



## **Five Ways to Keep Fees Down**

Residents can help the association minimize its maintenance expenses by observing a few simple considerations. This helps hold assessment levels—your fees—down.

1. Do NOT put newspapers in the trash cans. Place them in the trash room either tied in bundles or stacked in paper (never plastic) bags. Newspapers must be recycled - it's a county ordinance. If the association is fined by the county, or if our trash service raises our rates, it could be passed on to you as an assessment increase.
2. Clean up after yourself. Debris left on the common area requires special maintenance, and that can mean additional costs.
3. Be kind to the landscaping. Every bush destroyed or flower trampled has a price tag attached and so does the labor to replace it. If your driveway has grass near it, ensure you don't drive over it.
4. Go easy on the carpet in common areas. Put out your cigarette before going up the stairs, and carry your bike so the chain doesn't snag the edges of the steps. Don't let your pets urinate before leaving the buildings.
5. Observe the rules. Association rules are not arbitrary or frivolous. They have been carefully developed to keep property values up and insurance rates down. Take the time to read the Rules and Regulations and CC&R's so you know what is expected of you as an owner.