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October 15th  
**Lister's Seminar**  
At

Garden Valley Properties  
609 Middlefork Rd.  
Garden Valley, Idaho  
6-7 pm

October 31, 2008  
Trunk or Treat  
Saturday October 31  
Downtown Crouch  
6:00-8:00

November:  
Holiday Bazaar  
Crouch Community Hall  
November 28, 2009  
Local Crafters and  
Artists sell their wares  
10:00-4:00

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## Trunk or Treat has become a fun tradition in downtown Crouch

There's a nip in the air and this morning my thermometer read 22 degrees! The leaves are all starting to turn now, so we know once again, winter is approaching quickly. It's time to cut wood and start your winterization checklist for the upcoming season. I've always thought of Halloween as the holiday kick off. For years family and friends would gather at our house for the now famous Tuna Mac and cheese casserole and the numerous tricksters or treaters that would brave our spooky driveway. A lot of things have changed over the past few years, our son's Grady and Casey are now in their 20's. This year they won't be changing into different costumes, fooling the neighbors into giving them more candy. There are few neighborhoods in Garden Valley, outside of Crouch, where children can walk door to door. Mom and Dad end up driving the children to the various houses of friends and relatives. Lots of kids, big and little, miss out on the fun. The advent of the first Trunk or Treat event, several years ago, made it easier, safer and more fun for rural children to enjoy the Halloween festivities. It's also a way for adults to view the costumes while visiting with community kids, ogres, ghosts and ballerinas.



Now the central location in downtown Crouch has brought everyone together for a fun and festive evening. Cars and trucks become scary transformations. Only the bravest can serve as judges. Come along and join the fun this year. Set up begins in the afternoon. The fun begins at 6:00pm. The Crouch Merc has, again, donated prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place car or truck winners. Bring lots of candy!

Halloween Night—Saturday October 31st

**Next Saturday the 10th of October is the last "Saturday Market" for the season!**

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# WINTERIZATION CHECKLIST

## Indoors:

- Change furnace filters
- Have chimney and flue cleaned
- Have furnace professionally checked, cleaned and tested
- Check weather stripping around doors and windows; replace if needed
- Have furniture and carpets cleaned to help cut down indoor pollution
- Remove any window AC units and store away

## Outdoors:

- Put away patio/deck/garden furniture
- Wash windows and screens
- Close house vents
- Put storm glass in screen doors
- Put up Christmas lights, it's easier now than after the first snow!
- Clean off then cover house AC unit, I wrap mine in a tarp and duct tape
- Turn off sprinklers and have them professionally blown out
- Service Generator
- Close up and or cover attic fans
- Put away or cover gas grill (make sure you turn off the gas)
- Check around doors and windows for gaps, caulk as needed
- Clean gutters and downspouts, important to keep ice-build up minimal
- Trim trees and shrubs away from house
- Chop and stack firewood closer to the house, order firewood if you've been lazy :-)
- If you use propane, have the tank topped off
- Check roof for any missing or damaged shingles and have them replaced

## Garage/Yard:

- Winterize lawn equipment, drain gas from engines, let run until dry
- Get snow blower running and ready
- Find snow shovel :-)
- Sharpen hand tools and oil for next spring
- Attach snow blower or plow to truck or tractor (it's a Garden Valley thing)
- Apply winter fertilizer to lawn and mow for last time
- Rake leaves and stake driveway sides to mark for plow
- Remove dead plants from garden, cover perennial plants with mulch
- Harvest late crops before first heavy freeze
- Drain and store garden hoses
- Insulate exposed pipes
- Drain any water fountains/features, unplug and store pump away

**If you need help with any winterization project and don't know who to turn to, give us a call and we'll lead you in the right direction!**

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