



Birkshire Woods HOA ***Options for Screening Trash Cans***

March 5, 2010

Dear Birkshire Woods Homeowner,

The Board of Directors (BOD) and Architectural Control Committee (ACC) have approved the following options concerning the use of screening to hide garbage cans that are stored on the garage side of your home. Garbage cans should not be viewable from the street as specified in our Declaration of Covenants.

Option 1: Evergreen Screening

Landscaping is an attractive solution provided the right plants are chosen. Here is a short list of suggested plants that should work depending on your amount of sun and budget.

Cleyera Japonica

Dwarf Burford Holly

Emerald Green Arborvitae

Otto Luyken Laurel

Dwarf English Laurel

Japanese Boxwood

Restrictions:

After planting, you should wait until the plant provides 50% concealment before setting out your garbage can. The ACC will require full concealment within two growing seasons, so plant accordingly.

Approval Process: Not Needed

Option 2: Storing your garbage can behind your home

Restrictions: None

Approval Process: Not Needed

Option 3: Structural Screening

Structural screening complementing the home (i.e. exterior material and color that corresponds to the side elevation of the house) would provide quick garbage can concealment without having to wait for seasonal growth.

Restrictions:

In order to begin this process you must submit an *ACC Modification Request Form*. Your request will be processed just like any other property modification and must conform to the community standards as established in *the ACC Design Standards and Guidelines* and *Birkshire Woods Covenants*.

Approval Process: Requires ACC and BOD approval.

We hope this information makes your decision easier, if and when you decide to store your garbage can outdoors.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors and Members of the ACC