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Summer is in full swing, and we love seeing neighbors (and their dogs!) out enjoying the sunshine. Please remember to keep pets leashed and hydrated during these warmer days. Here's to a season of smiles, wagging tails, and great community vibes!

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Gasket Cleaning Tips:

1. 1:1 mixture of white vinegar and water
2. Spray directly on gasket, focusing on mildewy or moldy parts
3. Let sit for 5-10 minutes
4. Wipe down with cloth or clean sponge, remember to wipe down within folds
5. For stubborn spots, use a Q-tip or a toothbrush to scrub the area
6. Finally, rinse the gasket with water, and wipe dry





Recognized for Excellence

Roma Management
Named Best in
Property Management

We are incredibly proud to announce that Roma Management, LLC has been selected as the Best Property Management Company in the 2025 edition of Cascade Best Magazine! This honor means so much to our entire team, as it reflects not only our commitment to exceptional property management but also the trust and appreciation of the residents, property owners, and community partners we serve every day.

At Roma Management, we strive to bring a personal, professional, and people-first approach to every home and property we care for. Whether it's responding to maintenance requests with speed and care, helping tenants feel at home, or partnering closely with owners to protect and grow their investments, we believe in doing the little things right, every time.

Being recognized by Cascade Best is a true milestone, and we couldn't have achieved it without the support of our amazing community. From all of us at Roma, thank you for standing behind us, voting for us, and believing in what we do. We look forward to continuing to raise the standard for property management across the region!

— The Roma Management Team





Vacation Prep Checklist

*Vacation Prep Checklist for Your Home
Going Away This Summer? Here's How to Keep Your Home Safe
& Stress-Free*

Whether you're off for a weekend at the lake or a longer summer getaway, a little preparation goes a long way toward protecting your home while you're away. Use this checklist to help give you peace of mind, so you can focus on relaxing, not worrying!

Before You Leave

1. Lock Up Tight

Double-check that all doors and windows are locked—including sliders, balcony doors, and basement or storage areas.

2. Secure Valuables

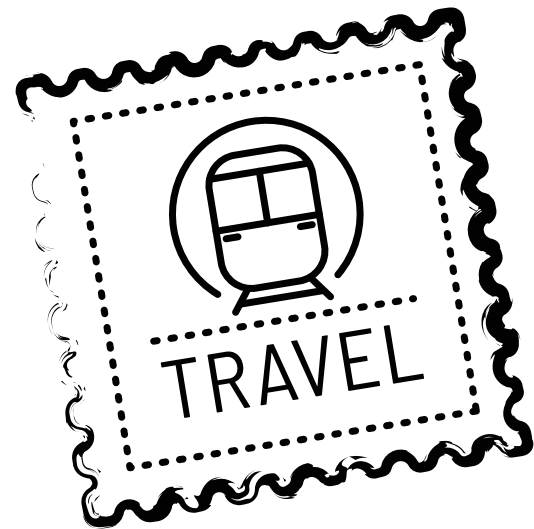
Store valuable items out of sight or in a locked drawer. If you have renters' insurance, make sure it's up to date.

3. Unplug Small Appliances

To prevent fire risk or energy waste, unplug items like toasters, fans, and electronics.

4. Take Out the Trash

No one wants to come home to the smell of old garbage. Empty all trash cans, especially in the kitchen and bathrooms.



Don't Forget These Extras

✓ Pause Mail or Deliveries

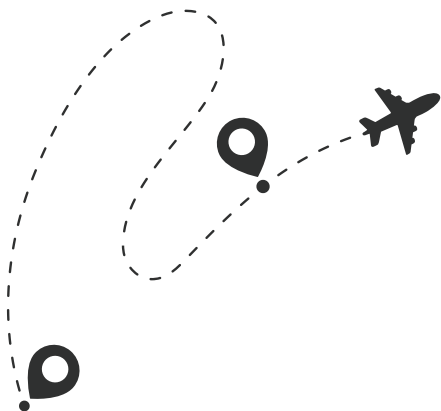
Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to collect mail/packages, or place a temporary hold with USPS.

