeliz.us. If you already have a sign from years prior, please remember to display it throughout the month of May and place it on your property rather than in the rights of way.

Thank you for bringing awareness to the treasure of historic homes throughout our city. If you are interested in designating your home, please access cityofwinterpark.org/historicpreservation or call [407-599-3440](tel:407-599-3440).

for updates on upcoming things to enjoy, please access cityofwinterpark.org/events

Know what's going on with our lakes?

The Natural Resources & Sustainability Department Lakes Division manages and maintains all city lakes and waterways. To receive email notifications about what's happening on your lake and other important news about city waterways, be sure to sign up for lakes notifications by accessing cityofwinterpark.org/lakes.

PET OWNERS: PLEASE READ

It is easy to think everyone loves our pets as much as we do, but if your pet is a dog and it is running off leash in undesignated areas or you allow them to defecate on someone's property, both are against city ordinances and very unfavorable to neighbors.

please be kind & pick up what's left behind

As much as we love our pets, no one loves to accidentally step on or see the mess they have left behind. Not picking up after your pet is not only unsanitary, it is also in violation of city code [Chapter 18, Section 18-44]. As responsible pet owners, please be cognizant of picking up after your four-legged friends.

leash or no leash?

When in public, dogs must be on leash at all times, unless you are visiting the off-leash area at Lake Baldwin Park (located at 2000 S. Lakemont Ave.) or have approval for events where dogs are engaging in competitions, training, or performances which require dogs to be off leash [Chapter 18, Section 18-14]. All other areas that allow dogs require them to be on leash and under the handler's control.

it's hot out there

Be sure to keep plenty of fresh water available for pets at all times and make sure your animals have access to shade from the sun. The summer weather is synonymous with thunderstorms, so be sure to bring your pet inside or provide a safe, sturdy shelter for them to be protected during storms.

please be respectful

As the weather warms up, more people are enjoying the outdoors. Nothing ruins this more than stepping in a pile of dog excrement or having a strange dog jump on or chase you. Please be respectful those around you by keeping your pet leashed and picking up after them when they answer the call of nature.

more info

To explore the city's complete animal ordinance, please access cityofwinterpark.org/government » [About](#) » [Code of Ordinances & City Charter](#) » [Chapter 18 - Animals](#).

Free trees delivered to Winter Park residents' doorsteps

The city's Urban Forestry Division has again partnered with the National Arbor Day Foundation and Florida Forest Service to offer the Community Canopy Program, where Winter Park residents can order a FREE tree from Urban Forestry at cityofwinterpark.org/urbanforestry while supplies last. Residents have the option to choose from different tree species including bald cypress, dahoon holly and live oak. The one-gallon tree will then be delivered to the resident's doorstep with instructions on planting and care.

Please join in the city's efforts to expand and maintain Winter Park's storied tree canopy by beautifying your property with a free tree that will benefit generations to come. It is important to always remember to choose the "right tree for the right location." For additional information regarding the right tree for your property, the city's tree canopy efforts, and the Community Canopy Program, please contact Urban Forestry at [407-599-3325](tel:407-599-3325) or urbanforestry@cityofwinterpark.org.