

Whitemarsh Reserve — Three Important Trash Rules (Professional Notice)

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Why this notice

To keep the community clean, pest-free, and compliant with local and state rules, please follow the three rules below. They align with our Amended & Restated Declaration and current Florida law.

Rule 1 — Do not feed wildlife.

- Do not intentionally place food (including pet food) or unsecured garbage that attracts wildlife (e.g., raccoons).
- This behavior creates a nuisance and is prohibited by Florida wildlife regulations; it also increases HOA cleanup costs and health risks.
- If you see raccoon activity tied to unsecured trash, please secure the container and notify management.

Rule 2 — Set-out & return times (match our Declaration).

- Put containers out ****after 6:00 p.m. the day before**** collection.
- Bring containers in ****the same day**** of collection and store them sanitary and ****shielded from view**** (e.g., inside garage or approved enclosure).
- Holiday shifts: collection days may move for certain holidays—always check Waste Management’s Holiday Service Alerts for Martin County.

Rule 3 — Keep containers closed and secure.

- Always close/latch the lid; do not overfill. Bag household waste to reduce leaks and odors.
- Stage carts so the truck arm can reach them, not blocking sidewalks or bike paths.

Community details

- Regular collection days: ****Tuesday and Friday**** (subject to hauler changes).
- Our Use Restrictions prohibit trash containers from being visible from the street except on collection day and during the permitted set-out window.

Compliance & enforcement (plain-English)

- We use courtesy notices first with a reasonable cure window.
- Florida law says HOAs ****cannot fine**** for leaving receptacles at the curb or driveway ****within 24 hours before or after**** the designated pickup time. Outside of that window, standard notice/hearing rules apply (14-day notice, 3-member neutral committee).

References & alignment

- Whitemarsh Reserve Amended & Restated Declaration — Trash/Container timing: after 6:00 p.m. prior day; return same day; screened from view.
- Florida HOA Statutes (Ch. 720) — §720.305: no fines for receptacles within 24 hours before/after designated pickup; standard due-process for other violations.
- Martin County Solid Waste — holiday service alerts available via Waste Management’s website; observed holidays include New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
- City of Stuart Sanitation guidance (for city-served areas): set out by 6:00 a.m. on collection day and remove within 12 hours after collection.

Questions or assistance? Contact the management company. Thank you for helping keep Whitemarsh Reserve clean and wildlife-safe!

Legal references and resources (for your records)

- Florida Statutes §720.305 — Minor infractions: no HOA fines for garbage receptacles placed within 24 hours before/after the designated pickup day/time; holiday décor up to 1 week after written notice.
- FWC: Fla. Admin. Code r. 68A-4.001 & §379.412 — Prohibits intentionally feeding or attracting raccoons and certain wildlife with food/garbage; establishes penalties.
- Martin County Solid Waste — Holiday service delays and Waste Management alerts for schedule changes (county jurisdiction, not City of Stuart).

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