

# Hayfield View Homeowners Association

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## TRASH HANDLING ADVISORY



The Hayfield View Homeowners Association (HOA) is surveying ways to address the problem of vultures ripping open trash bags and scattering garbage across our community. Garbage thrown across our courts is unsightly, unsanitary, and has adverse repercussions to the overall enjoyment and value of our homes. The HOA has consulted with wildlife experts who advise that the vultures are a protected species and target our trash bags because they know such bags often contain food. Unfortunately, the birds will continue to plague us as long as they find food in our trash.

Under our ACC Guidelines: (1) No property shall be used as a dumping ground for rubbish; (2) Prior to the night before trash collection, garbage must be kept in covered containers or heavy-duty trash bags within rear yards; and (3) Garbage containers should be placed at the curb only after dark and must be removed the same day as pick-up.

As each other's neighbors, we need to work together to solve this problem. While the HOA is exploring enforcement options regarding the proper storage of trash put out for pick-up, we know that some of us may not be able to, for various reasons, put trash in lidded containers or move those containers to the curb. Considering this, please:

- If you have a covered trash container or bin, use it.
- If you have a neighbor who is physically unable to move his or her lidded trash bin or container from the back of the house to the curb, reach out and offer to help them.
- If you do not have a lidded trash bin or container, consider purchasing one as an investment to help your neighborhood. Otherwise, double bag trash or use heavy-duty trash bags that are more difficult to rip open. Minimize the time trash is left out in bags – bring out trash bags the morning of pickup and do not leave bags out overnight.
- If your trash has been ripped open by vultures or any other animal, please pick up all scattered trash immediately.

If you have any other ideas to help address the trash situation and keep Hayfield View the best community that it is, please email us at [grounds@hayfieldview.org](mailto:grounds@hayfieldview.org). Thank you!

Sincerely,

Board of Directors  
Hayfield View HOA

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