



Moon Shadows on Rush Lake Condominium Association

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To: Moon Shadows Residents
From: Moon Shadows Board of Directors
Re: Garbage Contractor

May 15th, 2020

Most of our residents have contracted with Advanced Disposal for the past three years at a rate of \$42/quarter. Our three-year contract, however, has come to an end. The invoice that will be sent for the next quarter, May-July for some, July-September for others, will be \$75.33. With our contract expiring, the Moon Shadows' Board has been researching other trash contractors for our residents, and this letter will provide you with the most competitive option and, therefore, the one we recommend.

Importantly, though, Moon Shadows' roads continue to deteriorate with several trash companies using our roads weekly. One trash truck driving through our development is equivalent to 1000 cars driving on our roads. We are doing our best to maintain the roads, replacing sections every year and sealing cracks. As our development has aged though, our roads have become the largest expense item in our annual budget. We must, therefore, require that 100% of our residents use one trash collector. This fiscally responsible decision is necessary to curtail costs and keep dues as low as possible.

We have surveyed three trash companies: Advanced, GFL, and Garbage Man. The quotation received from Garbage Man offered the most benefits at the lowest cost. In addition, reviews online indicate high satisfaction with Garbage Man services. Another important benefit is the size of the Garbage Man truck, which is significantly smaller than trucks used by the other companies surveyed. The Garbage Man truck picks up both garbage and recycled items in one pass through Moon Shadows, using separate compartments. As a result, a Garbage Man truck will do much less damage to our roads. The attachment to this letter outlines Garbage Man costs for our homeowners.

Importantly, we know that current contracts with other garbage companies may expire at different times. Our goal is to complete 100% phase in of all Moon Shadows residents by October 1, 2020. All MSHOA residents will want to notify their current garbage service (Advanced at 888-443-1717) as soon as possible to end their service at the end of May, or as soon as their current quarterly billing ends, and to pick up their trash containers. Please notify Garbage Man at 810-225-3001, informing them you are ready to begin their services the first Thursday following the

month you end your current service. Please note in the attachment, you'll have to either rent a Garbage Man container or purchase one before your Garbage Man service begins.

The Board is also discussing payment for Garbage Man services in the future. A possibility is to include garbage collection costs with dues beginning in 2021. This will be discussed in detail with homeowners no later than the beginning of December so a decision can be made regarding how to proceed.

If you have questions about this change please do not hesitate to contact the Board by contacting the MSHOA hotline (734) 681-3049 or email info@moonshadowshoa.org.

Garbage Man Contract

Weekly trash pick-up:

\$42.00/quarter if homeowners choose to use their own container

\$48.00/quarter if homeowners choose to rent one of our 96-gallon curb carts

*Garbage Man does not add any additional fuel surcharges, environmental fees, taxes etc.

Recycle pick-up:

Weekly recycle pick up; however, Garbage Man uses bags instead of bins. The bags are 30 gal. in size, come in rolls of 10 and are \$1.00/bag/\$10 per roll. All recyclables get put into one bag. When a bag is full you set it next to your trash. Bags are purchased from Garbage Man.

Yard Waste pick-up:

Yard waste is picked up every other week April-November. Garbage Man asks that all yard waste be put in the brown paper yard waste bags which you can find at Home Depot, Lowes, Costco etc. Garbage Man asks that you call the office if you are going to have yard waste out so they can notify their driver. All yard bags that are picked up are \$2.00/bag.

Large/Bulk items:

Garbage Man picks up large/bulk items with the regular trash. All items must be called in before your pick-up day so they can notify you of the fee associated with that item and so they can notify the driver.

July 2022 Update:

June 01, 2022 - May 31, 2025 rates are:

FOR July 2022 - June 2023:

- \$48/Qtr if use own container
- \$54 if rent the 96 gal container
- \$20 for recycle container

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