

## WOODS LANDING TRASH AND RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Dear Neighbor,

As many of you are aware, the issue of trash collection in our community is a continual problem; worse for some courts than others, but a problem for all nonetheless.

For those who are already following the existing guidelines (as stated in our Homeowners' Association documents), please accept our gratitude. In the tight surroundings of a townhome community, it is important that everyone comply.

There are two issues with trash and recyclables. One is their **location** and the other is their **handling**.

**LOCATION:** Pickup locations are determined by density. The larger courts have more pickup locations because there are more units within them. It is important that no location overflows with trash and recyclables. This causes problems for the trash contractors and has, in at least one instance, led to a rat infestation. If you don't know the location in your court for trash and recyclables, please feel free to contact a Board or EPCOM member.

**HANDLING:** Trash and recyclables should be taken to the pickup location closest to your residence. Our existing guidelines stipulate that the trash should be put out in containers **with lids**. If you don't wish to keep a trash can within your premises, and instead put out bagged trash, share a can with a neighbor or otherwise devise a means of can sharing so that bagged trash is NOT put out. The reason is simple. It is frequently invaded by vultures, feral animals, and rodents, as well as stray dogs and cats.

Recyclables *can* be put out the night before pickup provided they contain no food or other products that would attract animals. So make sure you rinse out all of your jars, bottles, containers, and cans if you plan to put them out the night before. If you don't use the recycle bins provided by Anne Arundel County, follow the County's guidelines: <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/WasteManagement/troublefreeRecytips.cfm>.

Additionally, trash containers are to be placed on cement (right next to the curb), not on grassy areas, and we must all follow the County's guidelines for handling trash and recyclable materials. As a matter of courtesy, please put out your trash and recyclables either the morning of pickup or the evening before. Avoid putting your trash out early the day before pickup or leaving your containers out beyond the day of pickup. If you're traveling, ask a neighbor if they can either take out your trash containers and/or bring them in. Finally, those who use pickup sites adjacent to handicap ramps should make sure their trash and recyclables *don't block the ramp or the sidewalk*.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY TRASH AND RECYCLABLES GUIDELINES: Please make sure to follow the County's guidelines for trash and recyclables. The links are shown on our web site's home page and are also shown below:

<http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/WasteManagement/curbside.cfm>

<http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/WasteManagement/troublefreeRecytips.cfm>

Separately locating trash/yard waste in one location and bottles/cans/jars/paper in another accomplishes two things. We are distributing the various types of waste material in a manner we anticipate will reduce the overflow occurring at some locations. Secondly, the separation of waste items, in turn, should make it easier for the trash contractors to do a better job of pickup.

These guidelines apply to all residents of all courts and we ask that you comply. Please take our efforts to heart—while the Board and EPCOM may “steer” the ship, it takes a whole “crew” to make the voyage successful. We ask each of you to cooperate with these guidelines, to be considerate and fair-minded with your neighbors, and to help keep Woods Landing’s high standards alive and well.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors and The Environmental Protection Committee,  
Woods Landing Community Service Association