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Prepare your home for Fall!!!!

Thankfully, the cooler weather is just around the corner. Most people know that now is the time to clean gutters and seal openings around windows that can leak heat. But here are some less obvious ideas you might want to think about to prepare your home for the approaching cool temperatures.

1. It's easy to forget you have a furnace during the summer, but you don't want to come to the first cold day and realize that furnace isn't working properly. For gas heating, be sure to



- check the pilot light and don't forget to change those filters!
2. Flush those sprinkler systems to prevent freezing and pipe bursts.
3. Cold air from the garage can be sucked into your home. Be cautious of fumes that will allow carbon monoxide and other toxins into your home. Think about a carbon monoxide detector for your home. Think twice about warming your car inside the garage on cold days.
4. Check and clean the gutters and downspouts. Trim dead and overgrown tree limbs.

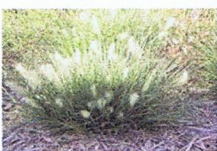
Thoughts for Fall Planting...

Take a look around and see what is really nice right now. You will notice that the **Autumn Sage** (*Salvia greggii*) is looking mighty pretty. If you prune it back in July of each year, it just hangs

back until cooler temperatures and BOOM.....gorgeous blooms. It is evergreen and very hardy for all of Texas.



Drought tolerant, sun loving, accepting of cold temperatures and "cute as a button" is the **dwarf fountain grass**

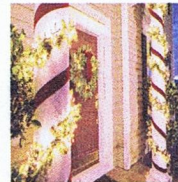


(specifically "Little Bunny" variety). As with all our recommendations, this plant gets thumbs up from designers and maintenance contractors alike. Want a plant you can ignore and will still look nice? Dwarf fountain grass is your winner!

Holiday Decoration Contest!!!

Last year was our first Holiday Decoration Contest and it was amazing what imaginations live in RROC!!!!

Thanks to all that participated and I hope there will be even more join in this year.



Therefore, the Declarant wanted to offer another Holiday Decoration Contest this year with 3 winners!!! The winners will be rewarded with a Gift Card to a business in town, or close by. It doesn't have to be elaborate decorations, because creative is the best!!!!

The judges will start looking in early December, & the winners will be announced in the December Newsletter so start creating.....



Fences, yards & trash cans

The community has been looking very neglected and unpolished lately which is unusual for this community. There are some homes that need consistent lawn care, removal of dead bushes in front, fence repair or replacement, etc. Now that the holidays are upon us and the weather is starting to finally cool down, please take the time to take care of these items and help the neighborhood get back to the welcoming, caring way it used to be.

Another item that has gotten out of

Fall Gardening Tips...

◆ Start planning your spring garden. Fall is when to plant spring-blooming bulbs!

◆ Add compost or other rich organic material to your soil.

◆ Time for fall fertilizations (work in a turf aeration first if you can!)

◆ **Leaves - did you know...**

Where you can, use those fallen leaves as nutrients for your turf. Blow them from the walks back onto the lawn and then mow/mulch them up. These work in a way similar to mulching of turf blade clippings. The leaf bits will filter down into the soil and provide nutrients for your turf. Small/soft leaves work best. In the spring when live oaks shed, they are often too coarse to grind up.



control are the trash cans that are left in visual sight all week long.

The Association rules state:

◆ No trash or garbage shall be allowed to accumulate in any area. Trash can should not be out any earlier than the evening prior to pick-up and **should be hidden from view** by the end of the day of trash pick-up.

Please be mindful of this rule and have respect for your home, community & neighbors in following it.