

HERITAGE HUNT CONDOMINIUM I
TRASH AND RECYCLING RULES AND INFORMATION

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I. FACILITIES Each building has:

- A. In the garage adjacent to the elevator lobby, a trash dumpster/compactor room. It has two dumpsters, with one connected to a compactor, and the other open for deposit of refuse. There is a trash chute system that empties into the compactor.
- B. On each floor in the hallway near the elevator, a trash room with a chute system that discharges into the garage-level trash room compactor.
- C. In the garage-level storeroom hallway near the elevator, a Recycle Room. It has 3 96-gallon recycle bins with single stream recycling, which means that various types of recyclables can be mixed in the bins and the contents will be separated later.

II. CONDO TRASH/RECYCLE RULES MAY DIFFER FROM HOA RULES

HOA Trash/Recycle Rules Do Not Apply to Condo Trash/Recycling. The Condo Association uses its own Trash/Recycling contractor and the rules may differ from those applicable to the larger HH community. Therefore, residents should realize that trash/recycling information put out by the HOA, including articles in "The Horn," does not apply to Condo residents.

III. PICKUP SCHEDULE

- A. Trash – Trash is normally picked up on Mondays and Thursdays. However, there is no pickup on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or when Fairfax County Police declare a snow emergency. On these occasions, residents are asked, so far as possible, to hold off on putting trash in the dumpsters until the next scheduled pickup to minimize the load on the dumpsters; priority should be given to trash containing things that might rot or attract vermin or are odorific.
- B. Recycling – Recycle bins are emptied once per week on Wednesdays with the same holidays as mentioned above.

IV. GENERAL TRASH AND RECYCLING RULES

Foremost, under normal circumstances, nothing should be placed on the trash room floors and nothing should ever be left on the floors in the Recycle rooms.

On occasions when the dumpsters are overwhelmed, or the amount of trash you have will overwhelm the dumpsters, priority should be given to putting trash bags that contain messy items or ones that might attract vermin – e.g., garbage. Only on such occasions may **cardboard** – flattened, of course – be neatly stacked in the corner of the garage-level trash room. If possible, distribute unusually large quantities of refuse across multiple trash pickup days.

Moving boxes, wardrobe boxes and delivery and packing cartons pose special problems due to both quantity and size. These can overwhelm the trash room, so use extra diligence in breaking these down and flattening them as much as possible.

Recycling and waste disposal information in Prince William County is available at www.pwcgov.org. There is a recycling and waste transfer station at 13912 Balls Ford Road in Manassas (near the intersection of Balls Ford Road and Wellington Road). Or call 703-335-8181.

V. SPECIFIC RECYCLING RULES

The Recycle rooms are part of our home; these rules are both to meet recycling requirements AND to maintain our home in a desirable state. Read and heed any signs in the Recycle rooms. Please adhere to the following:

- A. **Do not overfill bins** – Bin lids must close completely. If there is not enough room in the bins to add your recyclables and still close the lid completely, dispose of your recyclables in the regular trash dumpsters.
- B. **Paper and cardboard must be clean** – Office paper, newspaper, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, cereal and cracker boxes are acceptable; cardboard with food remnants, such as pizza boxes, are NOT.
- C. **Small pieces of cardboard and flattened small boxes are OK.** However, large items that must be cut apart or folded to fit the bins are NOT and should be placed in the dumpsters. Routinely we generate enough recyclables to fill the bins each week and we have no room for more bins; so it is counterproductive to fill the bins with large pieces of cardboard.
- D. **The following are OK provided they are rinsed thoroughly:** plastic bottles with a neck, cans, glass bottles and glass jars. REMOVE ALL CAPS. If a container won't rinse clean – think syrupy, sticky contents – dispose of the container in a dumpster.
- E. **If an item is not specifically listed above as acceptable, do not recycle it; put it in the trash.**
- F. **The following items are specifically NOT acceptable for recycling:**
 - 1. Plastic bags, plastic or Styrofoam packaging. **If you use plastic bags to bring your recyclables to the Recycle room, empty the bags into the bins but DO NOT PUT THE BAGS THEMSELVES in the bins.**
 - 2. Plastic food packaging or anything that has food remnants or smells. This means no dairy or salad trays, egg cartons, pizza boxes, paper plates, napkins, aluminum foil, foil cooking pans, yogurt/margarine tubs and similar items.
 - 3. Milk or juice cardboard or wax-paper containers.
 - 4. Hardcover books
 - 5. Light bulbs

VI. SPECIFIC TRASH CHUTE RULES

- A. **13-gallon white kitchen trash bags** are encouraged for trash disposal. Anything larger is difficult to put into the chute and may get stuck. Grocery and retail store plastic shopping bags are not strong enough and often break apart. **All bags must be securely tied shut** to prevent contents from spilling out when the bag hits the bottom of the chute and is squeezed in the compactor.
- B. **Newspapers and magazines should not be put into the trash chutes.** They may be recycled, or bagged or tied with string and placed into a dumpster.
- C. **Cardboard and boxes of any sort should not be put into the trash chutes.** This includes pizza and shoe boxes. All boxes must be flattened and put into dumpsters.
- D. **Glass containers need to be handled thoughtfully.** Glass jars and bottles often break when dropped down the trash chutes, unless cushioned in a bag with general trash. If in doubt, take such glass containers downstairs to either the Recycle bins or the trash dumpsters. When broken glass ends up loose in the dumpsters, it can spill onto the driveway during the emptying process. Broken glass is a threat to **our** tires and a nuisance for the Building and Grounds Committee.

VII. SPECIFIC GARAGE TRASH ROOM RULES

- A. **Cardboard and boxes must be broken down and flattened.** Cardboard that is too big to fit in the dumpsters should be folded or cut into smaller pieces before putting in dumpsters. If this is not practical, lay the cardboard flat on the floor in the back corner of the trash room. Large quantities of cardboard or boxes, such as from moving, should be placed on the floor in the back corner.
- B. **Plastic peanuts, shredded packing, Styrofoam, “inflated-pouch” type packing, and similar items should be put in trash bags, tied shut, and then placed in a dumpster.** Big pieces of Styrofoam or similar packing should be broken into smaller pieces and then put in the dumpsters. Inflated pouches should be deflated. Small, loose items, such as plastic peanuts, tend to spill on the driveway during the emptying of the dumpsters.
- C. **Glass Containers should be bagged.** NEVER placed glass items loose in a box or bag on the floor of the trash room.
- D. **Items unsuitable for our trash service.** Some items are just unsuitable for disposal through our trash pickup service and it is the resident’s responsibility to dispose the following items properly: computer monitors, televisions, any but SMALL appliances, large entertainment components, furniture, hazardous waste, and items too big to fit inside a dumpster. Recycling and waste disposal information in Prince William County is available at www.pwcgov.org or by calling 703-335-8181. There is a recycling and waste transfer station located at 13012 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, which is near the intersection with Wellington Road.