

February is Black History Month

The month-long tradition of celebrating Black Americans actually started in February of 1976. Previously, this event was known as Negro History Week and was celebrated the second week of February. The month of February was chosen due to the birthdays of two important men, President Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass, who was a social reformer and leader of Abolitionists.

February is Pull Your Sofa Away from the Wall Month

During the winter months, especially here in our Pacific Northwest, cold and damp climate, moisture, mildew, and mold can be more prevalent. One of the favorite places for mold spores to start multiplying is between the wall and a sofa (or other items) pushed right up against the wall.

This month is a good time to be sure your sofa and other furniture are pulled away from the wall and to check for any signs of moisture, mildew, or mold. Keeping furniture at least three inches away from the walls is a good rule to follow. If you have any questions regarding this moisture prevention tip or any other moisture concerns in your apartment home, please contact your Apartment Community Manager.

National Wear Red Day is the first Friday in February

By wearing red on this day, women show their support and commitment to the fight against heart disease. At the end of the day, everyone should know why Women Go Red. This year National Wear Red Day is Friday, February 4th.

The Legend of Saint Valentine

The Catholic Church recognizes three different saints, named Valentine or Valentinus. Many believe the history of Valentine's Day is associated with Saint Valentine. All three were martyred, but one of them, Valentine, was the most famous. Valentine, defied Emperor Claudius II, by performing marriages between soldiers and their brides. Emperor Claudius had outlawed marriage for soldiers saying single men made better soldiers. Valentine disagreed with Claudius believing it was a person's right to choose marriage if the person so desired. The right to love and marry whom we wish may have been Saint Valentine's biggest gift.

Featured Apartment Community



Welcome to the all-new Plateau 176 apartment community! Set atop a plateau with views of Mount Rainier and its valley, you will embrace the quiet, peaceful setting and convenience of the distinctive studio, one bedroom, and two bedroom floor plans. Plateau 176's soothing custom color schemes, top-level amenities, such as Gated Community, Seasonal Pool, Covered Parking and Garages Available, and High-End Fitness Center, and state-of-the-art lighting combined with spacious indoors and private balconies/patios inspire stylish living in these brand-new apartments. Desirably located in the Frederickson School District and close to major employers, such as JBLM, Ikea Distribution Center, and one of the Amazon warehouses, you will have access to all this vibrant community has to offer. And, you will be a short distance from Frederickson's grocery stores, eateries, and shops. Serene. Convenient. Beautiful.

Moisture Prevention Tips

It is our goal to maintain the highest quality living environment for our residents. To help achieve this goal, it is important to work together to minimize the potential for conditions that may lead to the growth of naturally occurring moisture concerns.

The following are Moisture Prevention Tips to help minimize moisture in your apartment. By taking the following actions you should be able to reduce moisture from accumulating in your home.

