

DECEMBER 2017

THURLESTONE QUARTERLY

One kind word can warm three winter months.

Japanese proverb

*In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within
me there lay an invincible summer.*

Albert Camus (1913 - 1960)

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**TO: ALL MEMBERS - MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR FEBRUARY 2018**

**OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS
TO REVIEW NEW PROPOSED BYLAWS**

This February 2018, the Co-op will be hosting two Open House Meetings for all members to review the new Occupancy Bylaw that is being proposed at the upcoming March 2018 General Members Meeting.

Please come out to an Open House Meeting in February 2018, dates to be announced in the New Year, as these meetings will provide a great opportunity to ask questions and to review the proposed new Occupancy Bylaw.

All member households will receive the new proposed Occupancy Bylaws delivered to your doors in advance of the Open House Meetings. Anyone wishing an early copy may request one from the Co-op Office at 416-261-1110 or by email: thurlestonecoop@rogers.com

Watch for Meeting Date information in the New Year 2018

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

CITY OF TORONTO MULTI-RESIDENTIAL FRONT-END CUSTOMERS

JANUARY 2018

- Please call 311 no later than January 17, 2018 to schedule your Christmas tree collection.

- Christmas trees will be scheduled for collection on:
 - Wednesday, January 10, 2018
 - Wednesday, January 17, 2018
 - Wednesday, January 24, 2018

- When you contact 311, we will confirm the collection date.

- Please remove all decorations/lights and do not place trees in containers or wrap them in plastic, otherwise they will be refused for collection.

- Please place all Christmas trees for collection near the furniture and oversized collection point for your building.

Jim McKay
General Manager

Solid Waste Management Services
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
25th Floor, East Tower
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

November 2017

Dear Resident:

Re: Contamination in the Blue Bin Recycling Program

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the amount of garbage and non-recyclable items, known as contamination, in the City of Toronto Blue Bin recycling program. When a building places a load of recycling out for collection that contains too many non-recyclable items, the load cannot be sorted and ruins perfectly good recycling that must be sent to landfill.

Contaminated recycling is currently costing the City millions annually and last year more than 52,000 tonnes of non-recyclable material was incorrectly put in the Blue Bin. This could end up costing your building, and you.

In order to help reduce the amount of contamination in your building's Blue Bin recycling program, follow these simple tips:

- Refer to the enclosed brochure and keep it for future reference.
- Check the Waste Wizard online at toronto.ca/wastewizard or read your Recycling Calendar & Guide to learn what belongs in your Blue Bin, Green Bin or Garbage Bin, or call 311.
- Empty and rinse food containers before tossing them in your Blue Bin and put any food scraps in your Green Bin.
- Donate items in good condition, such as used clothes, shoes, blankets, and curtains, to not-for-profit agencies (visit toronto.ca/reuseit).
- Do not put any black plastic in your Blue Bin, such as food containers and trays, packaging, hot drink cup lids or garbage bags. These go in the Garbage Bin.
- Visit toronto.ca/recycleright to learn more.

On behalf of the City of Toronto, thank you for taking the time to recycle right.

Yours truly,



Jim McKay
General Manager,
Solid Waste Management Services

John Livey, Deputy City Manager

Solid Waste Management Services
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
25th Floor, East Tower
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

December 1, 2017

Attention Property Manager / Owner:

Re: Update on the Contamination in the Blue Bin Recycling Program

In late 2016, the City of Toronto (the "City") began visiting all properties that receive City waste collection services to inspect Blue Bins (recycling) for contamination (i.e. non-recyclable materials mixed with recycling). Buildings that are found to have contaminated Blue Bins are notified that the Blue Bin was rejected due to contamination and are charged for an additional garbage bin lift.

The City continues to see garbage and non-recyclable materials in the Blue Bin recycling stream. Contaminated recycling is currently costing the City millions annually and last year more than 52,000 tonnes of non-recyclable material was incorrectly put in the Blue Bin. In order to help offset these costs and reduce the amount of recycling ending up in landfill, the City of Toronto may require a cost recovery payment from buildings who set out contaminated recycling bins.

