

Dear Neighbors,

The winter of 2025–2026 has been snowy, icy, and cold!

The LHS Board kindly asks all residents to assess their homes and yards in preparation for the upcoming Winter Inspection, which will take place during the first weeks of February. To help guide your efforts, please review and complete the following seasonal tasks:

Property Maintenance Checklist

- **Yard Maintenance:** Remove fallen leaves and limbs, trim shrubs, and tidy outdoor spaces as the weather allows.
- **Driveway & Walkway Safety:** Clear pathways and apply treatments as needed to prevent icy conditions.
- **Inspect gutters and downspouts:** Ensure they're clear of ice dams, debris, and blockages so melting snow can drain properly and not back up into the roofline.
- **Check exterior lighting:** Shorter days mean outdoor lights matter more. Replace bulbs, clean fixtures, and confirm motion sensors are working.
- **Examine fences and gates:** Cold weather can loosen hardware or shift posts. Tighten screws, check latches, and note any leaning sections.
- **Look for siding or trim damage:** Freeze–thaw cycles can worsen cracks or gaps. Early detection prevents bigger repairs later.
- **Monitor tree limbs near homes or sidewalks:** Heavy snow and ice can cause branches to break. Trim anything that looks weak or overextended.
- **Secure outdoor items:** Wind and storms can move furniture, décor, or trash bins. Store or tie down anything that could blow away.
- **Check for standing water or drainage issues:** Melting snow can reveal low spots or pooling areas that may need attention before spring.
- **Inspect decks and porches:** Remove snow buildup, check for loose boards or railings, and ensure surfaces aren't becoming slippery.
- **Review exterior vents:** Make sure dryer, furnace, and crawlspace vents remain clear of snow and debris to maintain proper airflow.
- **Protect outdoor spigots and pipes:** Confirm hose bibs are insulated and hoses are disconnected to prevent freezing.

As a community, let's continue supporting one another by sharing helpful tips and best practices for winter property care. If you are planning any exterior home projects, please remember to submit an ARC request form to lhshoa.arc@gmail.com before beginning any work.

Please note that if you have previously been notified of a violation, a repeat notification may result in loss of access to community benefits (e.g., the pool). For a quick check of requirements refer to the latest Rules and Regulations sent in December.

Together, we can ensure our neighborhood stays safe, attractive, and enjoyable no matter the season.

Warm regards, The LHS Board