

EAST COAST SAGE CIRCLE PRIVACY STATEMENT POLICY

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Collection of Personal Information

ECSC collects personally identifiable information, such as your e-mail address, name, home address or telephone number. ECSC also may collect anonymous demographic information which is not unique to you such as your ZIP code.

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Use of Personal Information

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ECSC does not sell, rent or lease its member lists to third parties.

ECSC will disclose your personal information, without notice, only if required to do so by law or in the good faith belief that such action is necessary to: (a) conform to the edicts of the law or comply with legal process served on ECSC or the ECSC web site; (b) protect and defend the rights or property of ECSC; or, (c) act under exigent circumstances to protect the personal safety of users of the ECSC web site, or the public.

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If you believe otherwise, we would be very interested in hearing your feedback and comments to better serve you and all of our members.

Our compliance with the law includes the Federal CAN-SPAM Act which requires East Cost Sage Circle to provide you the ability to remove yourself from our e-mail lists at any time by faxing us at 706-569-0794, or by calling us at 706-569-0896, or by e-mailing us at info@ecsagecircle.org. This information on how to remove yourself from our e-mail lists is included in each e-mail we send you. ECSC assumes we have your permission to send you future e-mails until you tell us otherwise by using one of the available methods listed above.

Security of Personal Information

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