



COVENANT'S CORNER

Hello again and welcome to our corner of the Glenhurst neighborhood website.

As with all offices and committees of our Home Owners Association the Covenant's Committee is strictly volunteer. We serve with only the best aim, to keep our neighborhood beautiful and a desirable place to live.

For each of our residents who have received a letter asking that an issue be resolved, and who have very graciously taken care of the matter, **your efforts are appreciated!** If you receive a letter from the Covenant Committee and you do not understand the issue at hand, please feel free to contact us, we'll be able to discuss it with you.

We know through experience that keeping our home in great shape takes time, effort, and lots of seasonal care. Whether or not our homes are extravagant isn't important, what matters is that our homes are well cared for, with well-maintained lawns and garden beds where weeds don't rule, and where our trash bins, garden tools, discarded pieces of furniture and other paraphernalia are not stowed along the outside walls of our homes. To maintain a high standard of quality and care is important as it contributes significantly to the value of **your property**, and when every household supports a high standard of care, the desirability and value of the entire neighborhood stays high.

There are many ways that we can be helpful to our neighbors and to our neighborhood and one way is to take a plastic bag (from a grocery store) along when you walk and pick up pieces of litter that have escaped the bins, or that litterbugs have tossed. Every effort makes a difference!

TRASH/RECYCLE BINS: IF you see that your neighbor's garbage or recycle bin(s) are consistently left out, a friendly reminder usually is well received. You might even check that your neighbor is well. You may be able to help now and then by offering to place their bins behind their fence after the collection time.

GET BINS REPAIRED OR REPLACED: If your garbage bin or recycle bin has a broken wheel or lid and may need to be replaced, **call 405-297-2833 to request help.** The bin will be repaired or replaced - **at no cost to you** – usually within a week.

WEEDS : It is **NOT TOO LATE to apply weed preventer** to your lawns. Taking preventive action now, even in late January through early February, can provide you with a big head start when March and April rains kick start the rapid growth of weeds and their prolific root systems in your yards and gardens.

IF you don't know what to do about the abundance of **weeds** in your yard and garden beds there are many signs in yards with the names and phone numbers of lawn care companies that you may contact for information regarding care for lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs. Also, ask your neighbor if they have suggestions. With a little effort, help and information are easy to find.

After a good rain, when the ground is softer than usual is a **perfect** time to use a hand spade, a garden claw, or your preferred weeding tool to dig up weeds from your yard and garden. The same is true for removing grass from

garden beds; dig up the grass **with** the roots. After removing the grass and roots from the bed, cover the dirt in the beds with **approximately 3 to 4 inches of mulch**, which will be very important to prevent weeds or grass from becoming **re**-established in those areas. If those pesky things reappear, their root systems will be shallow and easily removed because the deep mulch is loose and the weed roots have nothing firm to attach to. You can easily remove them by hand or even spray with weed killer if necessary.

TREES AND SHRUBS : When trees and/or shrubs appear to be sick or dying and you don't know what to do, cut off a sample and take it to a good nursery like TLC or to the OSU Extension in Oklahoma City on Portland Ave. to get help from an expert. Their information is free and they can also lead you in the best direction for either care or removal of the item. If one of your trees or shrubs has limbs that are dead with the remainder of the item still in good health, simply remove the limb(s) with a sharp pair of loppers. If you have no loppers they can be found at Lowes or Home Depot, hardware stores, or nurseries, usually priced around \$20-\$30 depending on the brand. Then take the dead limb, along with a clear picture of the entire tree or shrub to an expert at one of the locations mentioned above to see if they might be able to determine the problem. Their help may be all that you'll need.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 10!

FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2019 IS MARCH 20