



## Loose Pets in the Neighborhood

Pets are an important part of many people's lives. Most pet owners are responsible, caring people who love their pets deeply and do everything in their power to ensure that their pets are securely restrained and do not cause a nuisance to their neighbors. Pets do, however, sometimes escape from yards, slip a leash, or otherwise perform a disappearing act. Whether you have lost a pet, or have found a loose pet, there are several steps you can take to ensure that the pet is returned safely.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind pet-owning residents of the leash laws that exist in Harris County. It is against the law to allow a pet to roam loose, either purposefully or due to negligence. It is your responsibility to ensure that your pets are securely contained and do not pose a risk to others. It is relatively easy for pets to escape from back yards, either through digging or through insecure fences or gates.

Also, if you keep your pet in your back yard, please note that utility workers have the legal right to open your gate and enter your back yard, even if you are not home. While companies sometimes give residents advanced notice that they will be entering the property, they don't always do so. Consider investing in a separate pen or enclosure for your pet to keep them safely contained within your back yard.

### **If you lose a pet:**

- Ensure all of your pets have a microchip registered with current contact information, or have current identification tags on the pet's collar. You may also write your phone number on a light-colored collar with permanent marker if your pet frequently loses tags.
- Keep a current, clear photo of your pet that clearly shows its face and body size, color, and markings.
- As soon as you realize that your pet is missing, post the photo with a description of your pet, your contact information, as well as approximately how long the pet has been missing, the last area it was seen, etc. to social media, such as the Atascocita Forest Neighbors Facebook group, the Atascocita Forest NextDoor.com page (if you are a user), and the HKA Lost & Found Pets Facebook group. You may also issue an alert from the Atascocita Forest website (<https://www.atascocitaforest.org/p/Alerts>), which will be sent via email to all registered users on the site. Please note, however, that you cannot include a photo with an alert message, so please be sure to carefully describe your pet and include your contact information.
- Let your neighbors know that your pet is missing and ask them to keep an eye out.
- Alert local veterinarian offices and animal shelters that your pet is missing and provide a description and photo of your pet (see list below).

If you see or find a loose pet:

- If the pet does not seem inclined to come to you of its own free will, do not attempt to catch or restrain a loose animal, both for your own

safety and for the safety of the animal. Your attempts to catch or restrain it may frighten the pet and cause it to run further away from home, or run into oncoming traffic.

- If you can, take a photo of the animal (even from a distance) and post it to social media; include the location and approximate time that you saw the pet, as well as which direction it was heading (if applicable). If you cannot get a photo, then simply include as detailed a description as possible with your posts. You may also issue an alert through the neighborhood website.

- If you are able to catch the animal, look for a tag or other identification on its collar for owner's contact information.

- Take the animal to a nearby vet to have it scanned for a microchip.

- You may contact Harris County animal control, but please note that they only have a few response officers to service the entire county. They generally prioritize calls involving obviously aggressive or dangerous animals. Also, animals taken in by animal control are usually put on a 3-day hold, meaning that if the owner is not located within that time frame then the pet will be euthanized.

### **Contacts & Information**

Suggested Social Media Outlets & Websites

- Facebook.com: Atascocita Forest Neighbors group (if you are requesting to join in regard to a lost or found pet, please private message Lauren Shwartz to expedite your join approval)
- Facebook.com: HKA Lost & Found Pets group – this is a large group for the Humble, Kingwood, & Atascocita areas with high visibility with thousands of members
- NextDoor.com: Atascocita Forest
- [www.AtascocitaForest.org](http://www.AtascocitaForest.org) > Alerts ([www.atascocitaforest.org/p/Alerts](http://www.atascocitaforest.org/p/Alerts)) – sends an email message to all registered users of the Atascocita Forest website
- [www.lostmydoggie.com](http://www.lostmydoggie.com) – create a free lost pet poster and contact local vets & animal shelters

