Dear Homeowner,

## **URGENT NOTICE: Tree Maintenance**

The Crystal Ridge Homeowners Association recently replaced trees in the mow strip in front of or adjacent to your home (if you own a corner lot). These young trees require more care than the more mature trees in the neighborhood for the first year. We are writing to you to instruct you how to provide this extra care.

These trees are not your property but are the property of the CRHOA. However, pursuant to the Covenants, Codes and Restrictions ("CC&R's) each property owner is responsible for the care and maintenance of the trees in the mow strip.

In most cases trees die or become diseased due to lack of water and routine care. The CC&R's require that each homeowner maintain the mow strip in a green and park like condition. This requires frequent irrigation in the spring and summer months and is necessary for the health of the trees and lawn in the mow strip. The new tree(s) require frequent watering or it will die. You are responsible for watering the trees in the mow strip around your home.

If the new tree(s) dies resulting from your negligence and/or violation of the CC&R requirements relative to care of the mow strips, you will be financially responsible for its replacement.

<u>A "Gator Bag" will be installed at each new tree. These bags hold about 15 gallons of water. The bag will allow the water to slowly seep out and irrigate the tree. It is your responsibility to keep this bag full of water (at least twice a week) until Nov 2015.</u>

Please contact the CRHOA at the email or mailing address below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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