

Spring Glen Homeowners Association Trash Collection Policy

Subject: Trash Collection Guidelines and Enforcement

Date: 11/1/2020

To: All Homeowners

Purpose:

This policy outlines the guidelines and rules for trash collection within the Spring Glen community to ensure compliance with HOA standards and to maintain a clean and orderly environment.

Policy Statement:

To maintain the cleanliness and uniformity of our community, all residents are required to adhere to the following trash collection rules and regulations. Failure to comply may result in fines as stipulated in the HOA bylaws.

1. Guidelines for Trash Placement:

1.1 Accepted and Non-Accepted Items:

Residents must place only household trash at the curb. Bulk items require prior scheduling through Howard County (phone: 410-313-7678). Please refer to the attached list for acceptable and non-acceptable items.

1.2 Bin Marking and Storage:

All trash and recycling bins must be marked with the address of the home they belong to. Bins should be stored behind or on the side of the home, in accordance with homeowner bylaws.

1.3 Placement Timing:

Trash and recycling bins should not be placed at the curb more than 24 hours before the scheduled collection time and must be removed within 48 hours after collection. Non-compliance may result in fines. Residents are advised to consider weather conditions such as wind when placing and retrieving bins.

1.4 Proper Use of Bins:

Household trash should be contained within bins. Loose trash bags attract pests and pose a public health hazard. Please ensure all trash is securely placed in bins.

2. Trash Collection Rules:

2.1 Collection Schedule:

Trash is collected once a week between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. The exact time may vary.

2.2 Quantity and Container Specifications:

- Up to four (4) cans, bags, or bundles per home will be collected weekly. Containers must be labeled with the home address.
- Reusable containers should be metal or durable plastic with handles and watertight lids. County-provided recycling (blue) and food scrap (green) containers are not acceptable for trash. No Styrofoam.

2.3 Bag and Container Requirements:

- Containers larger than 40 gallons must have each bag inside counted as one item.
- Trash bags must be heavy gauge plastic, securely tied to prevent spillage.
- Clean-up of any trash or recycling spilled by animals or wind is the responsibility of the resident.

3. Items Not Collected Curbside:

- Car parts (e.g., tires, wheels, batteries)
- Construction debris (e.g., concrete, drywall, lumber, carpet, appliances)
- Sinks and toilets
- Containers larger than 40 gallons with loose trash
- Electronics (e.g., laptops, monitors, TVs)
- Hazardous materials (e.g., asbestos, ammunition, flammable substances)
- Landscape debris (e.g., dirt, rocks, stumps)
- Liquids (e.g., paint, oil, chemicals)
- Mirrors/plate glass
- Paint cans (unless completely empty or dried with lid off)
- Rechargeable batteries

4. Enforcement:

This notice serves as official communication of the Trash Collection Policy. Violations of this policy may result in fines per occurrence, as specified in the HOA bylaws.

5. Contact Information:

For questions or further clarification regarding the trash collection policy, please contact the Spring Glen Homeowners Association office.

Attachments:

- List of Acceptable and Non-Acceptable Items (2.2 and 3)