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IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!!

DATE: August 13, 2009
TO: Ridgetop Commons Residents
FROM: Board of Directors
SUBJECT: Trash and Recycling Information

As you are aware, the Board of Directors signed a new trash and recycling contract and obtained new trash and recycling bins from American Disposal Services (ADS). Some residents have informed board members that they would prefer a smaller recycling bin rather than the larger, rolling one which has been supplied. The Board has concluded it is in the best interest of the community to provide you with this option if you would like to make this switch.

If you would like to **switch your recycling bin and/or dispose of an old trash container** you used before the new bins were provided, please contact our Community Manager, Rose Bailey, by email, fax or by telephone so we can determine the number of smaller recycling bins that will be required and for us to plan on how many containers will need to be removed. American Disposal Services will deliver the new recycling containers to all homeowners who have made arrangements in advance for a smaller recycling bin or to pick up any old trash containers on Thursday, August 20, 2009. Only bins marked “American RECYCLING” will be replaced. Trash bins marked “AMERICAN” will NOT be removed and are required for use by residents.

Please note the following:

- **TRASH COLLECTION DAYS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED WITH PICK-UP DAYS ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS** between 6:00 am and 12:00 pm or soon thereafter.
- **RECYCLING WILL BE COLLECTED EACH THURSDAY.**
- **BULK ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP ON THURSDAYS AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE, BUT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO CALL AMERICAN DISPOSAL SERVICES IN ADVANCE AT (703) 368-0500 TO SCHEDULE.**
- **THERE WILL BE NO COLLECTION ON THANKSGIVING DAY.** Other than snow emergencies or other unforeseen situations, collection will ALWAYS occur each Monday and Thursday, including Federal holidays.

Please remember that trash cans and recycling containers should only be placed at the curb **NO EARLIER THAN** the day of, or after dark on the night before, the scheduled pick-up day. **Please remember that trash and recycling containers may not be stored in the front of the home at any time and should be removed by the evening of the day of collection.**

The Board of Directors strongly urges residents to use secure garbage and use covered containers to prevent wind-blown litter and other unsightly problems in our community.

Uncovered garbage is becoming a health hazard and is attracting pests to the neighborhood!

Here is a recent example photographed by one of your neighbors just in the past few weeks. Pests such as this crow, shown here tugging at a garbage bag from the curb, can quickly have access to your uncovered garbage and – once they find an opportunity like this will soon be back. This can easily be prevented. **Please use the new covered bins to secure your household garbage** to protect the integrity of the neighborhood and protect your investment.



A final note about recycling:

Fairfax County Code (Section 109.1-2-2): “(a) Occupants of single-family homes and townhouses shall source-separate: container glass; metal food and beverage containers; plastic bottles and jugs; yard waste; scrap metal; and cardboard and mixed paper, including but not limited to corrugated cardboard, magazines, newspaper, office paper, and miscellaneous paper products.”

The Board strongly encourages your compliance with County Code and has made recycling bins available for you to do so. If you are unclear about materials which are suitable and non-suitable for recycling, there is an easy guide available on the website of the Fairfax County Recycling Program at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/recycling/redgreen.pdf>
If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact our Community Manager, Rose Bailey.

The board wishes to thank you for your cooperation and apologize in advance for any inconvenience which may have been caused during this transition to a new trash and recycling hauler.

If you have any questions concerning this information, do not hesitate to contact Rose Bailey, Community Manager, at (703) 392-6006 x206.

We also urge you to visit the community’s website at www.ridgetopcommons.org .

Thank you.