



Ashcombe Farms Newsletter

Dover, Pennsylvania 17315

Mold Removal From Siding

In the Spring 2014 newsletter, the Executive Board reminded lot owners about the neat and tidy yards definition of this HOA regulation and how it relates to clean siding.

Mold must be removed in order for lot owners to be in full compliance of this regulation. Please check your siding and keep it clean. **The non-compliance committee will begin checking for mold on siding begin June 1, 2015.**

Bob Vila states vinyl siding is a durable, versatile, and resilient building material, but it does require some routine care and cleaning. Because it is an exterior product, vinyl siding can accumulate a host of dirt, grime, and stains on account of things like pollen, bird and insect droppings, spider webs and rust. In shady, moist areas, mold and mildew can grow, and vinyl is also vulnerable to discoloring effects from insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. To learn more on what Bob has to say about “how to clean siding”, check out the following website:

<http://www.bobvila.com/articles/how-to-clean-vinyl-siding/>



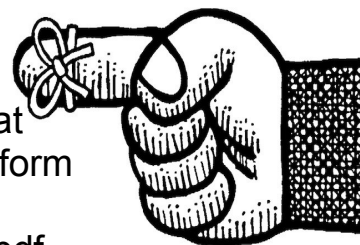
Use Email to Contact HOA

The single fastest way to communicate with the HOA is to send an email. The email address is: **AshcombefarmsHOA@yahoo.com**
We can also be reached at PO Box 121, Dover, PA 17315

Making Some Changes to Your House?

REMEMBER, any changes or addition to the exterior of your home must be approved by the HOA. Failure to do so could result in you having to undo all the great work that you did. Instructions and easy to complete form is located on the website at:

<http://ashcombefarmshoa.com/pdfs/request.pdf>



Special Edition

WARNING: Tick Cases on The Rise!!

For the first time, blacklegged (deer) ticks have now been observed in all 67 counties of Pennsylvania, according to researchers at The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The range expansion took place in just decades, as similar studies conducted in the mid-1960s found no specimens.



“The first line of defense against Lyme disease and any other tick-borne illnesses is avoiding tick infested areas. We know, however, that as the weather becomes nicer many residents spend more time outdoors. We suggest that people wear protective clothing, use insect repellent (i.e. DEET), and do a full body check after spending time outdoors,” said acting Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine. **Pennsylvania has reported the most cases of Lyme disease in the nation for the past five years.** Source: PA DEP

Back Yard Storm Water Management

We often think of agriculture, industries and big business when it comes to water pollution, but individuals contribute heavily to water pollution. We supply eroded soil, oil, pesticides, fertilizer, pet waste, trash and other contaminants, and rainwater carries them "away." While each individual's contributions to pollution may seem very small, the cumulative effect is significant. The weather is not the enemy; rather, it is our changes to the landscape that have negative impacts. Rain that falls on land dominated by fields and forests trickles into the soil to recharge groundwater or drains slowly into rivers. In contrast, in heavily populated areas with lots of hardened surfaces such as streets, parking lots, sidewalks, roof-tops, and driveways, this rainfall cannot seep into the ground and instead flows through pipes, ditches, or other channels directly into streams and other waters we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking. Rainfall that doesn't soak into the ground is called stormwater runoff. **You can help!** Here are some simple tips: Leave grass higher & mow more frequently to retain more water; Leave clippings on lawn to keep it fertile and moist. Grass clippings are 75 to 85 percent water and rich in nitrogen; and Create raised planting beds at the lowest point of your lot, around patios/decks and near downspouts, keep them mulched to intercept and store rainfall.



RAIN GARDENS ARE A GREAT ADDITION TO YOUR YARD!

Learn more at:
http://www.dovertownship.org/New_Website/watershed.html
<http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/how-to/intro/0,,20517496,00.html>