As a Property Manager/Owner, please communicate with your residents about the importance of proper sorting and recycling. To help you, the City offers customer service support to educate residents and staff on proper participation in the City's waste diversion programs. Recently, all apartment and condominium residents were sent information about sorting waste properly to ensure that they don't put the wrong materials in the Blue Bin.

To help reduce contamination in your Blue Bin(s), regularly monitor your waste bins and remove contaminants, including black garbage bags.

To make a request for City staff to assist your property with their waste diversion needs or to order free print education resources for your residents, please email swmsupport@toronto.ca.

Attached is a Notice on Christmas Tree Collection Services.

Thank you for your commitment to the City of Toronto's waste diversion programs.

Yours truly,



Jim McKay
General Manager
Solid Waste Management Services

Attachment: Notice on Christmas tree Collection Services
JM/vs



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CHFT Diversity Scholarship Information Meeting

10 scholarships of \$5,000

To be eligible you need to

- live in a CHFT member housing co-op
- have used your knowledge and understanding of diversity to make a positive contribution to your school or local community
- have a demonstrated financial need
- plan to attend a recognized, publicly funded Canadian post-secondary education institution – community college, university or approved apprenticeship-training program on a full time basis in the 2018/2019 academic year.

CHFT will be hosting meetings that will give interested students, their parents and guardians the opportunity to have their questions answered about the scholarship program and the application process.

The first meeting will be held in Pickering on

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Rougemount Co-operative Homes

400 Kingston Road, Pickering, ON, L1V 6S1

[Map directions](#)

To register, please email info@coophousing.com.

Application deadline

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

The 2018 CHFT Diversity Scholarship application is now available [on-line](#) at www.chft.coop. For more information please contact, Jackie Borges Briones at reception@coophousing.com or 416 465-8688 extension 201.



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The CHFT Diversity Scholarship is a joint project of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto and CHFT Charitable Fund.



Since 2004 the CHFT Diversity Scholarship program has distributed over 1 million in scholarship money.



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CHFT
DIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP



The CHFT Diversity Scholarship
has awarded \$1.6 million to
over 300 students.

Serving co-ops in Durham, Toronto and York Region.

Diversity scholarship applicants must

- live in a CHFT member co-op
- plan to attend a recognized, publicly funded, Canadian, post-secondary education institution – community college, university or approved apprenticeship-training program on a full-time basis in the 2018/2019 academic year
- have used their knowledge and understanding of diversity to make a positive contribution to their school and/or local community
- have a demonstrated financial need

For more information please call
416 465-8688 extension 201
or visit us at www.chft.coop

The CHFT Diversity Scholarship
application deadline is
Wednesday, February 7, 2018
at 4:00 p.m.



Diana Hogan

From: CHF Canada <support@chfcanada.coop>
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 11:31 AM
To: thurlestonecoop@rogers.com
Subject: Last chance to protect our co-ops!



Time to send a strong message to your MP:

Protect low income homes in our co-ops!

Dear Friend,

We expect the federal government's long-awaited National Housing Strategy will be presented in just a few short weeks.

This may be our last chance to push the government to protect low-income homes in our co-ops.

This is the moment CHF Canada and co-op housing members have been working towards for years. Our message to government has been simple: we need to protect low-income members of housing co-ops with new, long-term support.



We are almost there and we need to send a strong message. One last push will remind the government that they must follow through on their promise to protect low-income homes. Without a solution, vulnerable families, seniors, and new Canadians, could find themselves without a place to live as early as this spring.

Here's what you can do:

- **Take 60 seconds to send a message to your Member of Parliament.** We have prepared a new online letter targeted to MPs explaining the issue and how they can ensure that co-op homes are protected.

[Send your message now!](#)

- **Send a physical letter to your MP.** An actual physical letter will really grab your MP's attention. We have a letter already written that we can provide to you. Just get in touch with us at 1-800-465-2752 x245 and we can set you up to send a letter.

This could be our last chance to push for the solution we need. Help us keep all families in their co-op communities.

Send a message to your MP!

If you need any help, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email (dwong@chfcanada.coop) or telephone (1-800-465-2752 x245).

