

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Homeowners Association:

I am writing to propose a new clothesline policy. I believe clotheslines can enhance our neighborhood while saving homeowners money and helping us do our part for the environment.

Did you know?

- Dryers soak up more than \$100 a year in energy costs.
- Dryers stress fabric, cause shrinkage, warp elastic, and shorten the lifespan of garments & linens.
- Dryers consume more than 900 kilowatt hours per year of energy, more than any other household appliance except the washing machine and the refrigerator.
- Clothes dryers are involved in about 16,000 home structure fires annually.

The Code of Virginia, Section 67-701, states that community associations may not prohibit solar collection devices but may “establish reasonable restrictions concerning the size, place, and manner of placement.”

At our next Homeowners Association meeting, I will be happy to provide additional information and suggest guidelines to allow discreet, attractive clotheslines in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.  
Sincerely,