



Howard County Trash Services In Bowling Brook Farms

REGULAR HOUSEHOLD TRASH is picked up on Tuesdays (except for Birkenhead Court, which is picked up on Wednesdays). Please review AND remember the following guidelines regarding regular household trash disposal:

1. Each household is limited to four (4) items not exceeding forty (40) pounds. The four items can include cans, bags or bundles (bundles must be less than four feet (4') in length and 1" in diameter).

2. PROHIBITED ITEMS ARE:

Liquids such as wet paint and motor oil

Hazardous, toxic or flammable materials

Bulk items (appliances, carpets, mattresses, or large equipment or furniture)

Car parts – tires, wheels or batteries

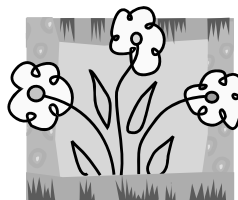


It is also important to note that during the period April 1 – December 31 when yard trimming recycling is available (see below), grass, leaves and light brush WILL NOT be accepted for pickup on regular trash day.

3. Trash or recycling containers should **NOT BE PLACED OUT PRIOR TO 7:00 P.M. THE DAY BEFORE COLLECTION AND MUST BE REMOVED AND STORED IN THE REAR YARD AFTER PICK-UP, OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW THE DAY OF COLLECTION.**
4. Trash should be placed in “group” trash areas at curb islands for pickup.
5. Trash can be put out for pickup in reusable metal or tough plastic containers with handles and watertight fitting lids or in HEAVY GAUGE plastic bags that are securely tied. NOTE: Cleanup of the common collection areas should be shared by all. The trash that is spilled and/or spread by animals or wind is the responsibility of each resident that uses the “group” trash areas.

BULK TRASH – Household bulk items such as appliances, carpets, mattresses, large equipment, furniture, etc. are the responsibility of each homeowner to dispose of. Homeowners can call for curbside pick-up at 410-313-6444 or these items can be dropped off at the Alpha Ridge Landfill Residents’ Convenience Center. Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE – Household hazardous waste consists of wet paint, motor oil, household chemicals or cleaners, toxic or flammable materials, car parts (i.e., tires, wheels or batteries), medical waste, coals, ashes, soil, rocks, ammunition, explosives or firearms. These items can also be dropped off at the Alpha Ridge Landfill Residents’ Convenience Center on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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For details on recycling or more information regarding the above information, visit the Howard County Website at www.co.ho.md.us or call 410-313-SORT.

MOST IMPORTANTLY – IF THE COUNTY DOES NOT PICK UP YOUR GARBAGE OR RECYCLING, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND AN ALTERNATE METHOD OF DISPOSAL. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT OUT FOR THE NEXT PICKUP. (Remember, the County will not remove your items if it is not being properly disposed.)

ALSO NOTE: The large dumpsters located at the apartments are NOT for Bowling Brook Farms' use. These are the property of the apartment complex. The apartments may hire patrols for their property and will follow through with any violations of illegal dumping or trespassing.

Exterior Changes and/or Improvements

Are you planning to...replace your windows? Replace/change the colors on your home? Change the landscaping of your yard? Install a deck?

WAIT!

Before any of this work can begin, you MUST have written approval from the Architectural Committee. At the monthly Committee meeting, they review applications for architectural changes, so plan ahead to get approval in time for contractor scheduling.

The process is not difficult, but you need to plan your schedule!

1. Fill out a Bowling Brook Farms architectural application. Need an application? Go on line to www.bowlingbrookfarms.org and download an application!
2. Return the completed application, with any appropriate diagrams, pictures and/or brochures, to the CVI office. The application will be forwarded to the Architectural Committee.
3. The Committee will review your application at the next scheduled meeting. Remember that the Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month; watch the website, as meeting locations sometimes vary. Please make sure your application is received one week prior in order for the Committee to review it at the meeting.
4. Once reviewed, you will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision.



Contemplating Selling Your Home?