- Open the windows. Fresh air is good for people and apartments, too. Proper ventilation is essential. If it is not possible to open the windows, run the fans if there is an "air-handling unit", which helps circulate fresh air.
- In damp or rainy weather conditions, keep the windows and doors closed.
- If possible, maintain the temperature in your home between 50 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit at all times.
- Clean and dust your apartment on a regular basis, as stated in the rental contract. Regular vacuuming, mopping, and use of environment-all-safe household cleaners are important in the removal of household dirt and debris, which can contribute to moisture.
- Periodically clean the walls and floors around the sink, bathtub, shower, toilets, windows, and patio doors using a common household disinfecting cleaner. Dry them, too.
- On a regular basis, wipe down and dry areas where moisture sometimes accumulates, like countertops, windows, and windowsills.
- Use the bathroom fan or an alternative for ventilation, when bathing or showering. Allow the fan to run, until all excess moisture has been vented from the bathroom.
- Use the exhaust fans in the kitchen when cooking or while the dishwasher is running. Allow the fan to run, until all excess moisture has been vented from the kitchen.
- Use care when watering houseplants. If a spill occurs, dry up the excess water immediately.
- Ensure the clothes dryer vent is operating properly, and clean the lint screen after every use.
- When washing clothes in warm or hot water, watch to make sure condensation does not build up inside the washer and dryer closet. If condensation does accumulate, dry with a fan or towel.
- Thoroughly dry any carpet spills, especially pet urine.
- Do not overfill closets or storage areas. Ventilation is important in these closed, smaller spaces.
- Do not allow damp or moist stacks of clothes or other items to pile up on the floor for extended periods of time.
- Immediately report to the Apartment Community Manager any evidence of water leak or excessive moisture in your apartment, storage room, garage, or any common area.
- Immediately report to the Apartment Community Manager any evidence of moisture concerns that cannot be resolved by simply applying a common household cleaner and wiping the area. Also, report any area of moisture concern that reappears despite regular cleaning to the Apartment Manager.
- Immediately report to the Apartment Manager any failure or malfunction with your heating, ventilation, or laundry system. Do not block or cover any of the heating, ventilation, or air-conditioning ducts in your apartment.
- Immediately report to the Apartment Community Manager any inoperable windows or doors.
- Immediately report to the Apartment Community Manager any musty odors.

Late Charges Are Now Due

As of Jan 1, 2022, late charges are now in effect. While there is a six-day rent grace period, rent is due on the FIRST of each month. After the rent grace period, late charges will be imposed on the SEVENTH of the month. Therefore, be sure you pay your rent in full by the SIXTH of the month. Should you be unable to pay your rent in full by the FIRST of the month, contact your Apartment Community Manager before the FIRST of the month when the rent is already due to request a Late Payment Plan.

February is Earthquake Awareness Month - What Do I Do After An Earthquake?

After an earthquake, the disaster may continue. Expect and prepare for potential aftershocks, landslides, or even a tsunami. Tsunamis are often generated by earthquakes. Each time you feel an aftershock, drop, cover, and hold on. Aftershocks frequently occur minutes, days, weeks, and even months following an earthquake. Check yourself for injuries and get first aid, if necessary, before helping injured or trapped persons. Put on long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes, and work gloves to protect against injury from broken objects. Look quickly for damage in and around your home and get everyone out if your home is unsafe. Listen to a portable, battery-operated, or hand-crank radio for updated emergency information and instructions. Check the telephones in your home or workplace to see if you can get a dial tone. Make brief calls to report life-threatening emergencies. Look for and extinguish small fires. Fire is the most common hazard after an earthquake. Clean up spilled medications, bleach, gasoline, or other flammable liquids immediately. Open closet and cabinet doors carefully as contents may have shifted. Help people who require special assistance, such as infants, children, and the elderly or disabled. Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and stay out of damaged areas. Keep animals under your direct control. Stay out of damaged buildings. If you were away from home, return only when authorities say it is safe to do so. Use extreme caution and examine walls, floors, doors, staircases, and windows to check for damage. Be careful when driving after an earthquake and anticipate traffic light outages.

Important Dates in February...

February is Black History Month, Heart Healthy Month, Pull Your Sofa Away from the Wall Month, Be a Responsible Pet Owner Month, and Natural Earthquake Awareness Month

Feb 1st Rent is Due and National Freedom Day

Feb 2nd Groundhog Day

Feb 3rd The Day the Music Died

Feb 4th World Cancer Day and National Wear Red Day for Heart Awareness

Feb 6th Last Day of Rent Grace Period and Bob Marley's Birthday (1945)

Feb 7th Late Charges Are Now Due

Feb 8th Last Day to Submit Notice of Intent to Move

Feb 11th Satisfied Staying Single Day

Feb 12th President Lincoln's Birthday (1809)

Feb 13th Super Bowl Sunday

Feb 14th Valentine's Day, National Organ Donor Day, and Fredrick Douglass's Birthday (1818)

