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RATTLESNAKE SEASON

It is that time of year when you might see one of these reptiles. Please be extra careful when out and about in the community. Also, be cautious when children and pets are allowed to play outside.

BURGLARY CAUTION NOTICE



Your home should be your sanctuary for you and your family. Protecting your home from criminal intrusion should be high on your list. A burglar will select his target because it offers him the best opportunity to carry out his crime undetected and with the fewest number of obstacles in his way. A building that presents itself as unoccupied or insecure is far more likely to be targeted than one which is properly secured.

Accessible Windows Open

An open window may be the sole reason for your home to be selected by a burglar. Secure all accessible windows with secondary blocking devices. Block accessible windows open no more than 6 inches for ventilation. Make sure someone cannot reach through an open window and unlock the door.

Sliding Glass Door Left Open or Unlocked

Sliding glass doors are secured by latches, not locks. They are vulnerable to being forced open from the outside because of these inherently defective latch mechanisms. This can be easily prevented by inserting a wooden dowel or stick into the track, thus preventing or limiting movement. Other blocking devices available are metal fold-down blocking devices called “charley bars” and various track blockers that can be screwed down.

Front Door Left Open or Unlocked

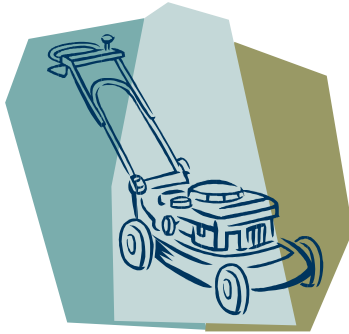
Use a quality, heavy-duty, knob-in-lock set with a dead-latch mechanism.

Be a Good Neighbor

Good neighbors should look out for each other. Get to know your adjacent neighbors. Agree to watch out for each other’s home. While on vacation, pick up newspapers and flyers. Communicate often.

MAINTAIN YOUR YARD SAFELY

Properly maintaining your yard helps your home and our community look good. Just make sure that safety is a priority when undertaking your landscaping efforts:



- Clear sticks and debris before you mow. Random debris kicked up by a lawn mower can seriously injure you and those around you. Also, mowing debris shortens the life of your mower and dulls the blade.
- Replace the cord on your weed trimmer. Your trimming will be safer if you have strong trimmer cords. Always wear eye protection when using a trimmer.
- Maintain your lawn mower in top working condition. If you find yourself mowing the same areas again and again, it's time to inspect your lawn mower. Keep a maintenance checklist of important components like air filters, blades and oil.
- Keep plants and shrubs about 5 feet from foundation walls, and keep trees at least 6 to 20 feet away, depending on their size. Plant roots that are too close to the foundation not only cause damage to the structure, but may also attract bugs and mold into your home since they tend to hold moisture.

RECYCLE YOUR CELL PHONE

The next time you're ready to upgrade your cell phone, recycle the old one! If all the estimated 100 million dead cell phones were recycled, the United States could save enough energy to power more than 194,000 U.S. households with electricity for one year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Less than 20 percent of unwanted cell phones are recycled each year, according to the EPA.



Recycling can help the environment by keeping usable and valuable materials out of landfills and incinerators. Cell phones are made of precious metals, copper and plastics, which require energy to mine and manufacture. Recycling these materials not only conserves resources, but reduces air and water pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. The EPA has teamed up with cell phone retailers, manufacturers and service providers to develop collection programs. Some charitable groups and state or municipal solid waste programs also offer cell phone recycling.

To find out where to recycle your cell phone, visit www.epa.gov/cellphone.

******CMR RCA WEBSITE******

The Carmel Mountain Ranch Website is a great place to obtain information about the community. You can review past newsletters, architectural requirements, legal documents and much more. The website address is www.cmrrca.org.