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Happy
THANKSGIVING

THE LAKES HOA

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President's Corner

Hello The Lakes Community!

We loved seeing all the families out and about for Halloween! I hope every one had a fun-filled evening. We look forward to seeing holiday displays. We are bringing back The Lakes Decorating Contest! Prizes to be announced.

Show us your holiday cheer!



Rules & Regulations

Rule #3 - Swimming Pool/Playground/Tennis Courts

Swimming Pool/Playground/Tennis Courts are permitted only from the hours of DAWN to DUSK daily and the gates are to be closed at all times. Children under the age of 13 years MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult swimmer. All persons using the Swimming Pool/Playground/Tennis Courts do so at their own risk. All persons must shower thoroughly BEFORE entering the pool. No pets shall be permitted in the swimming pool or in the pool area, Playground & Tennis Courts at any time. No running shall be permitted in the pool area/Playground/Tennis Courts. No food or beverages in glass containers or glass objects shall be permitted in the pool area/Playground/Tennis Courts. Persons using suntan oil, lotions or any other substance shall not use poolside furniture unless such furniture is completely covered by a towel or other protective material. During the winter season, as determined by the Board of Directors, the pool shall be heated to a comfortable temperature within the discretion of the Board of Directors. A registered resident must accompany all guests at all times. All persons using the swimming pool must have proper swimming attire. NO swimming allowed in the lakes at any time.

Rule #4 - Vehicle Maintenance and/or Parking

No vehicle maintenance or repairs shall be performed on the Association property. All vehicles are to be properly registered by the state with copies of the vehicle registration on file with the Association. Proof of residency is required. Registration with the Association can be done during regular business hours. All vehicles must be movable under their own power. Residents must park on paved driveways in front of their unit or at designated parking areas. Grass parking is not allowed at any time unless in designated parking areas as indicated by signs. Guest parking is by guest pass only. Guest passes are issued to each homeowner and must be hung from rear view mirror at all times while on premises. Overnight street parking is NOT allowed Sunday through Thursday from 10PM to 6AM; Friday and Saturday from 1AM to 6AM. Parking is forbidden at all times under any circumstances to residents, their guests, workmen or any visitor in the turn-around areas which are for emergency vehicles only.

WARNING To Residents Driving A Marked Commercial Vehicle

You must have your commercial vehicle covered during the hours of 6PM to 6AM or on the weekends when you are not working. If you disregard this rule, you will receive a violation. NO EXCEPTIONS

Guest Passes

We have seen several home made guest passes. If you have made up your guest pass from an older out-of-date pass, it is not legal. Please come to the office to get an official pass to avoid getting a violation



LATE FEES

There seems to be some confusion about when late fees are applied:

Monthly Maintenance is due on or before the first of each month. There is a grace period of five days from the first of the month. If received on the 6th, the late fee will be applied unless the 5th is on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, in which case the payment must be in the office by 9AM Monday morning. This also applies if the 5th falls on a holiday then it must be in the following day.

Special Assessment is due on or before the 15th. There is no grace period. If the payment is received on the 16th, it is late unless the 15th is on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, in which case the payment must be in the office by 9AM Monday morning. This also applies if the 15th falls on a holiday then it must be in the following day.

If paying by Zelle, please make sure you are scheduling your payment by the 5th of the month. Zelle notifications are immediate, if you schedule your Zelle on the 6th or later (Monthly Maintenance) or the 16th or later (Special Assessment) a late fee will be applied.

Giving a grace period for payments is not required by law. It's a business's choice to offer a grace period.

Please do not ask us to waive a late fee. We cannot do it for you because then we would have to do it for everyone. We depend on your monthly maintenance payment to operate this association because we are a non-profit association and we make very little income on the small amount of fees we charge for various services.



Tree Limbs Overhanging Your Property and Common Ground

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining trees and other vegetation on their property. This includes trimming trees that encroach onto common ground or neighboring properties. As a reminder, homeowners and tenants are not permitted to plant fruit trees on common ground.

If a homeowner fails to comply with maintenance requirements, the HOA has the right to address the issue directly. This includes hiring a service to perform the necessary work and billing the homeowner for the costs incurred.

The office has a short list of costs to trim or remove a tree by Carlton Tree Service. You may seek your own trim/removal service company or use Carlton. Check with the office for pricing.



Bulk Trash - ANOTHER REMINDER

PLEASE do not put out your bulk trash to the curb until Tuesday night. This means both large and small items. It is unsightly to have to look at it for days and does not make a good impression on visitors.