Together, we can protect co-op housing

Sincerely,

Doug Wong

Program Manager, National Government Relations and Policy

CHF Canada

www.protectcoophousing.ca

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Fishleigh Hot Water Scalding:

Please be reminded that all Fishleigh residents must take care to listen to their upstairs or downstairs neighbours before flushing their toilets in order to avoid their neighbour from being scalded in their shower.

Our plumbing pipes are old and they require everyone's co-operation if we are to continue to use them safely and to avoid hot water scalding while showering. When a toilet is flushed at Fishleigh it uses the cold water pressure and then can only deliver hot water to the units in your column (units directly above or below you).

Please make sure to avoid flushing your toilets if you hear your neighbour above or below showering and they will likely return the favour for you when you're showering. This requires a co-operative effort!

ATTENTION FISHLEIGH RESIDENTS



How to Use Your Electricity Within Your Units:

To avoid unnecessary power interruptions within your units that can cause spoiled foods, an inability to use one's stove, or other important appliances and household items, please find below a detailed description of how your units are wired and how you should be distributing your appliances to get optimum electrical usage safely. Many units suffer the inconvenience of re-occurring blown fuses and power interruptions, especially in the summer months with A/C units, and this can be avoided. Here's how...

In some of the Fishleigh units, there was a retrofit whereby the electrical receptacles were replaced for improved safety with GFI type receptacles. If you do not have a GFI receptacle (an outlet with a reset button on it) on your living room wall adjacent to your kitchen wall, then your unit was not retrofitted. However for those units that did have

these receptacles installed, please use the following electrical scenario as an example:

All Fishleigh units with the GFI retrofits are wired to fuses as follows:

1) The receptacle behind the fridge where you plug your fridge into is connected to one 15 Amp fuse, along with the electrical receptacle located on the living room wall opposite the kitchen cabinetry wall. When your fridge motor starts it can draw 12 Amps, resulting in very little power left for any other major appliance. If you try to connect other appliances you will experience power interruptions and/or blowing fuses. This can be especially serious given that this is the fuse that operates your fridge, which keeps your food from spoiling. If there is a power loss in your unit, please first check to make sure the fuse is not blown. Removing the light bulb in the fridge and replacing it with another to see if the bulb lights up will tell you if the fuse is blown or not. If it is blown you will need to change this fuse with a 15 Amp fuse (blue in colour) and you will likely need to re-assess how you are using power from that circuit. You should never change a fuse to anything higher than a 15 Amp fuse

because placing a higher-rated fuse in the fuse panels that are rated for 15 Amps is a severe electrical fire hazard. The wiring in the Fishleigh Buildings is more than 55 years old and was designed to accommodate 15 amps of power only/circuit. Any higher power will literally "cook" the wires and may cause an electrical fire. Therefore, you must never install higher-rated fuses in these panels that are rated for only 15 Amp fuses. Whenever we come across units that have orange or green fuses, i.e. 20, 25, or 30 Amps fuses, we immediately change these fuses back to the 15 Amp fuses in the interests of everyone's fire safety.

Other major appliances that should not be plugged into either of these two receptacles would include microwaves, air conditioners, washers, dryers, vacuums, freezers, etc. This first fuse is located inside the large electrical panel in your unit and should be a blue 15 Amp fuse only.

2) The second fuse inside this larger electrical panel controls the power to all of the rest of your lights and receptacles in your unit. It, too, must not be rated for more than a blue 15 Amp

fuse. You may use the time-delayed 15 Amp fuses if you find this to be helpful. You may experiment using minor appliances in these receptacles only. If all of your lights in your unit go out, then you may need to change this fuse to another 15 Amp fuse and you may need to re-adjust how you are using your power.