### **Animal Control Agencies:**

- City of Humble Animal Control: <http://cityofhumble.com/animalservices.html> | 281-446-2327

Please note that Humble Animal Control only services areas within Humble city limits and therefore will not respond to calls in Atascocita Forest; however, animals may venture into Humble city limits and end up at their shelter. Shelter location: 240 Dennis St., 77338

- Harris County Veterinary Public Health (Animal Control): <http://publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/About/Organization/VPH> | (281) 999-3191 | Shelter Location: 612 Canino Road, Houston, TX 77076

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY .....	911
Harris County Animal Control .....	281-999-3191
Poison Control .....	800-222-1222

## NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Pct 4 Constable Non-Emergency Dispatch.....	281-376-3472
Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept. ....	281-852-2181
Harris County Precinct 4 .....	281-376-3472
Texas No Call List Registration .....	866-TXN-OCAL
Emergency Roadside Assistance.....	800-525-5555

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## PUBLIC SERVICES

Humble Post Office.....	281-540-1775
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Harris County Clerk (Will Clayton Pkwy.) .....	281-540-1173

## NEIGHBORHOOD MANAGEMENT

Community Asset Management .....	
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# Connecting with the Community

Atascocita Forest benefits from having engaged residents who frequently and share information. Fostering an environment of communication and familiarity in a neighborhood is the best way to promote safety and reduce crime.

- **AtascocitaForest.org:** This is the official neighborhood website, endorsed and managed by the HOA. Here, residents will find important updates, information, and resources relating to the neighborhood and the local community. Registration is required to access many areas of the website. Registration requests will be checked by the website administrator to verify that the registrant lives in the Atascocita Forest HOA boundaries.

- **Facebook Group – Atascocita Forest Neighbors:** The Facebook group has nearly 700 resident members and is very active. Members ask questions, get recommendations, and share information daily. Please note that the Facebook group is not endorsed by or officially affiliated with the HOA, and the HOA board assumes no responsibility or liability for posts, comments, or other information in the neighborhood Facebook group.

- **Nextdoor – Atascocita Forest:** Atascocita Forest has a page on the Nextdoor app & website with more than 350 members. Please note that the neighborhood Nextdoor page is not endorsed by or officially affiliated with the HOA, and the HOA board assumes no responsibility or liability for posts, comments, or other information on the neighborhood Nextdoor page.

## Get Connected with Atascocita Forest!



**AtascocitaForest.org** (official website)



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## Noise Issues in Atascocita Forest

Noise complaints are among the most common we hear from residents. Excessive barking, revving engines, fireworks, or sounds from the Sheriff's Department training grounds nearby are the most frequent issues about which residents complain. We would like to take this opportunity to provide some clarification regarding noise laws and restrictions in our neighborhood, tips for how to be a considerate neighbor concerning noise, as well as appropriate actions that residents can take when faced with a noise nuisance.

The Atascocita Forest neighborhood is not located within any city's limits; we are in unincorporated Harris County. This means that there are no city noise legal ordinances for our area, nor are there legal "quiet hours" at night or in the early morning. Harris County does not have the legal authority to institute ordinances as a city does; instead, it relies on the state laws that address issues such as noise. According to Texas Penal Code Ch 42, Sec 42.01, a person has committed an offense (class C misdemeanor) if he or she intentionally or knowingly makes noise exceeding 85 decibels in a public place (other than a sports event) or in or near a private residence. A noise is deemed legally unreasonable if it exceeds 85 decibels after the offending person receives a notice from a legal entity (such as a judge or police officer) that the noise is a public nuisance. Also note that the Texas state law does not make any distinction between daytime noise and nighttime noise; the "legal" level is 85 decibels, regardless of the time of day. As a point of reference, 85 decibels is about as loud as a food blender or a garbage disposal.

