



WATERTREE NEWSLETTER

watertreeofdewittcondos.com

January 2026

Avoid Frozen & Burst Pipes

During cold seasons, **leave your thermostat at 55° or higher, and leave cabinet doors open** so warm air can circulate to the pipes under each sink. If you plan on traveling for a few days, arrange to store your car where it will not block snowplowing or leave a car key with a trusted neighbor who will move your car. Also leave a house key with a trusted neighbor or the office.

Trash Cans are for dog poop.

The trash cans around the property are for dog poop only, properly bagged. Using these trash cans for anything else is inappropriate and violates the House Rules.



Safety Tip

Test your smoke detectors weekly to ensure they are each working properly. Generally you want a smoke detector in every room. Smoke detectors in your home are your responsibility as the owner, except for one in each home that the HOA maintains (also test this one monthly & let the office know of any problem with it).

House Rules

The House Rules have been updated as of December 2025 & posted on the website.

Water Leaks!

If you have water leaking, immediate access is required so staff can determine the source of the leak. If you haven't already – please consider leaving a spare key to your unit at the office/shop. Keys are kept in a secure location and staff makes every effort to contact you by phone before entering a unit in an emergency.

In Case Of Emergency

For a maintenance emergency, use the emergency contact information in the utility room to immediately contact a volunteer board member. Occasionally there is an emergency, often involving leaking water, that requires access to several homes. Calling you for permission to enter is quicker than you coming home to open the door in person. Also keep your information current with the office, including contact info for yourself and an emergency contact. If the emergency is a situation between people, that is a matter for the police, not our maintenance staff.

Electricity Costs

It has been colder than normal, further driving up electric costs. Syracuse.com published an article about utility costs titled “Why your National Grid gas and electric bill in Central NY is soaring.” For emailed newsletters, here is a link with free access to the article through 1/28. The Board negotiates contracts with the electric and gas supply companies. What this means for you is that the upward swing in costs is somewhat mitigated because your electric supply cost does not fluctuate monthly with the market supply & demand.

<https://www.syracuse.com/news/2026/01/why-your-national-grid-gas-and-electric-bill-in-central-ny-is-soaring.html?gift=5f086cb1-673a-4faf-98a9-cab2680722f0>

free access to article through 1/28/2026