

Welcome to Wilderness!

Attracted by the fabulous climate of Wilderness and its wildly diverse natural beauty, more people are choosing to make this piece of Paradise their home. The friendly, 'small village' atmosphere is another attractive feature of Wilderness... and one that we strive to maintain.

Our Vision is that all Wilderness residents play a part in protecting and preserving the peaceful ethos of the village and the beauty surrounding it.

As such, this information may help you settle in and feel part of that ethos straight away:

Number of pets: The limit is 2 dogs and 2 cats in a residential area. These pets must be sterilized. (See the George Municipality by-laws on their website.)

Beaches: Look for signage as to where dogs are allowed.

Red zones = no dogs allowed, (endangered coastal bird breeding areas or Blue Flag Beach regulations).

Orange zones = dogs must be on leash 9am to 5pm.

Green zones = dogs welcome to run free providing they are under the owner's control. Aggressive dogs to be muzzled.

Please bag and bin your dog poo in any public place... or risk a hefty fine and a day in court!

No alcohol and no fires are allowed on any beach.

Sea Safety: Life guards are only present on peak holidays. Be aware of rip currents. Should you find yourself carried away from the shore, relax and go with the current until it dissipates, then swim back to shore.

General Safety: Please do not give any cash to beggars. Rather give a donation to local churches and initiatives which feed the poor: see www.wrra.co.za for details.

You are encouraged to join your **neighbourhood security whats ap group** (see overleaf for details), and attend the monthly Police Forum meeting at the Wilderness Hotel & Spa at 5.30pm on the last Monday of every month.

WRRRA: To receive cell-phone fire, power and weather alerts, and to add weight to Wilderness getting the services it needs from the municipality, join the Wilderness Ratepayers and Residents Association. (See overleaf).

Recycling: All clean, dry cardboard, paper, hard plastics, glass and tins are collected for recycling. A blue bag can be collected from the Wilderness Info Office (on the right of George Street just past the restaurants). Thereafter, when you put a full blue bag on your verge, (early on Tuesday mornings), the recycling company will leave you a replacement blue bag.

Garbage removal: Black bags should also be put out early on Tuesday mornings (not before - for the sake of a litter-free village!) The household limit is a generous 7 bags per week.

Garden refuse: As fire is an ever present danger, it is illegal for anyone (including a garden service) to dump garden cuttings on a verge or empty erven. What you can't compost, put in black bags for the Municipality to remove.

Litter: Please help keep Wilderness as litter free as possible...and feel free to even remove weeds on road verges when on your walk!

Wildlife: Enjoy the wildlife that may visit your garden (and be prepared to share a bulb or the occasional plant!). Snakes can be frequent summer visitors but will move off if allowed to do so. Contact the snake catchers overleaf if you need a snake removed.

Invasive Aliens: By law, certain invasive alien plants must be cleared from your erf, thereby saving indigenous species, saving water and reducing fire risk. For details see the SANBI web site

