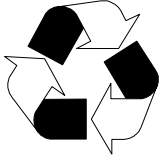


Recycle — Recycle — Recycle



We have been told many times about the importance of recycling, but how good are we at actually doing it, particularly when it comes to recycling plastic bags? You know, the bags that can't go into bins at the sidewalk? Did you know that every grocery store over 10,000 square feet has to have a bin for

recycling plastic bags? And did you know that there are many different kinds of plastic bags such as: grocery bags, newspaper bags, bread bags, dry cleaning film, packaging for toilet paper and paper towels, retail bags with the strings removed? So please help the environment by taking these bags to your grocery store for recycling. And even better,

in addition to doing this, when you go grocery shopping, use canvas bags or reusable bags to help do your part. In some cases, stores will even deduct something from your grocery bill for each bag that you bring in. Let's all try do our share to help save the environment. Every little bit helps. Together we can make a huge difference.

Meet the Nishino Family

Please join us in welcoming the Nishino family to 26 Brook Hills Circle (and what a lovely family they are!). The family consists of Iku Nishino who is an investment banker who spends a great deal of time working in Tokyo and his wife, Fumiko, who periodically travels back to Japan as well. They have twins – a son, Taku, who is a college Freshman in California, and a daughter, Ai, who is a college freshman in Washington D.C. The Nishino family moved to Rye from Japan in 1990, but



when their children graduated from Rye High School, they started their search for “a house with no worries” due to how much they travel back to Japan. They also wanted to remain near Rye after having lived there for

18 years. Fumiko reports that it was a struggle finding the right place but they are very happy being a member of the Brook Hills Community and have found people have been “warm and thoughtful”. She also said she very much “appreciates the community and wants to be a good neighbor too”. Let's be sure to continue to show the Nishino family what an excellent choice Brook Hills was and how warm and welcoming we are as a community.

“In Every Walk With Nature, One Receives Far More Than He Seeks.”

John Muir

Communications

Communication between our new manager and the homeowners is very important to all of us. We would like to improve this. To do that, as best we can, would be to have each and every email address of the residents. Not long ago a few of you completed a form with your email information on it but we need most of the homeowners to make this really work. If you would, **please email me at margebarham@aol.com** so that I can add your email address to the homeowners list and then pass this information to our property manager, Carolynn. If you prefer to keep your email address confidential, just mention it in a note and we will still be able to send you emails without showing your email address. Thank you, Marge Barham.

Home Security Suggestions

Residential security is a critical component of any personal security program. The following guidelines should be used in reviewing your own residential security.

All entrances should have quality locks—preferable deadbolt.

Check your front door, rear door, garage doors and patio doors.

Don't leave keys "hidden" outside your home. Leave an extra key with a trusted neighbor or colleague.

Keep doors locked even when you or your family members are at home.

Have window locks installed on all windows and use them.

Lock louvered windows especially on the ground floor.

If you have window grilles and bars, review fire safety. Don't block bedroom windows with permanent grills if the windows may be used for emergency egress.

If you have burglar or intrusion alarms, check them and use them even if going to the store around the corner.

Keep at least one fire extinguisher on each floor, and be sure to keep one in the kitchen. Show family members and household help how to use them.

Periodically check smoke detectors and replace batteries when yearly.

Keep flashlights in several areas in your home. Check the batteries often, especially if you have children or grandchildren in your home. (They love to play with flashlights!)

A family dog can be a deterrent to criminals. But remember even the best watch-dog can be controlled by food or poison. Do not install separate "doggy doors" or entrances. They also can admit small intruders.

Know your neighbors. Develop a rapport with them and offer to keep an eye on each other's homes, especially during trips.

If you observe any unusual activity, report it immediately to the local police.

Establish safe family living patterns. If you understand the importance of your contribution to the family's overall security, the entire household will be safer.

Turn your burglar system on anytime you leave your home, even if you are just going around the corner.

While at home, you and your family should rehearse safety drills and be aware of procedures to escape danger and get help.

Educate family members and domestic help in the proper way to answer the telephone at home.

Vary daily routines; avoid predictable patterns.

Know where all family members are at all times.

Use these same guidelines while away from home for a few hours or on an extended vacation.

Home Security For a Long Period of Time

Notify a neighbor of your departure and return dates but don't otherwise publicize your travel or vacation plans.

Always leave a contact phone Number with your neighbor.

Arrange to have a neighbor, a friend or colleague pick up your newspapers, mail, or other deliveries daily.

Secure your home. Close and lock all windows and doors. Don't forget to lock garage doors.

Consider purchasing timers to turn on outside and inside lights automatically at various times throughout the night.

Check outside lighting and replace older light bulbs. You don't want a light burning out while you are away.

Ask a friend or colleague to check your residence periodically, ensuring your furnace and air conditioning is functioning and that timers and lights are working.

The decision to set the automated alarm system may vary from region to region. Power outages and brown-outs may trip alarm systems. Check with your security officer for advice on setting alarm systems when you are away for long periods of time.

Unplug all unnecessary appliances such as televisions, stereos and personal computers.

If you use a telephone answering machine, turn off the ringer on the telephone. If you don't have a answering machine, unplug or turn off ringers on all telephones.

Lock all jewelry, important papers, currency, and other valuable portables in a safe place such as a safe deposit box or home safe.

Ensure all personal and home insurance policies are up-to-date and that your coverage is adequate.

Be safe!