✓ Notify Management If You'll Be Gone 10+ Days

As a friendly reminder, your lease requires you to notify management if you will be away for 10 days or longer. This helps us ensure the property stays secure in case of emergencies.

✓ Pet Plans in Place?

If you have pets, confirm pet-sitters or boarding arrangements ahead of time.



Taking a few minutes to prepare now can prevent surprises later. Safe travels and happy summer from all of us at Roma Management, LLC.



Safety Tips - Youngest Residents

We know how important it is to feel confident that all children are safe at home. Here are a few tips to help make apartment living secure and stress-free for families with kids.



Helping Keep Our Youngest Residents Safe

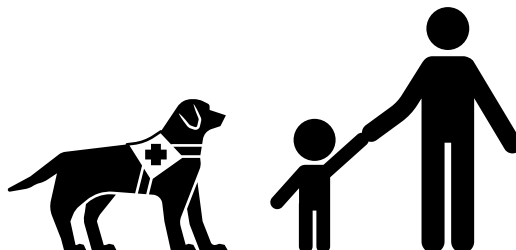
We care deeply about the safety and well-being of all residents, especially our youngest ones. Apartment communities are shared spaces, and it's important that families take a few simple precautions to help create a secure environment for everyone.

Please always supervise young children when they are playing outside or in shared areas such as hallways, stairwells, parking lots, and courtyards. These areas are not designed to be play zones, and vehicles or other hazards may be present. We also ask that they do not knock on neighbors' doors without permission, as this can be disruptive or startling to other residents.

Inside the apartment, consider using outlet covers, window locks or stops (especially for upper-floor units), and cabinet safety latches to help prevent accidents. If your home has a balcony, never leave children unattended, even for a moment, and avoid placing furniture near railings where they could climb.

We encourage families to talk with children about being respectful in shared spaces, such as keeping noise at a reasonable level, walking instead of running in halls, and using indoor voices when coming and going.

If you ever notice a safety concern on the property—such as broken railings, trip hazards, or poorly lit areas—please report it to management right away. We're here to help ensure that your community remains a safe, welcoming place for families of all sizes.





Local Trails & Parks

Looking to get outside this summer and connect to nature? New to Whatcom County and unsure where to start? Be sure to check out the following parks in the Bellingham (and Ferndale) area!

1. Whatcom Falls Park

A city treasure and family favorite, Whatcom Falls Park spans 241 acres with four waterfalls, a mossy stone bridge built in 1939, and over five miles of easy, mostly gravel trails through lush old-growth forest.

2. Lake Padden Park

Just minutes from downtown, this 160-acre oasis features a 2.6-mile lakeside trail, flat and family-friendly, alongside playgrounds, picnic areas, tennis and pickleball courts, plus golf and disc golf.

3. Sehome Hill Arboretum

A serene 175-acre wooded expanse adjacent to WWU, with over five miles of walking and biking trails winding through Douglas-fir and western hemlock forest.

4. Larrabee State Park Trails

Washington's first state park offers coastal forest trails in the Chuckanut Mountains.

5. Lake Whatcom Park: Chanterelle & Hertz Trails

East of town, explore these two connected trails:

- Chanterelle Trail: A 2.4-mile climb with ~1,300 ft elevation gain leading to sweeping lake and city views
- Hertz Trail: A gentle, flat route along the old railway right-of-way, perfect for families—a 3-mile one-way stroll with water vistas

6. Hovander Park

Located in Ferndale, Hovander Park features 333 acres of riverfront farmland, historic homestead exhibits, farm animals, trails, playgrounds, and the River Dike trail.





Celebrating Independence Day

As we approach the 4th of July, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy Independence Day! To ensure a pleasant holiday experience for all, please take a moment to review the following important reminders.