3) Your stove is powered by two specially fuses located inside the same larger electrical panel but is not as easily accessible. An electrician usually changes these fuses or other qualified professional. Your stove also contains individual fuses to its various components (oven, top burners, lights, stove outlet, etc.). These fuses can be changed when individual parts on your stove cease to work. Please be sure to use the proper sized fuses that are indicated on the inside panel on your stove light cover. If you have other large appliances as described in item #1 above, it is suggested to plug these into the stove outlet located below the dials on the range top. This will likely provide the needed power for such large appliances without blowing as many fuses. Also, this is probably the safest outlet to plug your air conditioner into as it can

blow a fuse in your range top in the event of a power surge, rather than heating up wires inside a wall before they reach your other fuse panels. Please keep in mind, however, if you are using extension cords to plug items into this or any other receptacle, you must make sure that the cord is rated for the amount of anticipated amps to be passing through the cord and must make sure to prevent tripping hazards. Never use unsafe thin extension cords and never leave any appliance or item running through even a properly gauged extension cord when you are not home as these cords do heat up and can be a significant fire hazard as well.

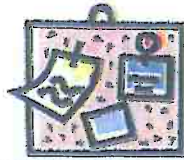
4) The final two fuses for the unit are located inside the smaller electrical panel identified with a disconnect switch on it. It powers the outlet located above your counter top in your kitchen on the end wall. There is one 15 Amp fuse connected to the top outlet and one 15 Amp fuse connected to the bottom outlet on this one receptacle above the kitchen counter. Therefore, this is also a good receptacle for powering major appliances without the constant blowing of fuses.

The above instructions serve as your notification about how to consume power within your units with optimum success and safety. Any losses of food or other property will not be the responsibility of the Co-op when caused from misuse of the electrical power within the units.

If your unit seems to be consuming power differently or you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Co-op Office for assistance.

Electrical Conservation

Tip: Did you know that if you change your light bulbs to the energy efficient Compact Fluorescent Bulbs, you can reduce power consumption from your lighting in your unit and you can help to reduce electricity costs to the Co-op as well? If you like bright lighting may we suggest that you purchase the daylight colour bulbs and if you like softer lighting, purchase the natural lighting (yellowish lighting) bulbs. A 13W Compact Fluorescent Bulb can provide up to 75W of regular lighting depending on the type of bulb.



REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

The Co-op Office is open:

Monday to Thursday

12:30 pm and 3:30 pm,

Fridays

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Except when otherwise posted)

To reach the Co-ordinator during weekday mornings, please call 416-261-1110 and leave a message. Weekday mornings and some evening appointments are available upon request.

EMERGENCIES:

If you have a maintenance emergency during an evening, weekend, or holiday, please call the

ON-CALL PAGER

416-441-8360
(Leave a numeric message only)

OR:

Contact a Board Representative for assistance.

Diana Hogan, Co-ordinator

Phone #416-261-1110

thurlestonecoop@rogers.com

or www.thurlestonecoop.com



MEMO

TO: ALL RESIDENTS
FROM: DIANA HOGAN, CO-OP OFFICE
DATE: October 25, 2017
RE: PLUMBING AND DRAIN CARE

Over the past many years we have seen a number of drain clogs resulting in overflowing toilets, sinks, kitchen sink, and even flooding into units resulting in extensive damage. We often find a number of foreign objects being disposed of in the drains and causing drain clogs. In cases where an object is retrieved from the drain, the household responsible may also be held responsible for the drain repair costs and related damages. To avoid these unwanted costs and inconveniences, we recommend that you follow the tips below.



Do Not Flush These Items into Your Toilets:

- Toys
- Razors, toothbrushes, small product bottles
- Feminine products, including those that claim to be disposable
- Disposable cat litter
- Disposable wipes
- Mop heads, rags, or other cleaning accessories

Do Not Flush These into Your Kitchen or Bathroom Drains:

- Cooking grease, oils, or fats (such as bacon fat). These should be cooled and hardened and disposed of into your garbage.
- Food waste on dishes. All food debris must be removed or scraped from all dishes into the garbage and not "washed" down the drains. This washed food hardens in the drains and eventually results in clogged drains. Please avoid hardened food and grease in the main drain stacks causing flooding into your units.
- Kitchen utensils, including knives, forks, plastic cutlery, etc., as they have also clogged kitchen drains in the past and the member household may be held responsible for the drain clearing costs.



