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- o Mow your grass at a height of 2½ to
- Continue to water even though it is cooler as lawns still need to maintain plant health and better survive winter conditions. Water until the ground begins to freeze
- o Fertilize mid-to late November.
  Fertilizer provides grass with
  nutrients for spring growth. Use
  zero phosphorous fertilizer unless
  you are establishing a new lawn.
  Look for a middle number of 0 on
  the fertilizer package. Water your
  lawn for 1 to 2 hours after fertilizer
  application.

## **Halloween Winners**

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## Holiday Decorating Contest - Halloween 2016

The community of Frisco Hills has voted and the winners for the Halloween Decorating Contest are...

Best Outdoor Halloween Decorating — Denton Family, Blueberry Hill Drive

Best Trick or Treat Stop — Vinduska Family, Bluebell Drive









Winners will receive a \$50 Gift Card as well as have a "Holiday Décor Winner" sign displayed on their front lawn. Congratulations to the winners and thank you for everyone who participated through decorating and/or voting.



#### **Outdoor Holiday Decorating Contest**

Halloween was just a warm up for many neighbors who will begin or already have begun to deck the outside of their homes for the upcoming holiday season. The HOA will recognized 2 homeowners who have the best exterior decorations as chosen by the residents of Frisco Hills. Winners will receive a \$50 Gift Card as well as have a "Holiday Décor Winner" sign displayed on their front lawn to recognize they're efforts.

Voting will be available on the HOA website (www.friscohillshoa.com) beginning December 5 – 16. Please log on and cast your vote!



### HOLIDAY LIGHT SAFETY TIPS

- Incandescent lights can get hot enough to burn or ignite, LED lights are much safer and easier on your electric bill
- Choose lights that have been UL or ETL approved
- Try to use the cooler-burning "mini" lights as opposed to the traditional larger bulbs. The older style burns much hotter and can start fires.
- Only use lights that have fuses in the plugs
- Inspect each set of lights--old or new--for damage. Return or throw out any set with broken sockets, frayed wires, or loose connections
- Replace burned out bulbs promptly with bulbs of the same wattage
- Never hang lights on a metal tree as the tree can become electrically charged and cause injury

- Only use outdoor rated lights outside
- All outdoor electrical decorations should be plugged into a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). You can buy portable units for outdoor use, or you can have them installed
- Use extension cords properly. Outdoor cords can be used anywhere, but never use indoor
  extension cords outside. Do not overload extension cords--they can get hot enough to burn
- Stay away from powerlines or feeder lines (these go from the pole to the house)
- Secure outside lights with insulated holders or run strings of lights through hooks, never use tacks or nails
- When leaving home or going to bed, turn off your holiday lights
- Never pull on a string of lights as it leads to fraying. After the holiday is over store lights loosely wrapped

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