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## **BHI Questions?**Moving Bulky Items on BHI

If you need to move bulky items such as furniture to Bald Head Island and you are a member of BHI Club, you can utilize the BHI Club warehouse. Call 910-457-7360 to arrange logistics. You must be a BHI Club member to be able to use this service. And delivery on BHI is to the curb, not inside your home, so make necessary arrangements.

## The Village of BHI

The Village's Public Works Department's bulk item pick-ups are now limited to two items. This change went into effect in December 2020. Items must also be left outside for pick-up. If you need more than two items hauled away or assistance moving items out of your home, please contact a local mover.

To schedule a pick-up, call the Village's Customer Service Representative at 910-457-9700, ext. 1000. The representative will take your payment over the phone, along with your contact information, which is then given to Public Works to contact you to schedule the pick-up. Please provide the Village with enough notice so that Public Works can schedule your pick-up. Special pickups are \$50.00, and mattresses are \$80.00 each.

Furniture Donations — Like bulk pick-ups, the collection of furniture suitable for donations was started to serve a smaller island population. It was not set-up to facilitate multiple households' entire furniture replacements. Recently, the donation Conex box has been filled up within a few days on numerous occasions. What used to be an occasional haul off-island has become a Village-subsidized effort taking several hours per week to manage, when staff could be taking care of routine services like maintaining roads. To keep this service at a manageable level, the Village would like folks to utilize your furniture delivery company to haul away the items being replaced or to call a local mover.

## The Barge

For large items being delivered by truck, the BHI barge is the answer. If you are working with a service provider familiar with BHI and barge logistics, great. If not, you can help inform your contractors coming to BHI about the logistics of getting onto and back from Bald Head Island. Important details include parking at Deep Point, ferries and tickets (passenger vs. contractor), barge reservations, ICE permits (daily or annual) and BHI parking (if necessary).

Daily ICE permits can be purchased when you pay the barge reservation fee at the barge office at Deep Point, located at 1301 Ferry Road, Southport, NC. Wind and weather permitting, the barge runs Monday through Friday, and the last barge off the Island is 3:00pm. For appointments, fees and details, call 910-457-5205 or visit *BHIbarge.com*. Barge office hours are 7:30am-2:30pm Monday-Friday. Make reservations as much in advance as possible, with a minimum of two weeks in advance recommended, especially if returning on the same day.

Keep in mind that barge reservations must be canceled at least 24 hours in advance to avoid being charged the full amount. And only one person is allowed in the vehicle while on the barge, which is a Coast Guard regulation.

Delays and cancellations due to inclement weather such as fog and high winds can affect the barge schedule, so contact the barge office for timely information. If the barge cannot run and your service provider is stuck on Bald Head Island, contact the Dockmaster at 910-457-7380. Make sure that your service provider is aware of all of this information in advance. If the barge cannot run, the ICE vehicle driver will have to make arrangements to return to Deep Point on the contractor or passenger ferry and then come back to BHI for the vehicle's return trip the next business day.

If, however, your service provider missed the barge for another reason, such as being late, he/she has to report to Contractor Services. This affects the ICE daily permit, parking and arrangements to return to Deep Point on the contractor or passenger ferry. Remember that no ICE vehicles can be parked at a residence overnight.

Fun fact: the BHI barge can hold up to 137 long tons, or 306,880 pounds.