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*Happy Holidays from The
Newsletter Committee*

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BY E-MAIL. JUST CONTACT THE CO-OP OFFICE
FOR MORE INFORMATION.*



*YOUR SUBMISSIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. SEND
YOUR PHOTOS, ARTICLES OR POETRY TO
t-nm@live.ca OR DROP OFF AT THE CO-OP OFFICE.*



2017 CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING AWARDS



HALL OF FAME
GARDEN

THURLESTONE
CO-OPERATIVE



Serving co-ops in Ontario, Quebec, and the West Region

10 WONDERFUL WINTER CAR HACKS

1. *Raise wipers at night and cover with socks to prevent them from freezing.*
2. *Frozen lock? Use a straw and blow on the lock to melt the ice.*
3. *Use a lighter to warm the key and slide into lock.*
4. *Shaving cream works to defog your car windows. Just spray a layer on inside of windows and then wipe clean.*
5. *Cooking spray can be used on the rubber around car windows and doors to prevent them from freezing up.*
6. *Invest in a good quality ice scraper.*
7. *Credit cards make excellent DIY ice scrapers in a pinch.*
8. *Cover mirrors with gallon sized plastic bags overnight. Prevents them from freezing up.*
9. *Keep a 20lb. bag of kitty litter in the trunk to give extra weight and traction.*
10. *If your tires are stuck, use cardboard to help you get traction.*



Fighting Cold and Flu Season

It can be tricky to stay healthy during cold and flu season, but a few good cold and flu prevention habits can get you through without succumbing to illness. Increase your children's cold and flu defense by teaching them these cold prevention tips and reduce the chance of the common cold in your children.

Wash your hands.

The surest way to catch a cold is to catch the germs that cause the cold. Frequent hand washings eliminate germs and keep you and your family healthy. Be thorough—a quick rinse doesn't cut it.

Get eight hours of z's.

Making sure you get eight hours of sleep every night is one of the best defenses against falling ill. A good night's rest allows your body to keep up its **defenses**. But if eight hours is out of the question, just aim for eight... and get as many as you can.

Schedule time for exercise.

With all the running around you do, you may overlook your regular exercise habits. Make sure that while you're scheduling all those activities, you keep the exercise routine on your calendar. Maintaining regular workouts will help you keep up your stamina.

Don't forget to relax.

You're not getting the downtime you need rushing from shopping to parties to school events. Remember not to overcommit. If you can, hire someone to help clean the house for the company you expect. At the very least, enlist the entire family to help with household chores.

Drink your water.

Be especially vigilant about drinking at least six to eight glasses of water a day during the cold and flu season. And if you're flying, drink even more water and avoid consuming alcohol on the plane—high altitudes are especially dehydrating. Water keeps your digestion working well, flushes the system, and fights fatigue.

Schedule a flu shot.

Follow the recommendations of Health Canada regarding flu shots. Visit the Health Canada website to learn more. Also, talk to your doctor if you're concerned that you or your loved ones are at a higher risk for contracting the flu.

Take your vitamins.

Don't forget to take your daily vitamins. Consider taking extra vitamin C, vitamin A, and zinc, all of which have been shown to help fight colds. Consult your family doctor or physician for the correct dosage.

REMEDIES THAT WORK

Orange Juice

Crave orange juice when you're sick? It's full of vitamin C, which may help shorten a cold's duration of and work as a natural decongestant. Aim for 500 mg of vitamin C four times a day. A cup of OJ has 124 mg. Other good sources of vitamin C include strawberries, tomatoes, and broccoli.

Chili Peppers

Hot chili peppers contain capsaicin, the compound that gives them their kick and acts as a decongestant to help relieve a stuffy nose. Can't stand the heat? Mild bell peppers can help, too. They don't have capsaicin, but they're full of vitamin C.

Chicken Soup

Grandma was right -- a bowl of chicken soup does make you feel better when you're sick. This time-tested remedy contains cysteine, an amino acid that's chemically similar to a bronchitis drug to help reduce inflammation. The salty broth also helps thin mucus, and the protein in the chicken helps you produce disease-fighting antibodies.

Oatmeal

Whole grains, like oatmeal, contain selenium, zinc, and beta glucan to help support your immune system and fend off cold and flu infections. Add a generous dollop of yogurt -- its probiotics may help keep a virus from settling into your respiratory system.

