

## Attention Homeowners:

Many of our members are aware of the problems the bears caused this past summer. Due to the incidence of more frequent and threatening bear confrontations, we contacted the Pennsylvania Game Commission. It is the position of the Game Commission that our bear problem stems from the readily available garbage in our community.

In order to ensure the safety of our members, the PPCA, your homeowners' association, is instituting the following new policy:

- 1) All homeowners are responsible for arranging garbage/recycling pickup with haulers such as Waste Management and National Waste or removing these items themselves (i.e. [Panther Waste](#)).
- 2) All trash must be in bear-proof containers such as a [Bearicuda](#) or [Toter Fully Automated Bear Resistant Cart](#) which can be purchased at local stores. Please be aware the containers currently provided by the trash haulers are not bear-proof, so homeowners may need to acquire compliant containers on their own.
- 3) If garbage is not in an approved container and a bear gets into it, there will be a 1<sup>st</sup> time only warning. Following that, Administration will deliver a bear-proof container and Litter Patrol will handle the cleanup and you will be billed for it. (There will be no fine or penalty if a bear manages to get into a bear-proof container.)
- 4) Approved containers may be kept in a wooden or metal enclosure near the end of your driveway. Otherwise, containers are not allowed to be kept near the street except for the morning of trash and recycling pickup and then must be brought back to the house on the same day. Trash haulers also offer house side pickup for an additional fee.
- 5) Loose garbage (in bags or boxes) is NEVER permitted. (Please inform anyone using your home of this.) If you produce a lot of garbage, it is recommended additional bear-proof containers are purchased as haulers typically include removal of up to 2 containers in their base fee.
- 6) Only large pieces of cardboard may be left roadside on the morning of recycling pickup without having to be placed in a container.
- 7) Piles of landscape debris placed roadside must be removed within 48 hours either by a service provider or the homeowner.
- 8) Birdfeeders attract bears! Please make sure feeders are suspended at least 10' high on a wire spanning between poles, homes, or trees.
- 9) Please report any loose trash to the Gatehouse at 570-646-2550 for prompt cleanup.

The safety and natural beauty of our community depends on all of us working together to create the best environment we can. Controlling garbage will help a great deal.

For further information, feel free to call Wendi Freeman Community Association Manager, 570-355-1517, or via email [wfreeman@lakenaomiclub.com](mailto:wfreeman@lakenaomiclub.com)

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

PPCA Board of Directors