

Hello VOL Neighbors

Everyone wishes/desires to be a good neighbor and to have good neighbors. Our homes are one of our greatest investments. So be sure to exhibit good neighborly characteristics and your neighbors may reciprocate. You can do your part by following some of the simple best practices listed below.

Rubbish/Trash

1. Current trash pick-up days for our neighborhood are scheduled for Wednesday and Saturday. Recycle is ONLY on Saturdays. For trash and recycling guidelines, visit our provider: <http://www.best-trash.com/guidelines-trash-collection.php>
2. Place trash out the morning of trash pick-up day using appropriate waste containers i.e. if it is raining - do not place trash in a paper bag that become soaked and ripped when picked up. Also, do not place trash out days before or the night before pick up. This poses a treat for dogs and other pests on the prowl, who may rip through the bags or overturn the can leaving waste strewn into the street.
3. Be sure to place heavy items on the top of the recycle bin or trash can to avoid lighter items such as newspapers and plastics from blowing into yards or in the street or into storm water drains.
4. When trimming trees, appropriately bundle and secure/tie them for proper waste disposal. If they are not bundled, our waste carrier will not take them.

Lawn Care

1. Water and fertilize, as needed, to control weeds in your yard as well as in your neighbors.
2. Mow and edge as necessary to avoid unruly lawns and to enhance the neighborhood. Please remember there are noise ordinances that must be followed per our deed restrictions so ensure that you are NOT mowing or doing other yard work before 8am.
3. Do not blow yard waste i.e. grass clippings into the storm water drainage system or into your neighbor's yard. Sweep up clippings and appropriately discard of in a waste container.
4. Trim trees, hedges and bushes - as appropriate. This is actually a theft and a safety deterrent. If the bushes are overgrown or too high, you may not be able to see what could be lurking behind them making your home an easy target for predators. If you are near an intersection, it is especially important to trim trees and bushes that may be blocking road direction signs. This could lead to a disastrous situation if someone zooms through an intersection because they did not see a sign because it was obstructed.

Perimeter Maintenance

1. Make sure you follow all HOA rules to avoid any deed restrictions. This includes mowing guidelines, painting, repairing fences, etc as needed. Make sure to submit an ACC form to the HOA Board via the Management Company for any exterior home renovations.
2. Keep exterior lighting in good and working condition.
3. Make sure you are not repairing cars in your driveway. This is unsightly and unsafe.
4. Make sure to not dispose of any hazardous chemicals, paints or waste oils in the stormwater drains. Check with Fort Bend Environmental Department for hazardous waste disposal issues.
5. In the spring, when heavy rains or storms threaten or approach our area - trim trees, bushes or plants especially if they are near or adjacent to fences. The weight of the wet/rain soaked branches sometimes weakens the fencing causing them to fall. Also, if flooding or heavy rains are approaching - do NOT place trash or recycle bins out as these items may overturn or float away causing blockage in the drainage system. During heavy rains or flooding, it is advisable to place a weight on top of the water meter box. The lids are made of durable rubber but, in flooding situations, they float away. This in turn leads to a safety tripping hazard.
6. Again, when trimming trees, appropriately bundle them for proper waste disposal. If they are not bundled, our waste carrier will not take them.

Thanks for reading and helping to make our neighborhood a better place. Have a great day!!!!