Garlic and Ginger

Both garlic and ginger can offer potent cold and flu relief. Garlic helps bolster your immune system to squelch an infection, while ginger helps tame nausea. Add a little ginger and garlic to your chicken soup to boost its cold- and flu-fighting power.

Steam

There's a reason why you feel better after taking a hot shower -- or sit over a bowl of steaming water with a towel draped over your head. The steam shrinks the mucus membranes in your nose and throat, and encourages mucus to drain, which helps ease a stuffy nose and congestion in your chest.

Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen

Fighting a fever with that flu? Take ibuprofen or acetaminophen to help bring it down safely. If your fever stays above 103 degrees Fahrenheit for more than two hours (especially in children), contact your doctor.

BON APPETITE

Shortbread Cookies

1 cup unsalted butter at room temperature

½ cup plus 2 Tbsp icing sugar

¼ cup cornstarch or rice flour

1 ½ cup all purpose flour

½ tsp salt

1 tsp vanilla extract



Shortbread Cookies

1. Preheat oven to 350 °F. Beat butter until light and fluffy. Sift in icing sugar and beat again until fluffy, scraping down sides of the bowl often. Sift in cornstarch or rice flour and blend in. Sift in all purpose flour and salt and mix until dough comes together (it will be soft). Stir in vanilla.

2. Spoon large teaspoonfuls of cookie dough (or use a small ice cream scoop) onto an ungreased cookie sheet, leaving 2 inches between cookies and bake for 18 to 20 minutes, until bottoms brown lightly. Remove from cookie sheet to cool.

Chocolate Nougat Shortbread

1. Prepare shortbread recipe as above and spoon onto an ungreased baking sheet. Press a triangle piece of chocolate nougat candy into the center of each cookie and bake for 18 to 20 minutes, until bottoms brown lightly.

Read more at <http://www.foodnetwork.ca/recipe/shortbread-cookies/5498/#YSckARFySA3aXbd8.99>

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



By Clement Clarke Moore

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all
through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with
care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;*

*The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their
heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,*

*When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the
matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.*

*The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should
appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,*

*With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them
by name;*

*"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now,
PRANCER and VIXEN!
On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONNER and
BLITZEN!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"*

*As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the
sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.*

*And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a
bound.*

*He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his
foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes
and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his
pack.*

*His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how
merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a
cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the
snow;*

*The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a
wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of
jelly.*

*He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of
myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;*

