



GARBAGE & RECYCLING GUIDELINES & UPDATE

Submitted by: Barbara Lallinger

At the monthly Willowbridge/Stonebridge HOA meeting in June, the owner of J & S Trash Service was in attendance. He was questioned by the board and several homeowners about trash and recycling procedures. The following information is to be considered the current rules, guidelines, etc. as agreed to in our contract with J & S.

1. Service days are Monday and Thursday for garbage and Thursday for recycling and heavy trash.
2. Regular trash and yard waste should be placed curbside within 5 ft. of the paved roadway, by 7:00 a.m., in a waste container not exceeding 35 gallons or in a plastic bag.
3. All branches & tree limbs must be cut to 4 ft. lengths and tied in small bundles that can be lifted by a single person. Bundles should be no larger than 18 inches in diameter and weigh no more than 50 pounds.
4. Heavy Trash: Appliances, hot water heaters, mattresses, heavy or large volumes of yard waste and other white goods, appropriate for disposal, should be placed within 5 ft. of curb, by 7:00 a.m. (Thursdays Only).
5. Refrigeration Units: Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and other items that contain CFC's (Freon), BY LAW must have the gas removed by a licensed technician and be red tagged PRIOR to collection.

J & S will collect and dispose of all of our residential refuse UNLESS restricted by law or if the item(s) can cause damage to the collection equipment or injury to their employees. The following items are restricted: auto, boat and RV batteries, tires, solvents, paints, petroleum products (motor oil), pool chemicals, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, hazardous materials/chemicals, medical waste, medical sharps, concrete, rocks, soil, logs or stumps, cross ties and closed containers.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Recycling is included in our community's solid waste management services. The fee charged to us for garbage pickup and recycling is low compared to other companies; therefore, they do not furnish recycling bins to residences. If you do not have a bin from a previous residence or company we used, you may use any type of plastic container that

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Peanuts! Peanuts! **Get Your Peanuts Here!**

Submitted by Barbara Lallinger

What comes to mind first when you hear the word peanuts? Baseball games; peanut butter, brittle or cookies; the most disliked nut in mixed nuts; allergies?

What about the Styrofoam packing peanuts? You know . . . the ones that blow all over the neighborhood on trash days? The same ones that were put in your trash uncontained that either fall out as they are being dumped or blow out the back of the trash truck.

Please consider:

1. It takes a LOT of these peanuts to make a pound. They are sold at office stores by the cubic foot. The closest I've come to convert this to pounds is a 2 CF bag at Staples weighs .44 pounds (including the big plastic bag they come in). The cost is \$10.
2. RECYCLING – reuse them when mailing packages or donate them to a small independent mail/packaging facility. I spoke with Ali at Z Mailboxes and Postal, located at 9211 West Road (in the same center as Los Arcos) and he said they would take them to recycle in their packages. If you have any questions, Ali's number is (281) 477-7678.
3. As a last resort: If throwing them away, please place securely in a trash bag or cardboard box so they cannot "escape" while on the curb or in the truck.

National Night Out

Never let it be said that Texas doesn't do things differently! The annual Neighborhood Night Out has been changed from August (too hot and too many mosquitoes!) to October 7th this year. Maybe this will give some of us time to make plans to get to know our neighbors. Block Party! Block Party! Block Party!

WHAT A DIFFERENCE AN ARTICLE (or two) CAN MAKE!

Submitted by: Your Neighbor

**WOW! The fireworks were great and mostly timely.
The clean-up afterwards... OUTSTANDING!!!
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Garbage - (Continued from Cover page)

the collectors can identify from regular garbage. It is very helpful to them if you use a black permanent marker to draw the recycling arrows or at least write RECYCLE on the container's sides and/or ends. Recyclable items may be commingled in the bin (sorting will be done at the truck and/or recycling center).