You may not be aware that The Maryland Homeowners' Association Act requires a homeowner (seller) to provide certain information to the purchaser of their home, PRIOR to the sale of the home. This information includes the following:



- * A statement whether the lot is located within a development
- * The current monthly fees imposed by the association
- * The total amount of fees imposed by the association during the prior fiscal year
- * A statement whether any fee against the lot are delinquent
- * The name, address and phone number of the management agent
- * A statement regarding knowledge of any pending lawsuits
- * A statement regarding any pending covenant violations actions

To order a resale package go to: www.homewisedocs.com and register as a user. It only takes a minute to register a user name and password. Once done, you can log into the site and search for Bowling Brook Farms in Laurel, MD. You will want to order the 'resale disclosure bundle'. The site walks you through the steps and you can pay through the website. The site will notify you via email when your package is ready and how you can log back on to download the completed bundle.

Included in the bundled package is a financial disclosure statement, sellers statement, a copy of the current budget, audit and insurance, and a copy of the association documents (bylaws, rules and regulations, policies, etc.). Please note that the purchaser should have at least 5 days to review the package prior to settlement. We also suggest that you consult with your attorney and/or real estate agent regarding correct compliance with the law.

If you have any questions when using the site, HomewiseDocs has contact information at the bottom of the webpage. Just call them direct with any questions and they can help you through any questions.



DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A POLICE OFFICER IN TODAY'S WORLD?



The Howard County Police Department (HCPD) Youth Services Section, has a free one-week overnight program designed to help young people explore career and leadership opportunities, life skills, and character education. Participants will learn the many skills needed to be successful police officers in today's world through daily classroom instruction, role playing, and practical exercises.

Explore what an exciting and challenging career in law enforcement could be! Applications may be obtained at Howard County public high schools by contacting the School Resource Officer, online at www.HCPD.org, or by phone 410-313-2620.

Pets and our Neighborhood..Keeping It Clean

If It's Your Pet, It's Your Responsibility

- to ensure that it has proper licenses and vaccines,
- to ensure that it is on a leash and under the control of a responsible person capable of immediate and effective restraint,
- to ensure the proper disposal of excrement on public and private property.



The association has specific rules pertaining to dog ownership as does Howard County. Contact Howard County Animal Control for a complete list of Laws at 410-313-2780. In addition, your community has spent a considerable amount of money to make dog walk stations with disposal bags and cans available for homeowners to pick-up after their pets. Be a responsible pet owner!

First Round of Inspections Completed

The Board of Directors of the Bowling Brook Farms is concerned about the aesthetics, curb appeal and the property values of our homes. In short, the look and feel of our community. To maintain a higher standard and raise the bar for our community, the Bowling Brook Farms Board continued this year with their inspection of the exterior of all 785 homes of our community. It is a mammoth task, but all homes have been inspected.

Please note that the Board of Directors sets the standards for and level of inspection each year. The homes in the community are aging and require more work than in previous years, now homes are being built all around us and we want to stay competitive in the buyers market; the Board was mindful of this when they set their standards and inspection level this year. The intent of the inspection is to help owners identify preventive and general house maintenance, in addition to keeping the standards of the community at a high level.

As a reminder, re-inspections will be starting the week of July 1, 2013. If the work is not completed, you will be called to a hearing before the Board of Directors, however you still have another 60 days to complete your work before the scheduled hearing date. Hearings will be held in mid September. Final inspections will be done approximately 1 week prior to your scheduled hearing. **Final inspections will be conducted the week of September 2, 2013.**

In order to improve our community, everyone has to do their part. If the community looks better, you feel better about your community. If you feel better, you will become more involved in your community and less willing to accept anything except the best for your community.

Board of Directors' Meeting Dates

The Board of Directors of Bowling Brook Farms Association, Inc., hereby announces the upcoming schedule of the Board of Directors' meetings. Unless you are otherwise notified, these meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, beginning at 7:00 PM. Meetings will typically be held at the Savage United Methodist Church, Faith & Ministry Building, 9050 Baltimore Street, Savage, Maryland, pending reservation confirmation. Visit the association's website, www.bowlingbrookfarms.org to confirm the meeting location, if you wish to attend a particular meeting.

At the conclusion of each meeting, the Board will confirm the date, time and location of the next meeting.

June 19, 2013

October 16, 2013

July 17, 2013

November 20, 2013

August 21, 2013

December 2013 - No Meeting Scheduled

September 18, 2013

If you wish to be included on the meeting agenda to address a particular issue, please submit a request in writing two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. All owners are welcome and encouraged to take an active role in the association Board meetings.

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