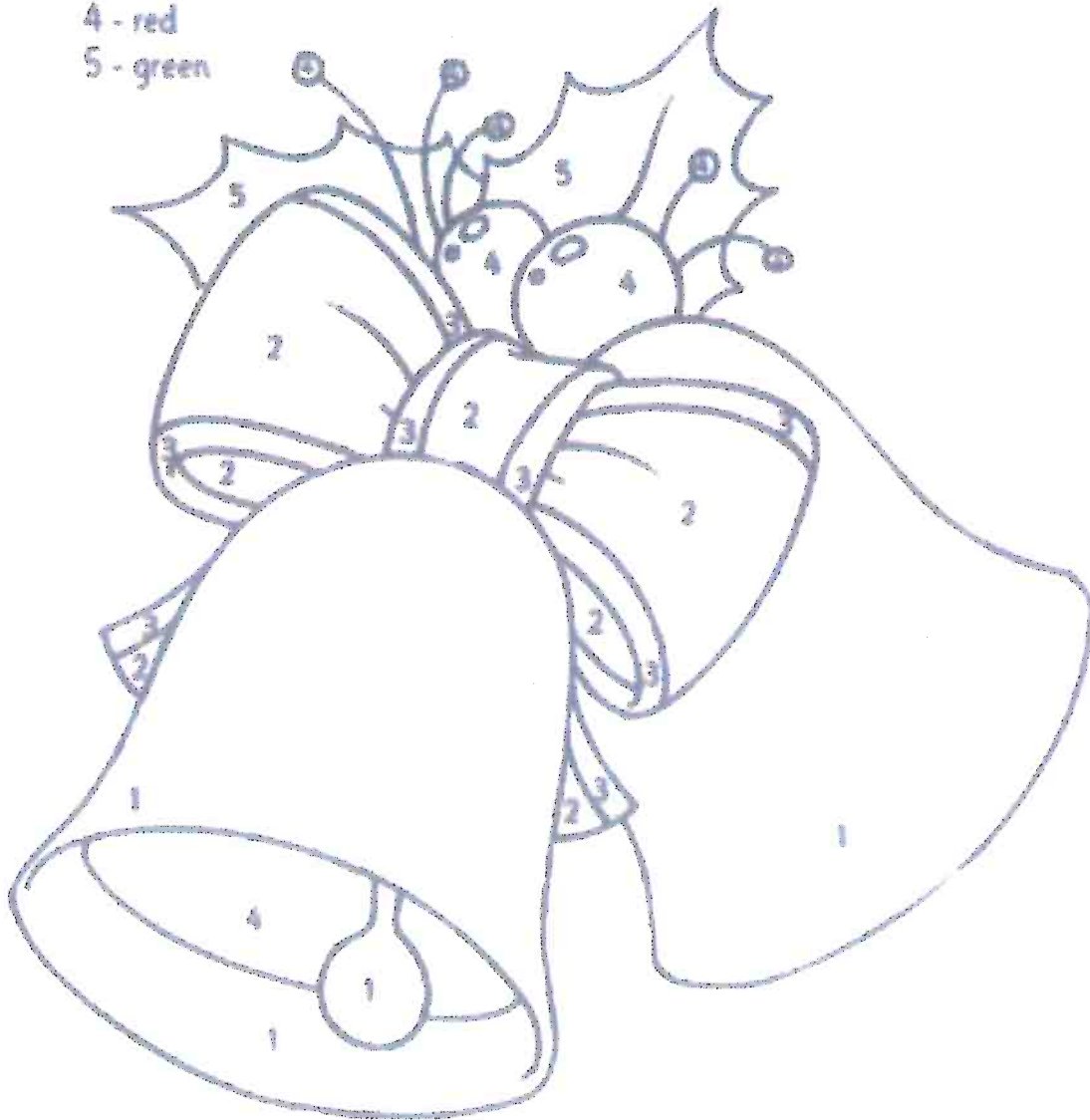
*He spoke not a word, but went straight to his
work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a
jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;*

*He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a
whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a
thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of
sight,
HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A
GOOD-NIGHT*



Colour by numbers

- 1 - yellow
- 2 - blue
- 3 - purple
- 4 - red
- 5 - green



Winter Word Scramble

Unscramble the winter themed words and join them to the pictures on the right. We've done the first one for you!

- treniw winter
- ocat _____
- volgse _____
- swon _____
- lafnoweks _____
- timnets _____
- tobos _____
- smonwan _____
- niwd _____
- cie katsgine _____
- kingis _____
- tha _____



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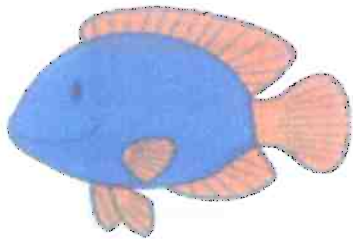
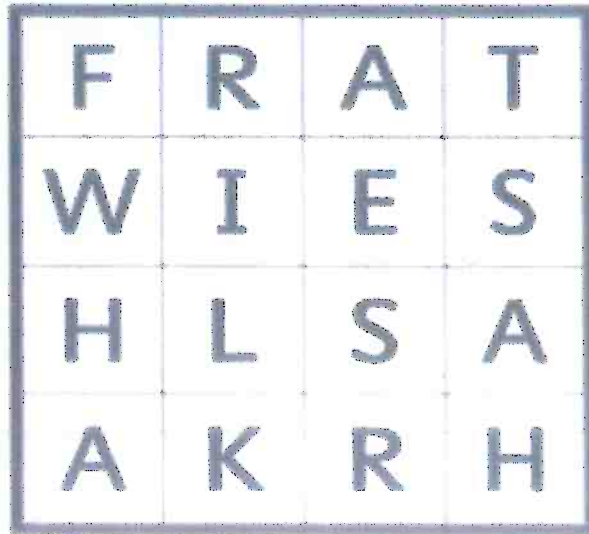
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Snowman Dot to Dot