Feb 15th Susan B. Anthony's Birthday (1820) and Disney's Cinderella Opened (1950)

Feb 17th Random Acts of Kindness Day

Feb 20th Love Your Pet Day

Feb 21st President's Day Holiday

Feb 22nd President Washington's Birthday (1732)

Feb 26th Johnny Cash's Birthday (1932)

February is Responsible Pet Owners Month

Although it is important to always be a responsible pet owner, we especially encourage pet owners in the month of February, Responsible Pet Owners Month, to share the message that pets are always well treated. Now is a good time for pet owners to review the Pet Agreement signed at the time of move-in to ensure you are in compliance with each of the items listed in this important document. Both you and your pet will benefit from your efforts.

In addition, please be responsible and clean up those "little messes" pets and service animals, too, leave behind. Not cleaning up after your animal can create health hazards in the yards and common areas. Also, do not leave food or water outside for your animal. These will attract unwanted animals, such as strays, scavenger birds, insects, and rodents. These unwanted animals cause unsanitary conditions, may endanger your animal, your children, and/or your neighbors. Therefore, only feed your animal inside your apartment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Apartment Community Manager. Take the time to love your pet a little extra this month, and please encourage those who have not had their pets spayed or neutered to do so.

Looking for a Great Career?

Do you find yourself at your current job wondering what you could be doing? Are you considering a career change? Have you thought about a rewarding career in multi-family property management? As a resident of a Dobler Management Company's apartment community, you have had the opportunity to experience firsthand the many reasons to appreciate your apartment and apartment community. Why not call it your place of employment, too!

Why work with Dobler Management Company, Inc? Live where you work and work where you live! We offer our employees the opportunity to live in the beautiful communities we manage. Who wants to commute when you can walk out your front door and be right at work? In addition to taking back more personal time from your current day-to-day commute, our apartment community employees receive:

Highly competitive wage and bonus programs Medical, Dental and Vision plans Paid holidays and vacation time Apartment rent discounts Free extensive training programs to promote success and personal satisfaction Empowering team leadership Visit our website, www.doblermanagement.com, today to complete an online application and take hold of the first steps into a successful and rewarding career with us!

If You Must Move....

We certainly do not wish to see any of our valuable residents move. If you have a concern or unresolved issue, please either call or email your Apartment Community Manager or email info@dmcimail.com. We encourage you to make your voice heard. You are a valued resident, and we appreciate the opportunity to hear your concern and correct the situation. Your satisfaction is important to us.

However, if you must move, notify the Apartment Community Manager, as soon as possible. February 8, 2022, will be the last day to give a proper, written Twenty Day Notice of Intent to Vacate required by the Washington Residential Landlord/Tenant Act to move at the end of this month. However, if you paid a Last Month's Rent, in order to avoid an error later in your Resident Payment Ledger, your Twenty Day Notice of Intent to Vacate must be completed and submitted to the rental office by the third of the month. For your convenience, there is a Cleaning List at the bottom of the Twenty Day Notice of Intent to Vacate form. When disposing of trash or unwanted items, do not put them outside the trash container. In addition, do not put large objects, such as furniture, in the dumpster or trash compactor. Should you do either of these, you will be charged for the proper disposal of any trash or items left outside the dumpster. Instead, please notify the Apartment Community Manager so she may assist you with an alternative solution, such as having large items hauled off by an independent vendor at the resident's expense. To ensure your Security Deposit Refund Accounting arrives in a timely manner, including your forwarding address on the Notice of Intent to Vacate form, as well as confirming and assuring this information is written correctly when you turn in your keys. As a former resident, you will qualify for a \$250.00 Former Resident Referral for any friend, co-worker, or relative you refer who chooses to rent from any Dobler Management Company Inc, managed apartment community. Also, should you need an apartment anywhere in the South Puget Sound area in the future, we hope you will think of our apartment communities.