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**FAIR WOODS HOA  
ALERT ON  
NEIGHBORHOOD TRASH PROBLEMS!**

*In order to alleviate any confusion about trash pickup, we would like to remind all that **trash collection is Tuesday & Friday, recycling is Wednesday and yard waste is Saturday.***

Please put **containers curbside** the evening before pickup, **collect them** by the following evening, and store them in your **garage or backyard**. Arrange with a neighbor to pick up your container if you will be away. Consider putting your house number on each of your containers and lids.

It is an HOA rule that ALL garbage containers must be stored in garages or backyards. You may not leave your container in your front or side yard or in sight from the street.\* If we do not see an immediate response to this problem of people leaving the containers in their front yards and the street, we will give notices and then remove them. This is a lovely place to live – please help keep it that way.

**IF YOU CANNOT STORE YOUR GARBAGE CONTAINERS AS REQUIRED AND/OR NO LONGER WANT YOUR BIN(S) FROM PATRIOT, PLEASE EMAIL KATHY GATELY AND SHE WILL COORDINATE ONE LAST PICK UP AT [kgately@rosewoodmcs.com](mailto:kgately@rosewoodmcs.com).**

**Don't leave trash out in flimsy trash bags** or uncovered trash cans. **Animals (including rats) scatter the trash.** Cleaning it up is not the responsibility of the trash company — or of your neighbor. Improper trash disposal may result in a fine from the County or pickup refusal by the trash contractor. Please use **heavy-duty black trash bags if you don't use a container**. White trash bags attract crows and squirrels, but they often ignore black bags.

**Recycling rules:** Thoroughly rinse all plastic bottles and cans. Put mixed paper in a paper bag to keep it from scattering around the neighborhood. **FLATTEN** cardboard boxes and **ONLY** place out on recycle day. **Not accepted:** No glass; yogurt, margarine and similar tub-shaped plastic containers; pizza boxes; aluminum foil and foil trays; plastic or foam food containers.

Please be aware that the trash company does not collect appliances or bulk items as a part of their regular trash collection service. If you need a bulk item (appliances, furniture, carpet, toilets, cabinets etc.) pickup, you must contact Patriot Disposal at 703-775-0323 and schedule a special pickup. Any charge which may be associated with this will be the **homeowner's expense**. The homeowner should have his/her contractor remove any building or renovation materials.

\*The only exception are the 13 homes on Sweet Leaf Terrace with enclosed porch areas that can accommodate the containers out of sight.\*

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