If a neighbor is making noise that you deem is unreasonable (including excessively barking dogs) your course of action should be to determine the street address of the offender and contact the Precinct 4 Constables. The standard procedure is for law enforcement to contact the individual(s) making the loud noise and advise them to stop (and possibly issue a warning). If the individual(s) refuse and continue to create a disturbance, the officer can issue a citation and the individual will have to appear in court. In the vast majority of cases, a visit from law enforcement is enough to curb noise nuisances. Please keep in mind that if the law enforcement officer does not

observe the noise offense him or herself, then they cannot legally issue a citation for it.

Regarding the neighborhood specifically, residents are welcome to report noise issues to the HOA (in addition to law enforcement) and we can send a resident complaint letter to the offending address. We have found, however, that law enforcement is generally much more effective at dealing with these issues as they have legal authority to issue citations.

Seeing as we live in a relatively densely populated suburban area outside of city limits, noise is going to be a factor that we all have to deal with from time to time. We have to be able to distinguish between major interruptions to our ability to function and enjoy our homes, and minor, temporary irritations. But with that being said, it's also important for everyone within a residential community such as ours to be mindful of our neighbors and conduct our activities with consideration of those who live around us.

One of the best things we can try to do as a community is to communicate with our neighbors in a polite and respectful way about these kinds of issues. More often than not, a noise offender may not realize that the noise they are making is bothering you. A polite and friendly conversation may be all that is needed to stop the problem and establish or improve your relationships with your neighbors. If you are uncomfortable with confronting the issue so directly, a polite anonymous note on the door is another option as well. It won't work all the time, but it's worth a shot. In many cases, your neighbors will be more likely to be considerate of you if they know who you are and you have a positive acquaintance.

And on the flip side, if you are planning to conduct a noisy activity, such as having a party, tuning the performance of your engine, or powerwashing, a polite and considerate conversation with your neighbors can go a long way (and may prevent unwanted visits from the police). If you let your neighbor(s) know what you're planning to do and when, and ask if that activity would cause undue disruption, you might be surprised how accommodating and forgiving your neighbors can be.



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## Fall / Winter Lawn Care Tips

Now that Fall has arrived, we'd like to share some helpful lawn care tips to prepare your yard for the cooler temperatures so that it comes back healthy and vibrant in the Spring.

The tips and information in this article are provided by Hector Reyes, neighborhood resident and owner of On Post Lawn Care.

1: Fertilize your lawn for the Fall / Winter season. This helps to keep your lawn's roots healthy for Spring as your St. Augustine grass goes dormant in the fall and winter.

2. Water your lawn once or twice per week (depending on precipitation) long enough to soak the soil several inches deep. Early morning is the best time of day to water your lawn. Even though your St. Augustine grass may already be dormant, the roots still need enough water to stay healthy.

3. If you start seeing brown patches in your lawn, apply a turf fungicide. Brown patch is a fungal bacteria that lay dormant in the hot summer months and become active in the cooling weather.

4. Overseed your lawn with a cold-hardy variety of grass, such as Rye, if you want your grass to look green and vibrant all year long. Rye is a seasonal grass that grows in the winter and eventually dies in the spring season, right as your St. Augustine will be starting to come back.

## AtascocitaForest.org Your Neighborhood Information Resource

Did you know that Atascocita Forest provides an informative website for neighborhood residents? AtascocitaForest.org offers valuable and helpful information about many aspects of the community, including how to access community amenities such as the neighborhood park, contact information for the HOA board and our neighborhood management company, CAM; contact forms, information about HOA dues and payment options, and more. While some of the information on the site is accessible to the public, most of the pages are restricted to registered, logged-in users.

Registering is easy: simply visit AtascocitaForest.org and click the Register link at the top right corner of the page. You will be taken to a resident registration form to complete. Once submitted, your registration request will be reviewed and approved by an HOA board member, as only residents of the Atascocita Forest Community Association may register on the neighborhood website. Once your request is approved, you will be able to log in and have full access to the website and its features.

