

## Talking Trash

### *Manatee County and Stoneybrook HOA Trash & Yard Waste Disposal Guidelines & Rules*

Question: Are there Manatee County rules or guidelines concerning size or weight of trash containers or where they are to be placed?

Answer: Yes, Trash containers are to be no larger than thirty-two gallon capacity and the maximum weight is fifty pounds. The size & weight limits are intended to minimize the risk of injury to sanitation workers. Plastic bags are also acceptable containers although they are very vulnerable to nocturnal animals that prowl our community each night. Manatee County requires trash containers to be placed between the sidewalk and curb for curbside pickup.

Question: My garage space is limited; can I store trash containers outside?

Answer: No, *Master Association Covenant 5.7* requires trash containers to be stored in a garage, kept from view, denying access to animals. HOA rules allow trash containers to be placed outside twelve (12) hours prior to scheduled pickup days and require containers to be returned to the garage the afternoon following pickup.

Question: Are there restrictions as to what can be disposed through curbside trash pickup?

Answer: Yes, there are **two major environmental restrictions:**

1. **E-Scrap** (electronic scrap) may not be disposed of curbside including Battery Chargers, CD Players/Recorders, Irons, Radios, Cell Phones & Cords, Central Processing Units (CPUs), Copiers, Circuit Boards, DVD Players/Recorders, Hair Dryers, TVs, Fax Machines, Keyboards, Microwaves, Terminals, Monitors, Personal Audio Systems, Printers, Scanners, Small Computer Peripherals (mouse, cable, game hardware, cords, etc. The construction of electronic products frequently includes heavy metals e.g. Cadmium which are very hazardous to the environment.
2. **Hazardous waste** may not be disposed of curbside, as these materials can be very hazardous to our environment if they were to leach from the landfill into the underground water table. These include antifreeze, old paint, and lawn and garden chemicals.

Question: How is E-Scrap and Hazardous Waste to be disposed of?

Answer: Household Hazardous Waste and E-scrap collection is the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 pm at the E-scrap & Hazardous waste collection center located at the Lena Rd. Landfill located less than ten minutes from Stoneybrook. Disposal is free. For additional information, questions, or disposal alternatives call 941-798-6761.

Question: What can be done if I am to be gone when trash is to be picked up?

Answer: It's best to become familiar with your immediate neighbors and ask them to oversee this for you while you are absent. The community Condo Association asks that Stoneybrook homeowners not place trash in Condo trash containers.

Question: On which day is trash picked up?

Answer: Trash is picked up twice weekly, each Tuesday & Thursday. Trash containers are to be placed at the street by six AM on trash pickup days. The exception is any week containing a national holiday. On weeks containing a national holiday, each pickup slips one day (to Wednesday and Saturday).