Recycling bins are to be placed at curbside within 5 ft. of the paved roadway, by 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays only. Items recycled by J & S are:

1. PAPER: newsprint & inserts (flat or glossy), magazines, envelopes (plastic windows removed), mail (sensitive information removed), regular paper used in printers and copiers, boxes and other cardboard items (flattened). Papers should not be tied or strapped together. It is best to put them in a brown paper bag or to weigh them down with a brick (so that on windy days they do not become your neighbor's yard art!). If your paper volume is such that the bin does not provide ample space, you may place extra paper in a brown paper bag and set it beside your bin.
2. PLASTIC: Plastic bottles/jugs marked with a 1 – 5 or 7 recycle logo in the triangle. This includes, but is not limited to: water, soda, milk and juice bottles/jugs, detergent containers, etc. Please remove the caps and rinse the containers. There is no need to remove the label.
3. ALUMINUM CANS: Please rinse the cans. Crushing the cans will provide additional space for other materials in your bin.
4. BI-METAL CANS: This includes food (tin) cans. Please rinse cans. There is no need to remove the labels.
5. GLASS: J & S IS NOT ACCEPTING glass due to possible injury to the collectors.
6. STYROFOAM: We had to work hard for this one and it is LIMITED! J & S WILL NOT ACCEPT foam packing peanuts for recycling; but, they will take the large pieces that serve as cushions, frames, protection, etc. in the boxes that electronic equipment, furniture, etc. comes in. (Remember you can recycle the flattened boxes also.) Again, this is a lightweight material that needs to be secured at your collection site.

Please Do Not put items with a #6 triangle or no triangle in the recycle bin. They are not accepted by the company that J & S ultimately sends it to for processing.

REMEMBER....you can also place all of the items listed under paper above in the Abitibi Paper Retriever Dumpsters located at our schools and they receive compensation for collections. Don't forget to flatten boxes as they take up a lot of space and are not compressed by putting paper and magazines on top of them!!!

***COMING NEXT MONTH... Where to recycle other items not collected by J & S (E-Waste such as computers, monitors, cell phones, batteries, etc.)

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Neighbors

Not too many weeks ago I was driving home from the gym in the middle of the day. As I stopped at the light on Perry at Fallbrook, I noticed the car in front of me had not driven all the way to the light. Then this car started to reverse. The car stopped before I began to panic, and then I noticed a man was getting out of his car to move some debris in the road. I watched him move a large metal strip of construction material. However, as he continued to move materials, I got out of my car to help. There were several cars behind us now, and as the light turned green, they all went around us to turn at the light. They all seemed to be annoyed that we were blocking the turn lane.

As we finished moving the metal, which was quite substantial, he began to tell me a short tale about his neighborhood. He said that one day he had stopped at a stop sign to pick up quite a lot of nails which were in the street. His story reported that the car behind him was less than polite. I smirked as I wondered how many people would respond with rudeness

to such a thoughtful action. Then I stopped smirking as I pondered how I would have reacted, and I thought about the cars which had just driven around us to turn.

As we went on our way, I thought about how nice it would be to have a neighbor like him. But as we kept driving, and as I made every turn he made, it wasn't long before I found out that I do have a neighbor like him! Better yet, we are all lucky to have such a thoughtful neighbor.

We all hear and seem to believe that "life moves too fast". However, when we are faced with an obstacle that seems to slow us down, how many times does our mind think "I bet this is a person trying to help me" rather than "what is this person doing in my way?" I got a valuable reminder that day from our neighbor that not only should we continue to do things to help our neighbors, but that we should be patient with others around us. Thanks, neighbor, for doing your part to make this a wonderful community.

Scott Wieding

Did You Know?



The first known use of O.K. was in the New York New Era in 1840 as part of a name: The Democratic O.K. Club. O.K. was an abbreviation for Old Kinderhook, a nickname for future president Martin Van Buren. Kinderhook, New York, was Van Buren's birthplace.



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Tennis Tips

Submitted by Fernando Velasco

Watch for Dehydration - Avoid Heat Stress by:

- Schedule practice time in the morning and late afternoons.
- Wear light-colored clothes with breathable material.
- Wear white hat to protect face, skull and neck
- Drink 18-20 oz of fluid two or three hours before your match, then again another 8-10 oz ten to twenty minutes before match.
- During play, drink 8-10 oz every ten to twenty minutes (during changeovers.)
- If you have heat cramps, stretch the muscle, and take rehydration drinks with glucose and electrolytes.
- If you feel light-headed and think you might faint, lower your head or lay down on your back with your feet up. It would be a good idea to stop playing and to sit down in a cool area.
- Take two coolers on the court. One full of ice and water to drink and one with ice only with a towel. Between games, soak your towel in the cooler and refresh your face, neck and wrists.

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	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08
\$300,000 +	0	0	0	0	1	1
\$270,000 - 299,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$240,000 - 269,999	0	0	2	0	0	1
\$200,000 - 239,999	1	0	1	0	0	3
\$170,000 - 199,999	0	0	2	1	2	0
\$170,000 -	0	1	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	5	2	3	5
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