

Caldwell Crossings Home Owners Association



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Being a resident of Hoover has many perks, one of which is the curb side recycling program. Many mornings as I leave the neighborhood, I see boxes and garbage cans full of things

that could actually be put into the green can and sent to be recycled on Wednesday. As for me, I didn't realize all the things we could recycle. Obviously recycling helps the environment in many ways but I want to make sure that everyone knows it can help your household personally as well. The city of Hoover has to pay for garbage to be buried in landfills. It usually runs from \$20 to \$35 per ton. In 2009 the city paid 5.8 million dollars for residential garbage pickup. You can help to keep that cost down if you think before you throw something in the trash. Ask yourself could I recycle this?. My family keeps two garbage cans in our house and usually the recycle can fills up faster than the trash. Below is the list of many of the items you can put in the green recycle can. Take Mayor Tony Petelos' challenge and see if you can increase your recycling by 20%. I don't think it will be too hard.

For all Hoover residents: Items to be recycled are picked up on **Wednesday**. Recycle carts should be placed near the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Note: Recycle items

Aluminum - Cans only. No other products made of aluminum.

Glass - None

Styrofoam - None

Plastic - Make sure recycle labels embossed on the bottom of all plastic containers are any number 1 through number 7. **No plastic flower vases.**

Plastic Bags - Grocery and bags similar.

Tin Cans - Food cans only. No paint cans or other products made of tin.

Paper - Newspaper, office products, computer paper, magazine, telephone books, and junk mail.

Cardboard - Certain Packaging made of light cardboard material, shoeboxes, can drink cartons and food packaging (that has not come in direct contact with food)

PLEASE RINSE CONTAINERS BUT THERE IS NO NEED TO WASH THEM WITH SOAP PRIOR TO RECYCLING

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Spring Yard Care

Clean-up after "Old Man Winter"! Pick up all sticks and debris that blew into your yard during winter. Rake all the leaves that blew against the house, sheds, fences, and other structures.

Rake your lawn. It is very important to rake away the thatch that has built up on your lawn to give way for new growth. The best way to get up the thatch (excess grass clippings that build-up above the soil) is to use a dethatching rake. If you do not have a specialty rake you can use a stiff-tined rake or attach a dethatching blade to your lawn mower.

Feed your lawn. I like to give my lawn a slow-release fertilizer. It works well because it gives the lawn nutrients but doesn't push the grass to grow sooner than it is ready. I have found the slow-release fertilizer is perfect for early spring. Baby steps with your lawn, work the best in early springtime. Especially, because this time of the year you can never be quite sure what the weather has in store for us

Make sure to take care of lawn mower maintenance. Now is the time to get the lawn mower ready for its big grand entrance into summer. Don't put off taking care of your lawn mower. Summer will come sooner than you think. First, inspect the lawn mower to make sure all the nuts and bolts are secure. Check the spark plugs if they are showing wear they will need to be changed. While the spark plugs are out it is also a good time to remove the lawnmower blade. (With the spark plugs removed you can be sure the lawn mower will not start). Use a file to sharpen the blade. Make sure to run the file along the same angle as the blade. Inspect the oil, if it is low, old, or dirty, properly dispose of it and replace it with new oil.

Computer Corner

Computing With A Personal Touch 205-937-3472 offering in house one on one instruction on the use of software, installation and trouble shooting, home networking, Steve Goldman CWAPT@att.net



DAT Files??? At one time or another you have received an email with a DAT file attachment and no doubt spent hours trying to open the file. Well you didn't open it did you? So what is DAT file? Well first it most likely came from Microsoft Outlook. Outlook tends to produce messages using a slightly modified version of Rich Text Format (RTF). While this helps to preserve fonts, formatting and so on, it can cause problems. If your email program does not support this particular type of RTF, you will get the DAT file and as you already know, no good way to open it. There is a free utility that you can try WMDECODE. Use this address to get to a download page:

www.softpedia.com/progDownload/WMDecode-Download-145818.htm

If you would like to receive monthly updates with hints you might be able to use, email cwapt@att.net and in the subject line type, Add Me To List

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We Thought You Might Want to Know!!!

What Covenant Violations Do They Look For??

The list includes: To the extent practicable maintain trees, flowers, plant life which exist on the lot, keep lawns mowed and edged, control weeds trying to be weed free, Flower beds need to be weed free, shrubs trimmed, Mulch/Pine Straw should be a natural product, natural color and kept fresh, Landscape bricks OK, not to exceed 6" high. Metal or plastic edging must be flush w/ground, Trash cans must be stored out of sight, Mailboxes should be standard size, black, red flag, no rust on box or post, white numbers on black background. Satellite Dishes positioned toward the back of the house, not mounted on the ground. Outside furniture, **recreational facilities**, etc. NOT VISIBLE from the street.

No signs or flags, are allowed with the exception of an American Flag, one small security sign, one "For Sale" sign and **Team Flags can be flown on game day only.**

Not allowed to be visible from the street: Lawn furniture, flag poles, artificial plants, bird baths, fountains, and/or vegetable gardens cannot be visible from the street. No window A/C. Appropriate window dressings (no blankets, sheets etc.), No trash, rubbish or nuisances of any kind.

These are the most common violations cited but not the only ones. If you have questions contact

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Remember to submit your plans to the ARC if you want to change the exterior appearance of your home or lot.

See our December 2010 Newsletter for violation process. You can request an electronic copy by emailing communications@caldwellcrossings.org and asking for one.

Bunco Group Feb 2011



Shown left to right: Linda Harper, Marilyn Cook Terry Wilkerson, Gloria Bobbit, Jan Arnett, Mavis Shufflebarger, Anna Barksdale, Janet Youngblood, Jean Levine, Ann Rowell, Bea Pace Janet Walker (not shown.)

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I am **David Livingston**, a resident of Caldwell Crossings for the past 7 years. I enjoy my yard work and thought that I would share this enjoyment with my neighbors by offering my services in maintaining their lawns. I would love to do those outdoor chores such as mowing, edging, and weed eating that perhaps you do not wish to tackle. At only **\$25.00** a yard. For more information call me **902-5150**



Minor repairs on Mail Boxes posts, metal lawn chairs, tables, and various outdoor accessories. Done expediently at a time convenient to you. For more information call me **902-5150**



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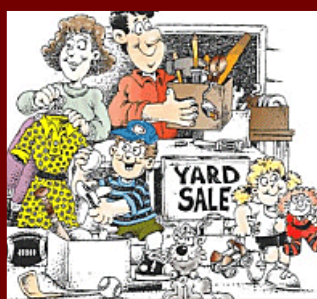
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Yard/Garage Sale Guidelines



In accordance with the Caldwell Crossings Covenants and Restrictions residents may hold a yard/garage sale that follows the following guidelines:

- Yard/Garage sales may be held on Saturday beginning no earlier than 7 AM and ending no later than 3 PM.
- Sales may be held on Sunday beginning no earlier than 12 Noon and ending no later than 3 PM.
- While Section 6.22 of the Covenants disallows most signage in the neighborhood, a limited number (4 or 5) signs will be allowed on the day of the sale but must be removed immediately at the conclusion of the sale.
- Approval must be granted by any homeowner on whose property a directional sign is placed.
- In all cases, residents must have prior approval from the Architectural Review Committee for their planned yard/garage sale.

Repair works is almost completed on the sign at Crossings Drive.