



## **Heron Bay Homeowners Association**

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Fellow Heron Bay Residents,

I am writing on behalf of the HBHOA Board in response to several questions regarding the new Heron Bay policy for Bulky-Item and Yard-Brush disposal during the months of April and October. While the Board has unanimously agreed to continue this policy, it has been brought to our attention that the “rules” for its use require some clarification.

### **BACKGROUND**

In the past, disposing of large items has been difficult for many residents. In many cities, sanitation departments have bi-annual “bulky item pick-up” days where all manner of items are picked up at the curb. Last October the HBHOA made a dumpster available to all residents just outside the gate to the boat lot, and we were inundated with junk. It was an overwhelming success! Kind of...

### **REFINING THE PROCESS**

While disposing of old junk was the original idea, several folks also loaded the dumpster with yard waste such as branches, logs, etc. As a result, the Board had to empty the dumpster three times. In April, we made the dumpster available again requesting that branches, logs, etc. be left in the space next-to the dumpster to avoid carting it away. This way we are able to turn it into “free” mulch to use on paths leading to common boat docks.

### **EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS**

About mid-way through this years mulching, the chipper choked on a log wrapped in barbed wire – and it has been in the shop since. So while the pile was supposed to be turned into mulch in May, much of it is still there but should finally be cleared up in a week or so.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

The Board intends to continue making a dumpster available for both fall and spring cleanup (October and April) for the foreseeable future. We encourage all residents to please use the dumpster and yard waste area wisely, and only during the months of April and October. If we follow the rules and do not abuse this opportunity, the Board can continue to provide this valuable neighborhood service. We intend to install signage to clarify the intended usage of the boat lot and gravel area in the near future.

## THE RULES

### PLEASE DO:

- Feel free to use the dumpster to dispose of any non-hazardous materials from your home
- Place only MULCHABLE yard waste (branches, logs under 10" dia., etc.) next to the dumpster.
- Stack yard waste as much as possible to minimize spread, and do not block access to the dumpster
- Take reasonable steps to protect and maintain the boat lot road and gravel area

### PLEASE DO NOT:

- Do not place any yard waste in the dumpster.
- Do not leave any grass clippings, compost, etc. in the designated yard waste area
- Do not place any food items in the dumpster (help us avoid critter problems).
- Do not leave construction materials, hazardous materials, liquids, non-land fill items, etc.
- Do not overfill the dumpster.

(If it becomes full, wait until we empty and return it throughout April and October. )

On behalf of the HBHOA Board, I am pleased that we are able to make Heron Bay a better place to live and hope you will take advantage of this neighborhood service each spring and fall.

Professionally,



Tony DiBianca  
2010 HBHOA President

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Please remember to visit the neighborhood web site ([www.heronbay.org](http://www.heronbay.org))

to review the new **SECURITY GATE ACCESS POLICY** effective JULY 1, 2010

and to **UPDATE YOUR PROFILE** so we may reach you with future news.

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