



Why Woodhawk Club Associations

Do Not Allow Live Christmas Trees

The Woodhawk Club Associations have established a policy prohibiting live Christmas trees within units to ensure the safety, cleanliness, and long-term maintenance of all buildings in the community. The decision is based on several important factors outlined below:

1. Fire Safety Concerns

Live Christmas trees pose a significant fire hazard, especially as they dry out. Even when watered regularly, live trees can become highly flammable, increasing the risk of rapid fire spread within a unit and throughout the building. To protect residents and property, the Association follows standard fire-prevention practices recommended by safety authorities.

2. Needle Shedding and Cleanliness

Live trees continuously shed needles, which can accumulate in hallways, elevators, and individual units. This shedding creates additional cleaning burdens and may clog common-area vacuum systems or damage flooring materials.

3. Moisture and Mold Prevention

Because live trees require watering, they introduce moisture into units. Spilled or leaking water can damage flooring, carpeting, and subflooring, and may promote mold growth. Preventing moisture-related issues helps maintain building integrity and reduces long-term repair costs.

4. Pest Prevention

Live trees can occasionally carry insects or organic debris into residential buildings. To avoid introducing pests into the community, the Association prohibits natural plant materials that could harbor unwanted insects.

5. Ease of Disposal

Disposing of a live tree can cause hallway messes, elevator damage, and require special handling. Artificial trees eliminate these concerns and help keep common areas clean and well-maintained during and after the holiday season.

Conclusion

For these reasons—fire safety, building maintenance, cleanliness, and pest prevention—the Woodhawk Club Associations maintain a policy that allows residents to enjoy the holidays using artificial Christmas trees instead of live ones. This ensures a safe, festive, and well-maintained living environment for all community members.