Once registered, you will also be able to receive email communications from the HOA containing important information and updates from the HOA. On average, we send about one email a month to residents. Note that you may update your contact preferences at any time by editing your profile. To edit any aspect of your profile, including your contact preferences, simply log into the website and click the down arrow next to the personal greeting at the top right of the page, then click Account Settings. The Account Settings page features several tabs with various aspects of your profile, privacy, and contact preferences that can be adjusted at any time.

We hope that you will take advantage of this neighborhood resource and that you will find it helpful and informative. Please note that if you ever have any questions or encounter problems with the website, you are welcome to complete the Report a Website Problem form, which will go directly to the website administrators.

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## TRASH SERVICE IN ATASCOCITA FOREST

Trash and recycling service in Atascocita Forest is provided by Residential Recycling and Refuse of Texas (RRRT) and is contracted through Trail of the Lakes MUD (and is therefore included on your water bill). Trash service days in the district are Mondays (household trash only) and Thursdays (household trash, heavy trash, and recycling). Trash service typically runs between 8 AM and 5 PM, but depending on circumstances, the trash service may start late or run late.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Please have your trash placed in appropriate bags or containers at your curb by 7:30 in the morning. The trash service does not always travel the same route every time, so they may pick up earlier or later at your house depending on their route.

- You are not limited to the provided blue recycling bin for recyclables. You may put additional recyclable garbage in clear or blue garbage bags on your curb, clearly separated from your household trash, on Thursdays and recycling will pick them up. Alternatively, you can get a large recycle logo sticker from the trash company to place on ANY garbage can, which will designate it as a recycling container (note that a designated can should ONLY contain recyclables – please do not mix household trash and recyclables in the same can). Contact the trash company (information listed at the end of this article) to request the stickers. They will mail them out to you ASAP.

- The weight limit for standard trash or branch bundles is 40 lbs. Up to 6 cans of household waste (weighing no more than 40 lbs each) will be collected each trash day. If limbs or branches will not fit in your garbage can, they must be cut to a maximum 4' in length and 3" in diameter (each) and tied together.

- Any items which the trash company cannot take due to size, weight, or other restriction will be tagged explaining why they could not take it.

- A comprehensive list of items that cannot be taken by the trash company is provided on the Trash Service page on the AtascocitaForest.org website.

- You may sign up for text message notifications through the MUD, which will alert you of any service delays or interruptions with the trash service, as well as important emergency announcements. To sign up, send a text message to 77453 with the name of your section, all one word: ATASCOCITAFORREST, THEPARKATATASCOCITAFORREST. You will receive a response verification when you are added to the system. This information is also available on the MUD website at [www.trailofthelakesmud.com/emergency-notification/](http://www.trailofthelakesmud.com/emergency-notification/)

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE OR COMPLAINT WITH TRASH SERVICE:

The trash service provider is aware of the issues that we have had

with service in the past and is working hard to remedy them. They are committed to making our residents happy and providing great service for years to come. They have requested that residents please contact the company directly with any questions or complaints so that they can be addressed immediately, including damaged or lost trash containers, missed trash, damaged property, issues with employees, etc. The trash company has cameras on all of their trucks, known as “third eye”, which monitor activity inside and outside of the trash truck via video cameras, allowing them to review service and address any issues. The trash company’s contact information is provided below, and is always available on [AtascocitaForest.org](http://AtascocitaForest.org) > Services & Utilities > Trash Service.

RRRT Phone Number: (866) 516-9805

Email Address: [info@rrrtx.net](mailto:info@rrrtx.net)

If, after contacting the trash company and alerting them to the issue, your problem is not resolved, then please contact Jeff Campbell with the Trail of the Lakes MUD and explain the issue and what you have attempted to do to resolve it. He may be reached at [jeff.campbell@trailofthelakesmud.com](mailto:jeff.campbell@trailofthelakesmud.com)

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