



# ESTIMATED MONTHLY COSTS OF OWNING A HOME IN BAREFOOT BAY OR SNUG HARBOR

Taxes (with Homestead Exemption) .....	\$100.00
Homeowner's insurance without flood insurance** .....	\$152.00
Maintenance fee for community facilities .....	\$57.00 (Barefoot Bay) or \$35.00 (Snug Harbor)
Solid Waste (billed annually with tax bill).....	\$31.00
Water and sewer charges (base \$30.34).....	\$48.00
Electric with full air conditioning.....	\$80.00
Cable television base (including tax).....	\$16.00
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY COSTS .....</b>	<b>\$462.00 (Snug Harbor) OR \$483.00 (Barefoot Bay)</b>

Please note: The above figures are averages based on year-round use of a 2001 home with a market value of \$125,000 and square footage of approximately 1,200. Figures are subject to change without notice.

\*\*Homeowner insurance varies widely, depending on the agency used, the age and size of the home, and the amount of coverage selected. Flood insurance, provided by the federal government, is also available but not included in these estimates. Rates for flood insurance are based on coverage amounts and set by the federal government, therefore not varying between agencies.

## LAWN CARE SERVICES

In addition to the above costs, you may elect to have professional lawn care service. A standard lot (50' x 80') typically costs from \$35 to \$45 per month for lawn care, depending on landscaping and additional services used. Be sure to ask if the service includes weeding and trimming landscaping.

## SAVING TAX DOLLARS

In Florida, under certain guidelines you may be exempt from real estate taxes on the first \$25,000 of your home's assessed value. This is commonly called "homestead exemption." As soon as possible after the closing of your home, you will want to apply for the exemption if you plan to be a year-round resident. When you apply, you will be required to provide the following proof of residency:

- 1) Original recorded deed.
- 2) Florida driver's license. A driver's license that states "valid in Florida only" will not be accepted.
- 3) Florida vehicle registration certificate for your auto.
- 4) Florida voter's registration card or Declaration of Domicile.
- 5) Receipt for utility services on your home.



We understand you may have questions concerning the above. We are available to help. You may also call the Brevard County Services Department for further details.

**Brevard County Services Department  
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If you are a widow/widower or disabled, you may qualify for further exemptions. Please call the Services Department for details regarding proof needed for these extra exemptions.