

2017 DUMPSTERS, it is not always self-evident what the right thing to do is

We are working on installing security cameras at the dumpster site. The Board of Directors are reviewing new procedures to educate and enforce compliance amongst the Members. We don't think anything is intentional, rather, it's a lack of education and understanding of the costs and acceptable trash items.

Beach Harbor's waste management company, the State of Maryland, and Federal EPA define trash into six categories.

1. **HOUSEHOLD**; white bag/household food, food byproducts, and paper
2. **BULK**; Larger household items, i.e. blinds, furniture, containers, clothes, bedding.
3. Bulk also can mean **CONSTRUCTION**; Wood, drywall, siding, cabinets, framing
4. **RECYCLING**; Metal, cans, plastic bottles, newspapers, magazines, other as defined per center
5. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**; Paint, medical waste, needles, prescriptions, chemicals, fertilizers
6. **YARD DEBRIS**; Sticks, grass, leaves, pine cones, pine needles go to a mulching redistribution center

Having said that, **Beach Harbor only contracts with the waste management company** to handle **HOUSEHOLD & YARD DEBRIS** to minimize costs for all Members. When the large roll off comes for the holidays, that roll off is only for HOUSEHOLD/WHITE BAG items, food byproduct from picnic and celebration excess (not to mention the huge amount of Blue Crab waste we have that draws insects and predators).

Local retailers sell dump ticket books. The QACo Transfer Station also has recycling of all products including Bulk; refrigerators, tires, stoves, grills, oil and hazardous, chemical waste. Depending on what you want to dump, the Transfer Station will tell you the number of tickets it will take per item.

Construction Debris **MUST** be taken to R.B. Baker and Sons in Queenstown to be weighed and disposed of there. QACo Transfer Stations will not take construction debris.

The Beach Harbor waste management company **CAN REFUSE PICK UP** of any dumpster if the wrong items are in the dumpster, or if the unloading point is blocked by BULK or CONSTRUCTION debris. At that point, our Maintenance Staff must climb in the dumpster and unload it, remove the debris to the Transfer Station or to R.B. Baker & Sons bulk trash disposal site.

Now let's all do our part for the environment, for the cooperative in reducing maintenance time and efforts, and for the cooperative in reducing overall waste management costs.

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