

URGENT SAFETY NOTICE –

BEAR ACTIVITY

Bear activity in Styles Brook and the broader Stratton community has increased over the past few years, becoming a nuisance and risk to property owners and to bears. The Board and Stratton Property Management believe the increased activity is due primarily to access to garbage in and around the community.

We all need to recognize that Styles Brook is within the bears' habitat, and we need to modify our behavior by taking away the source of food so that the bears have less reason to visit our units and garbage closets.

The Board instituted new rules for April through November in 2025 and purchased a bear-proof recycling dumpster to complement the garbage bear-proof dumpster. The Board hopes to continue the decrease in bear activity even more in 2026 by following the rules below from the very start of bear season.

As such, effective immediately:

DO NOT STORE RECYCLABLES OR GARBAGE IN UNIT EXTERIOR CLOSETS.

During the months of April through November, options for garbage/recyclable disposal are:

- **Contact Jim Lane (802) 490-0187 or Stratton Property Management (802) 297-4663 to arrange removal.**
- **Bring trash and recyclables to the community dumpsters as needed.** Garbage must be thrown in the bear-proof dumpster and recycling needs to be thrown in the marked bear-proof recycling dumpster. Make certain the lids are closed and locked after disposal; bears can get in if they are not fully closed. **Do not leave ANYTHING (including old furniture, beds, cabinets etc.) outside the dumpster,** see below for Winhall Transfer Station information.
- **Transport to Winhall Transfer Station,** see details below.

Winhall Transfer Station

66 Old Town Road

Bondville, VT 05340

www.winhall.org

Mon, Tues & Fri - Open 8:00AM - 4:00PM (no admittance after 3:50PM) Sat & Sun - Open 9:00AM - 4:00PM (no admittance after 3:50PM) Closed Wed & Thurs

These measures have been effectively utilized by other communities in the area. We are confident that over time we will significantly reduce the activity of bears in Styles Brook during the summer months.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Board of Styles Brook Homeowners Association

James Engerran, Larry Tannenbaum, Ryan Winger, Mindy Scott, Keith Emmer, Al Scerbo, Bob Welch

Winhall Transfer



DO NOT PLACE TRASH OR RECYCLING IN THIS CLOSET BETWEEN APRIL AND NOVEMBER.

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- **Contact Jim Lane (802) 490-0187 or Stratton Property Management (802) 297-4663 to arrange removal.**
- **Bring trash and recyclables to the community dumpsters as needed.** Rinse recyclables thoroughly and throw in the dumpster with the plastic lid. Garbage must be thrown in the bear-proof dumpster which has the sliding metal cover. Make certain the lid is closed. Bears can get in if it is not fully closed. **Do not leave ANYTHING (including old furniture etc.) outside the dumpster,** see below for Winhall Transfer Station information.
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- **Failure to follow the rules may affect the safety of your neighbors and the Styles Brook Community as a whole.**

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