

Things we've discovered since the last newsletter went out...

Washing Machine Drains: If you do not use your washing machine on a regular basis, the water in the "p-trap" in the drain line may dry out and allow sewer gas to escape back in to your condominium unit. The best way to prevent this is to either run your washing machine at least once a month or pour water down the drain line to keep the p-trap primed. If you do not have a washing machine installed, you can plug the drain line with an old wash cloth.

Dryer Vent Assist Fan: If you have a dryer connection within your condominium unit but do not physically have a clothes dryer attached, you may want to cover the dryer vent opening inside the laundry closet. There is an assist fan installed within the dryer exhaust line that operates whenever it feels air movement. If this dryer opening is uncapped, air can be pulled in from the outside exhaust vent by the air conditioner, causing the dryer assist fan to run whenever the air handler runs. Blocking the dryer opening should stop this from happening, and it may also help with your electric bill.

Water Heater: Some people have reported that their water smells like sulfur when they first turn it on. This most often happens when the unit has been unoccupied for quite some time. The sulfur smell is the result of the same water being continuously reheated inside the water heater. Should you ever notice this smell when you first turn your water on, open a couple of faucets throughout the unit and allow the water to run until the smell subsides. Be sure to keep an eye on those faucets while doing this to make sure the sinks don't overflow!