

Green Valley Ranch

Homeowners Association

Quarterly Newsletter ~ Spring 2022



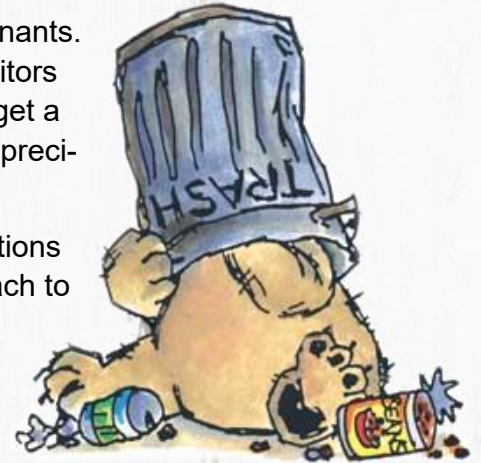
Time to break out the lawn mowers and turn on the sprinklers. Spring is here! Many of us had fences damaged/destroyed during last year's wind storms. Now that the wind has calmed down and the ground has thawed, it's time to make a plan to get those fences fixed. Fencing companies are still really busy so the sooner you get on their waiting list the better.

We've hired a contractor to repair sections of the HOA owned fence along Centennial Blvd. If you own a home along Centennial, Mule Deer or Atherton, please let us know if you noticed any loose sections in the HOA fence so we can get them fixed if needed.

COVENANTS CORNER

Hello Neighbors! A few covenant reminders now that the weather is warming:

1. If you're planning to change your front yard landscaping or paint your home this year, please contact the HOA ahead of time so your proposal can be reviewed/approved.
2. Bears and other wildlife are active in our community, so please do not place trash cans out for pick up until the morning of pick up day. Since we live in a bear area it's actually against the city ordinances to place trash cans out the night before, and we don't want to see anyone getting cited (or for you to have pick up all our trash again!)
3. Overnight street parking in the neighborhood is not allowed per our covenants. Please continue to use your garages or driveway spaces. If you have visitors or a need for overnight street parking, please contact the HOA board to get a permit issued. Turnaround is usually quick, but several days' notice is appreciated.
4. As always, please feel free to reach out to the HOA board with any questions or concerns. We take pride in our neighborhood having a relaxed approach to covenants and regulation (and low annual dues) while ensuring it's a place we all want to live. If any of you are interested in volunteering for the HOA board, we have positions open for a member-at-large and members of the Covenant Committee"



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5 tips for spring landscape cleanup

By: Catherine M., (Colorado Springs Utilities) <https://www.csu.org/Pages/Blog/5TipsSpringLandscapeCleanup.aspx>

As winter draws to a close, your landscape is beginning to wake up. Even though your plants still look dormant, spring is the perfect time to pull on your gardening gloves and start tackling several yard care tasks. If you do these five things in the next month, your efforts will pay off all summer.



1. **Cut back ornamental grasses and perennial flowers.** Cut all the dead, crispy, brown material from last year to ground level. These stems and leaves will never green up again, so remove them to let new growth take center stage. Learn more specific steps in the CSU [spring landscape cleanup video](#).
2. **Prune shrubs.** March is the perfect time of year to prune crowded, damaged, or less-than-ideal branches out of your bushes. [Use good pruning techniques](#) and avoid shearing shrubs.
3. **Refresh your wood mulch areas.** Once your landscape plants are cut back, it's much easier to add new mulch to plant beds. Add enough new wood mulch, chips, or bark so the whole layer is 3-4 inches thick. This will keep the weeds down and preserve soil moisture throughout the growing season. Brush mulch off cut back plants and don't pile it against their crowns.
4. **Apply weed preventer in gravel areas.** If you have areas covered with rock or gravel and have had a weed problem in the past, consider putting down weed preventer. By stopping new weeds from germinating, this practice can save you a lot of time and effort later in the summer. Apply this only in areas you will not be seeding (like a vegetable garden or bare spots in your lawn) and water in to activate. Keep in mind it will only stop new weeds from germinating, not control existing weeds that regrow each spring from their roots.
5. **Water by hose, if needed.** Your plants' roots become active once the soil temperature rises over 40 degrees. This means your plants will typically start using soil moisture before you turn on your sprinkler system. If we have an extended dry period, water your lawn, flowers and trees with a hose-end sprinkler periodically to ensure the soil is moist enough to support healthy growth. Be sure to disconnect the hose once you're finished to avoid freeze damage.

IMPORTANT HOMEOWNER CONTACTS

Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD)
(719) 444-7240 for emergencies dial 9-1-1
7850 Goddard St, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Colorado Springs Fire Station 18
(719) 385-5950 for emergencies dial 9-1-1
6830 Hadler View, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU)
(719) 448-4800 or (888) 278-6847
111 S Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

GFL Colorado Springs (waste collection)
(719) 633-8709 | <https://gflenv.com/gfl-colorado-springs/>
650 Santa Fe St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

- HOA Ice Cream Social — June 25th
- Potluck in the Park — July 16th
- Community Garage Sale — August 20th