Sea Creature Boggler Puzzle

How many words of 3 letters or more can you find using the letters below? Words are formed from adjoining letters. Letters must join in the proper sequence to spell a word and may join horizontally, vertically, or diagonally to the left, right, or up and down. No letter square, however, may be used more than once within a single word. You may use pluses if available. Score 1 point for each 3 letter word, 2 points for 4 letter words, 3 points for 5 letter words and so on. Score an extra 2 points for every sea creature word that you make!



My points _____

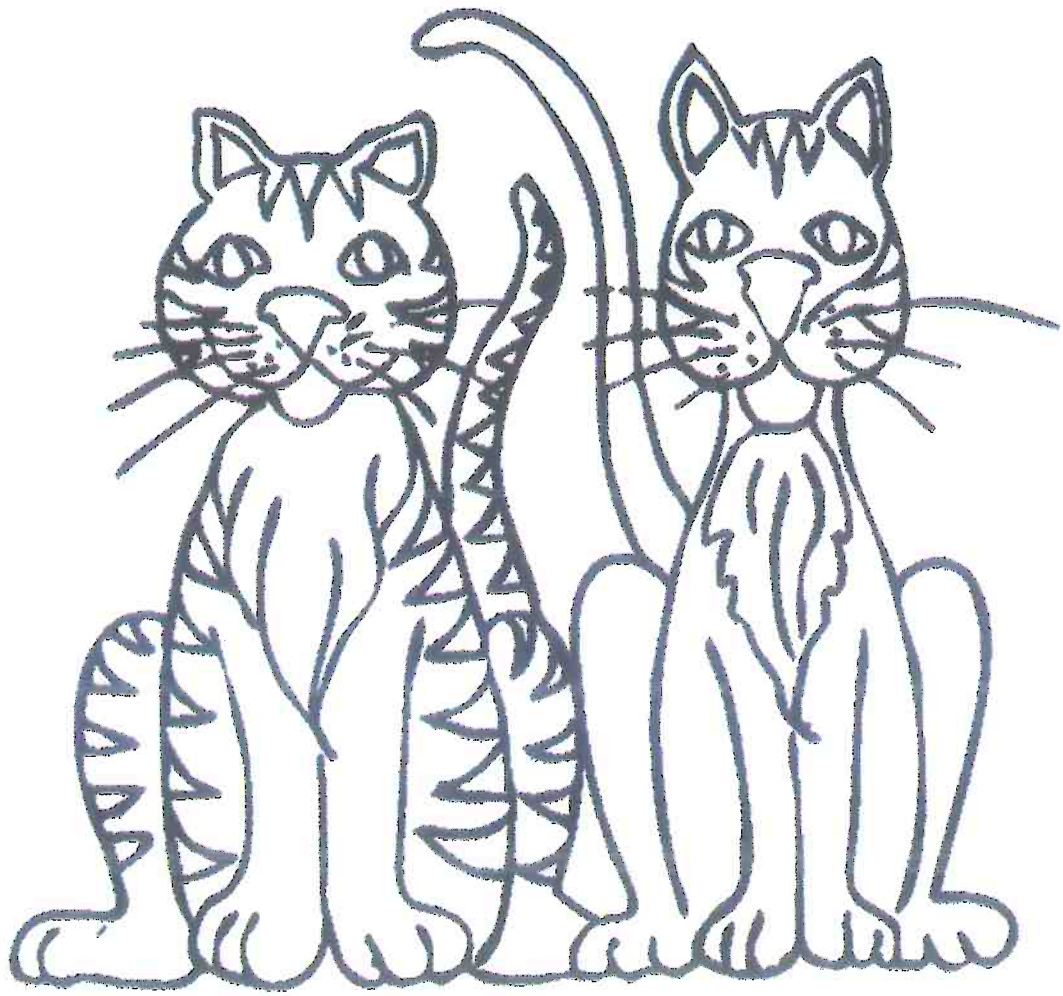


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