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ORANGE SUMMIT

# NEWSLETTER



## COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- Please make sure trash is not put on the compactor room floor and is thrown inside the compactor. Once your trash is thrown in the compactor, please make sure you shut the compactor door. It runs every 3<sup>rd</sup> time the door is opened and closed so will only compact when the door is shut. If the compactor is not working, please contact the leasing office.
- Rentpayment does send out automatic emails at the beginning of every month with reminders about rent. If you have paid your rent you can disregard those emails. We will send you an email directly from the office if rent hasn't been received,
- As a reminder, rent is due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of every month. Rent paid on or after the 6<sup>th</sup> is considered late and will be charged a 5% late fee.
- When snow is expected, please be mindful when parking your vehicles, especially trucks, too close to the sidewalks. It makes it hard for our maintenance team to plow the sidewalks. Code word: Hearts



# AMERICAN POWER & LIGHT

## APL Winter Efficiency Tips

- Keep the thermostat between 65-68 degrees. Set it back 5-7 degrees when you are sleeping or you are away from home. For every degree over 68 you can expect a 3-5% increase on your monthly heating bill.
- Make sure your hot water heater is set around 120-130 degrees. Hot water tanks that have a letter denomination on the knob usually follow as such: HOT=120 degrees A=130 degrees B= 140 degrees C=150 degrees.
- Check your furnace filter monthly and make sure the space around the furnace is clean to insure maximum efficiency. Keep all heat registers and returns clear of obstructions.
- Open curtains on south-facing windows (if applicable) to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home during the day. Close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel.
- Only use the dishwasher when it is full and run your dishwasher on the air dry setting if available.

## RESIDENT EVENT

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Email the Hidden Code Word in the news letter to the office by February 14th and be entered to win a Valentines Day themed gift basket!





# VALENTINES DAY TREAT

## STRAWBERRY CRUNCH COOKIES

### Ingredients

- 1 cup (240 ml) unsalted butter
- 1 cup (200 g) granulated sugar
- 1 cup (220 g) brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups (360 g) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (150 g) freeze-dried strawberries
- 1 cup (150 g) strawberry cake mix

### Directions

- Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C).
- Cream softened butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar for 3-5 minutes until light and fluffy.
- Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition.
- Stir in a splash of vanilla extract for added flavor.
- Whisk flour, baking soda, and salt in a separate bowl until combined.
- Gradually mix the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until just combined.
- Fold in crushed freeze-dried strawberries and strawberry cake mix evenly.
- Scoop rounded balls of dough onto a lined baking sheet, spacing them 2 inches apart.
- Optionally, sprinkle extra crushed strawberries on top of each scoop.
- Bake for 10-12 minutes until edges are golden and centers are set.
- Cool cookies on the baking sheet for a few minutes before transferring to a wire rack.
- Mix crushed freeze-dried strawberries, crushed graham crackers, and melted butter for the topping.
- Press the crunch topping onto each cooled cookie for added texture.
- Store cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week.

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