

Westwinds ECC Trash/Recycle/Yard Waste Container Guideline

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Supersedes previous WW Trash Can Guideline dated 10/15/03

The WW Environmental Control Committee is updating the current WW Trash Can Guideline to provide information regarding the types of containers permitted, times allowed for placement at curbside, and required storage of household trash, recycle, and yard waste containers.

In 2009, Frederick County instituted a mandatory recycling program for all County residents and provided each resident with a large blue container for year-round pickup of recyclable items every other week. In addition, the Lake Linganore Association established a separate day for weekly pickup (from April through November) of yard waste in either open trashcans or paper bags. The recycle and yard waste pickups are in addition to the regular weekly year-round household trash pickup.

Types of Containers:

Each household is required to use only containers that meet the following guidelines:

- (1) Household Trash Containers should have a capacity of at least 45 gallons, and are required to have a manufactured, hinge-attached lid. Color of containers must be green, brown, or black.
- (2) Recycle Containers. Only blue recycle containers issued by Frederick County are permitted.
- (3) Yard Waste Containers can be any type of open trash cans or paper bags. Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected. Yard waste (such as leaves, grass clippings, plants, shrubs, prunings and trimmings no longer than 6 feet and/or larger than 4 inches in diameter) must be separated from household waste.

Times Allowed for Placing/Removing Containers from Curbside:

Household trash, recycle, and yard waste containers should not be put out any earlier than 5 p.m. preceding the day of pickup, and are required to be removed from the curb and out of view (i.e., stored in garage) by daylight the following day of pickup.

If pickup is missed, containers are to be pulled off the street and stored in resident's garage, and then placed out for the next regularly scheduled collection day.

Scheduled days for household and yard waste pickups are established by the Lake Linganore Association, and by the Frederick County Department of Waste Management for recyclable items. You may contact either organization for the scheduled pickup days for the WestWinds community.

Required Storage of Containers:

All containers (household trash, recycle, yard waste, and plastic or paper bags) must be stored inside a resident's garage (not on driveways, on sides and backs of houses, and/or exterior of properties).

Violation:

Containers placed and/or stored on driveways and/or outside the home's exterior and remaining in view other than the times allowed as described above are in violation and residents will be cited and/or fined accordingly.

The WestWinds Environmental Control Committee has had a long-standing policy within the WW community that trash and similar containers be stored in residents' garages. The Covenants state that containers shall not be permitted to remain in public view except on days of trash pickup. It is the intent of the Covenants and interpreted by the WW Environmental Control Committee that such containers stored "out of public view" means that they be stored in a garage. The ECC interpretation was also based, in part, to prevent from attracting animals/rodents, for children's safety, to facilitate residents' accessibility to their trash containers in inclement weather, as well as to maintain the implicit high standards of the community and the investment made by all residents who purchased homes in WestWinds.