Discover 8 Smells Iguanas Absolutely Hate & Keep Them Out of Your Yard

Part 1



Pet or pest? With iguanas, it all depends on your perspective. Iguanas are native to South and Central America but have become both popular pets and invasive species in tropical states like Hawaii and Florida. Many homeowners are interested in repelling these critters, and learning what smells iguanas hate can aid in that goal.

Iguanas are super smart. People can train them to do tricks and even use the toilet. But that also means they can find clever ways to get onto your property. They may eat your favorite flowers and vegetables, climb your fruit trees, and tunnel all over your yard. Fortunately, there are quite a few affordable solutions. In this article, we reveal eight smells iguanas hate, as well as some other tips for making your yard inhospitable to them. Additionally, we'll cover ways of dispatching them humanely, if your deterrence efforts fail.

Key Points

- Iguanas are indigenous to South and Central America but are popular as pets and are an invasive species in Florida and Hawaii
- They damage landscaping and valuable infrastructure by eating and burrowing around property
- Iguanas can multiply rapidly, laying 20-70 eggs per female every year
- Homeowners can discourage iguanas from coming onto their property by using scents they don't like in the form of sprays
- You can also use various landscaping techniques, including types of plants and physical barriers to prevent iguanas from ravaging your property
- It's possible to kill iguanas but laws require it to be done humanely. In cities and suburbs, it is best to call a pest control company to take care of it for you

Iguanas: Pet or Pest?

Growing up to 6.5 feet long and weighing up to 11 pounds. Iguanas are the largest lizard you can reasonably own as a pet. Just watching them stalk slowing around like living dinosaurs can be endlessly entertaining. They can also be surprisingly affectionate to their owners, toilet train and learn to do some tricks. And don't get us starting on shedding, during which they leave behind a satisfying ghostly version of their every detail, including their spikes and eyes.

On the flip side, a wild iguana wandering into your suburban Florida subdivision will make an absolute chopped salad out of your carefully tended trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetable gardens. Iguanas dig burrows and tunnels up to 80 feet long - large enough to collapse sections of sidewalks or crack a home's foundation. They can invade pools, leaving droppings around your patio, and short out underground power lines by digging through drainage infrastructure.

As herbivores, they are not aggressive toward people or animals unless they feel threatened. But when they do bite, they can inflict nasty wounds and transmit salmonella. And they can also whip you with their tail. As if all that weren't bad enough, every female can lay 20-70 eggs a year, meaning they multiply like rabbits. So, it's understandable that you'd be very much like to keep these reptiles out of your yard, however cool they may be.

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These fun facts illustrate how Thanksgiving has evolved over the years into a rich tapestry of traditions and celebrations cherished by many.

- **First Thanksgiving:** The first Thanksgiving is commonly traced back to 1621, when the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Native Americans shared a feast at Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts. The gathering was held to celebrate the Pilgrims' first successful harvest.
- **National Holiday:** Thanksgiving became a national holiday in the United States in 1863, during the Civil War. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the final Thursday of November.
- **Date Changes:** In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt briefly moved Thanksgiving up a week to the third Thursday in November to extend the holiday shopping season, but this decision faced backlash. In 1941, Congress passed a law establishing Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November, where it remains today.
- **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade:** This iconic parade began in 1924 and has become an annual tradition with elaborate floats, balloons, and performances. It's televised nationally and draws millions of viewers.
- **Presidential Turkey Pardon** The tradition of "pardoning" a turkey by the President of the United States has been embraced ceremonially since the late 20th century, although pardoning turkeys dates back to President Harry Truman in 1947.
- **Feast Highlight:** Traditional Thanksgiving meals typically include turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. These have become staples over the years, although the original feast likely included venison and seafood.
- **Football Tradition:** Thanksgiving also coincides with numerous football games. The tradition began with college football in the late 19th century and expanded as the NFL began its Thanksgiving Day games in 1920.
- **Black Friday:** The day after Thanksgiving marks the start of the holiday shopping season, known as Black Friday. It's one of the busiest shopping days of the year and often features significant sales and discounts.
- **International Celebrations:** Thanksgiving-like celebrations occur in other countries as well, although on different dates and with different customs. Canada celebrates Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October.
- **Cornucopia Symbol:** The cornucopia, or "horn of plenty," is a symbol often associated with Thanksgiving. It represents abundance and the harvest, and it typically appears in Thanksgiving decorations.