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# YOUR MANAGERS' REPORT



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**Celebrate  
America  
Memorial Day  
May 29, 2006**

### OH, THOSE OIL PRICES...

Because oil prices have gone up, filling up at the gas tank is very expensive today. Unfortunately, we do not have control over the oil companies and the politics involved. Everyone has to take steps to consider how they are going to conserve on fuel for their vehicles. It also helps to save in other areas, such as utilities, to help adjust to the rising costs of filling up at the gas tank.

There are many ways of saving on utilities and here are a few to consider.

- Use cold water when running laundry to avoid higher costs with your water heater. Most of the time, you can wash your clothes just as effectively.
- Run the dishwasher on a shorter cycle when possible and only run when full of dishes. In the interim, you can just run a rinse cycle if necessary to help remove food particles.
- Close the house early before the heat of the day sets in to keep air-conditioning/cooling costs down. In addition, it is helpful to close window coverings to keep the heat and costs down, particularly if you are going to be at work or away from your residence.
- Keep windows and doors closed when the air-conditioner/cooling system is running.

- If your appliances are old, such as your washer and dryer, considering buying the newer energy-saving machines. It may seem expensive at first, but in the long term, it could save you more.

**Saving Water = saving dollars** and no one wants a large water bill.

- Be sure to report any leaking toilets, faucets, or broken sprinkler/irrigation system to your property manager. If you hear the sound of running water, report it so it can be fixed because it means water loss.
- Watch your water usage. Avoid prolonged personal water usage, such as long showers or running the faucet indiscriminately while brushing your teeth.
- Use water saving cycles on dishwashers and use the correct amount needed in the laundry. It may save even more than water.
- It is important to water plants during the warm months, but avoid over watering. Drowning a plant is not effective; it is wasteful and just adds to your water bill.

**Search the Internet** - just type in "saving on utilities" and you will find many sites to give you ideas on how to conserve on utilities to save money to help you adjust to the rising oil prices.



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## Report Your Maintenance On The Internet!

### Did You Know?

Did you know that you could report your maintenance on our updated Web Site? It's easy, just go to [www.worthross.com](http://www.worthross.com) and choose Resident Information, and then, Maintenance Form. Just fill in each item, tabbing from one to another, and send. We will send a confirmation e-mail to you.

### Know Someone Who is Looking for a Home?

Do you know a homeowner who would like to rent out their home? Refer them to us and we will reward you. We just need a name and telephone number of the person you are referring, or simply have them mention your name when they call us. Call, fax, or send us an e-mail to earn your reward today.



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### Pets and Disasters

When preparing for a disaster, people often forget to include a plan for an important part of their household - their pets! Your preparation can save their lives. Here are some tips on how to plan.

- When you make evacuation plans, figure out how you will get your pets out as well.
- In advance, find out where you can place your pets for safe shelter during the disaster. Find out who could take them - relatives, friends, hotels, boarding facilities or shelters - outside the immediate disaster area.
- Put together a portable pet supply kit - food, bowls, list of medications or problems, medications, leashes, carriers, litter pans, can opener, veterinarian numbers, etc.
- Once you know a disaster is pending - plan to evacuate them as early as possible and have an emergency person who is willing to do this in the event you are unable to get back to your residence when it occurs.

### FIREWORKS!

This time of year is when everyone wants to enjoy dazzling fireworks, but no one wants to experience terrible injuries because of improper use. Check your local newspapers or the Internet for a place to enjoy them safely. Let professionals

do all the work and then you can have a *"fun Fourth of July!"*