No Charcoal Grills Allowed

For the safety of all residents, charcoal grills are not permitted anywhere on the property, including balconies and common areas. If you plan to barbecue, please use only electric or propane grills where permitted, and always follow posted safety guidelines. When in doubt, please refer to your lease agreement for rules and regulations.

Fireworks Are Prohibited

While fireworks are a traditional part of the Independence Day holiday, they are not allowed on our properties under any circumstances. This includes sparklers, firecrackers, and any other type of firework. This policy is in place to protect residents, pets, and property from potential harm.

Be Respectful of Quiet Hours

We understand that the holiday is a time for celebration, but we kindly ask that you be mindful of your neighbors by adhering to the community's quiet hours, which remain in effect during the holiday. These quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Let's keep the festivities fun and respectful for everyone.

Office Closure Notice

Please note that the Roma Management office will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observance of the holiday. We will reopen on the following Monday with regular business hours. For maintenance emergencies during the closure, please submit a work order through Property Meld. A team member will be alerted if it is an emergency. For lockouts, please refer to your lease agreement for our after-hours policy.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our community safe and enjoyable for all. Have a wonderful 4th of July!





Local Talent Takes the Stage at Old Settlers Day!

Come See The Barn Devils Featuring Our Own Erin Galbraith

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, July 26th, the high-energy country band The Barn Devils will be performing live at Whatcom Old Settlers Day in Ferndale, and we're especially excited because one of our very own will be center stage!

That's right, Erin Galbraith, part of our team and one of the lead vocalists, will be performing with the band. Known for their bold honky-tonk sound, rich harmonies, and electrifying stage presence, The Barn Devils are a crowd favorite, and this performance is one you won't want to miss.

PICNIC AT PIONEER PARK: JULY 26TH, 2025

Old Settlers Day is a cherished local tradition with food, music, family fun, and community pride, and this year, we've got an extra reason to celebrate.

Come support Erin and enjoy a great night of music under the summer sky. Let's show our hometown spirit and cheer on one of our own!

When: Saturday, July 26th

Where: Pioneer Park, Ferndale

Who: The Barn Devils featuring Erin Galbraith

See you there with your boots on!



Local Business Spotlight: Healing Hands Massage

We're thrilled to highlight one of our local wellness gems: Healing Hands, a business dedicated to providing compassionate, hands-on care that supports healing, relaxation, and holistic health.

Located in one of Roma's communities, Healing Hands offers a range of services including deep tissue, Swedish, and hot stone massage.



Whether you're looking to relieve stress, manage chronic pain, or simply treat yourself to some restorative time, Healing Hands brings comfort and care through experienced, intuitive touch.

Healing Hands' calming space, knowledgeable staff, and commitment to wellness make them a trusted choice for those seeking balance and renewal.

If you haven't already, we encourage you to check them out and support a local business that's making a real difference in people's lives. Book a session at healinghandsmassagefootspa.com to learn more.

Let's continue to support and celebrate the small businesses that help make our community thrive!



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Housing Market Update

Should You Stop Renting and Buy a House?

If you're renting, you're not alone. Many people appreciate the flexibility renting offers, especially in times of change. But you may be thinking: Is it time to buy a home instead?



Here are a some things to consider:

1. Building Equity

When you own a home, each payment you make builds your equity, allowing you to invest in your own future.

2. Freedom to Personalize Your Space

Owning your own home means you can paint the walls any color you like, plant a garden, or remodel the kitchen to fit your taste—without needing permission.

3. Tax Advantages

Homeownership can come with tax benefits, such as mortgage interest deductions, which may help lower your taxable income.

If the down payment has been a stopping point, there are down payment assistance programs available through local lenders.

If you're curious about what it would take to buy a home, I'd be happy to discuss the current real estate market in Whatcom County, walk you through the process of buying a home, and answer any questions without pressure.

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