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# RIO VISTA COMMUNITY

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## Garbage/Recycling

City of Bakersfield Garbage Services is operated by the Solid Waste Division. Bakersfield households are provided with three containers:

**ONE GREEN CART** – Acceptable Materials: Yard trimmings, grass, brush, untreated construction wood, sawdust, tree limbs and sod. Materials Not Accepted: Trash, palm leaves, wood treated with creosote or Arsenic (such as telephone poles or railroad ties), Formica, any material over 24 inches in diameter, dirt, tumbleweeds, hazardous materials, and excrement. The cart may not be serviced if the lid is not completely closed.

**ONE TAN CART** – All regular household trash accepted.

**ONE BLUE CART** – Acceptable Materials: Cardboard, junk mail, newspaper, magazines, office paper, aluminum/steel cans, phone books, brown paper bags, #1 - #7 plastic containers, and green, brown, clear glass. Materials Not Accepted: Garbage, oily/dirty paper, polystyrene packaging/containers, yard waste, computer parts, plastic wrap, foil drink containers (Capri Sun), plastic hangers and packaging, plastic grocery/dry cleaning bags and hazardous waste (paints, oils solvents).

The City will repair or replace all damaged containers at no charge, except those damaged due to negligence or abuse by the customer. If containers are being replaced for any other reason, the cost is \$60.00 per container. Missing containers at the same address will be billed for replacement to the property owner at the current replacement cost. Residents can contact the Solid Waste Division at (661) 326-3114, option 0 to process replacement requests.

Source: [https://bakersfieldcity.us/gov/depts/public\\_works/garbage\\_recycling/default.htm](https://bakersfieldcity.us/gov/depts/public_works/garbage_recycling/default.htm)

## Common HOA Violations You May Not Know About

Many of Rio Bravo homes are part of a Subsidiary Homeowners Association (HOA) that provides certain rules and regulations that ensure your neighborhood runs efficiently. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the specific Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (“CC&R’s”) that were provided for your HOA as part of your escrow documents. As a resident of the Rio Vista Community Association, you are required to comply with the local CC&R’s. These restrictions may go unnoticed, resulting in fines being assessed. Avoid being “that house” by noting these common HOA violations:

**Overgrown or Dead Landscaping** – Please keep trees, shrubs, and plants pruned; yards free of leaves, debris, and weeds.

**Overly Exposed Garbage/Recycling Containers** – All containers shall be stored in fenced yards or in garages. Containers must be kept out of view and may not be visible from the street or neighboring properties.

**Parking** – Overnight street parking is strictly prohibited. Any Owner parked in violation of this rule may be subject to immediate tow away at vehicle Owner’s expense.

**Slope Conditions** – Each Owners of Lots which abut the Golf Course must maintain the slope conditions on their Lot in a neat, clean, safe and attractive condition always.

**Party Walls and Fences** – Maintenance of party walls and fences (i.e. walls and fences that are located on a Lot boundary line or which serve as the boundary between two or more Lots) shall be shared by adjoining Owners in good, safe, and attractive condition and repair.

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## Online Resources

Governing documents including CC&Rs, Bylaws, Articles, Meeting Agendas, and Minutes are available for instant viewing at [www.hoacity.com/rvca](http://www.hoacity.com/rvca). Acrobat Reader must be installed to view these documents.

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## *Common HOA Violations You May Not Know About - Continued*

**Unightly Items** – All weeds, rubbish, debris, or unsightly material or objects of any kind shall be regularly removed from the Lots and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon. All clotheslines, refuse containers, trash cans, woodpiles, storage areas, machinery and equipment shall be prohibited upon any Lot unless obscured from view of adjoining streets or portions of the Covered Property from a height of six (6) feet or less.

**Shrubs, Ground Cover & Turf** – 100% of ground plane is to be covered by plant material or shredded bark material. • No large areas of bare earth. • Shrubs to be planted at the base of the house, walls and fences visible from street. • Corner Lots side yard area between fence/wall & walk to be planted with lawn, ground cover, shrubs and/or vines.

**Driveways and Garages** – Driveways must be kept clean and free of oil stains. • Garage doors are to remain closed except for entry and exit. • All garages must be maintained in such a way as to accommodate the number of vehicles for which it was intended and may not be converted for living, recreational activities, business or storage.

**Nuisance** – No noxious, hazardous or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, or any part of the Covered Property nor shall anything be done thereon which may be, or may become, an annoyance, nuisance or danger to the neighborhood, or which shall in any way interfere with the quiet enjoyment of each of the Owners of his respective Lot, or which shall in any way increase the rate of insurance. Without limiting the generality of any of the following provisions, no exterior speakers, horns, whistles, bells or other sound devices (other than security devices used exclusively for security purposes), live bands, noisy or smoky vehicles, large or noisy power equipment or tools, off-road motor vehicles or other items which may unreasonably disturb other Owners, or their tenants or guests, shall be located, used or placed on any portion of the Covered Property without the prior written approval of the Board.