

## **The Links Homeowners Trash and Recycle Services**

The following is a summary of the trash and recycle services at the Links. We ask everyone to become familiar with the details and to abide by the rules in order to avoid excessive overage charges to the community.

### **General Household Trash:**

On Tuesday and Friday each week, The Links Grounds team provides curbside trash pickup to each home at the Links. All household trash must be in garbage bags (no cans required) and those bags must weigh less than 50 pounds. The team is not required to pick up anything that is not properly bagged, except for small shipping boxes that have been flattened to save space in the bins. These bags are then deposited in large trash bins for pickup and disposal by Waste Management. Your local HOA dues cover curbside trash pickup.

The Master Association oversees the Waste Management contract and your annual dues cover the removal of all trash in the community bins. The bins are also serviced twice a week. **If the bins are overflowing (i.e., the lid not closed) at the time of pickup, and if oversized or hazardous items are found in the bins, we incur an overage charge for each instance.** To help keep the costs of our HOA fees low, we have contracted for just enough trash bins to accommodate normal household waste for our community. You may deposit items yourselves at the bins which are located behind the barn at 322 Mason Dixon Rd. If you note that the bins are already full, do not deposit anything more and do not leave any trash outside of the bins.

### **Large and/or Oversized Items:**

**Disposal of large household items (furniture, appliances, electronics, tires, construction waste, etc.) are the responsibility of the individual homeowner and they must be disposed of privately.** Waste Management Drop Off Locations are posted on their website at <https://www.wm.com/us/en/drop-off-locations>. There are also a number of junk removal contractors in and around Gettysburg to include 1-800-Got-Junk, and a few are listed on our Recommended Service Provider List.

### **Recycle Bins:**

The Master Association also oversees the contract for disposal of recyclables by Waste Connection. **There is no curbside pickup for recyclables.** Homeowners may take their acceptable recycle items to the recycle bins located behind the barn at 322 Mason Dixon Rd. near the regular trash bins. So again, if the bins are overflowing and the lid does not close, do not add anything more and do not leave anything outside of the bin.

Please review the posted chart of acceptable items to recycle. And here are a few other things to remember:

1. Your recycling items must be in CLEAR Recycling Bags; the traditional white trash bags are not allowed.
2. All plastic containers, with necks smaller than their bases are acceptable. Also clam shell lettuce-type containers, with recycling numbers 1 through 7 are recyclable. All containers must be CLEAN and free of debris. For example, if you don't run your empty mayonnaise jar through the dishwasher, throw it in the trash. **Whenever you're in doubt, please consider the item to be trash.**
3. Glass food and beverage containers are acceptable for recycling, although according to the guidelines, those blue wine bottles and broken glass containers go into the trash.
4. No plastic bags, except the clear recycling bags.
5. All boxes must be flattened and all Styrofoam is prohibited and must be removed.

**There are additional charges and liquidated damages assessed to us if prohibited items are found in the recycle bins, or if the bins are overflowing.**

We expect all Links homeowners to follow the trash and recycle rules to keep down the overall costs to the community. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

The Master Association Executive Board