



# FALL INFORMATION 2014



## LEAF AND YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Beginning in October, MDC Environmental Services will pick up leaves and yard waste on Fridays through December 5.

- ★ Unlimited leaf pick-up every Friday in October and November, with December 5 being the last pick-up until Spring.
- ★ No brush or other yard waste can be included with leaves. (You must separately bag or bundle brush/yard waste. See below for unlimited unbundled brush pick-up.)
- ★ Only paper yard waste bags can be used for non-bundled brush and leaves.
- ★ Maximum weight of each bag is 50 pounds.
- ★ Up to four bundles of brush, tied with bio-degradable twine in no more than 2' by 4' bundles. Each extra bundle requires a sticker. Stickers are on sale at Village Hall for \$1.85 each.
- ★ **No plastic bags - No sod - No soil - No rocks - No pumpkins or vegetables**



## UNBUNDLED BRUSH PICK-UP

Twice annually, the Village of Lakewood offers an unbundled brush pickup service. This service is above and beyond the weekly leaf and yard waste services provided by MDC Environmental Services. During the weeks of **October 6 and October 20** the Public Works crews will make one pass down each street of the Village to collect brush and branches resulting from routine yard maintenance or tree trimming by homeowners.

Residents can assist in expediting the process and ensuring the safety of the Public Works crews, through compliance with the following requirements:

1. Brush should be placed at the edge of the street prior to 7:00 a.m. on pickup day
2. Trunk diameter must not exceed 6 inches
3. Brush pile must be under 10' in length
4. Stack all brush neatly (parallel to each other) with trunks facing the street
5. Branches should be cleared from limbs prior to stacking to prevent excessive tangling

Due to limitations of the Village's equipment, the following items will not be collected:

1. Logs, root balls or dirt clumps
2. Bagged landscape waste
3. Brush in containers
4. Brush bundled with string or wire

Any brush placed out after the truck has made its pass down the street will not be picked up. *It may take several days to complete the brush pick-ups but the trucks will only make one pass per street per pickup week.* These are the only days the Village will collect unbundled brush until the spring.

# HYDRANT FLUSHING



Flushing of fire hydrants will be conducted throughout the month of October between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Hydrant flushing is necessary to test the hydrants to make sure adequate flow and pressure is available. Flushing is also done to remove sediment from the pipes in order to maintain water clarity and quality of the water you receive once the flushing is completed.

You may experience 1-2 hours of reduced water pressure while work is being done on your street. The Public Works Department will post notification signs in the immediate area of flushing at least one day prior to any actual flushing taking place. Flushing may cause some temporary discoloration of the water. Although it is completely

harmless and the water is safe for consumption, the Village recommends that residents refrain from doing laundry when flushing is underway in your neighborhood.

# WINTER PREPARATIONS



To permit unobstructed snow plowing and winter driving conditions, please take care of the following this fall:

**ROCK ENCROACHMENTS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY** must be set back at least 10 feet from the street between October 1 and March 31. Any such encroachments not moved by October 1 will be subject to being removed from your premises by the Public Works Department since they present a hazard for which you would ultimately be liable.



**MAILBOXES AND POSTS** that are properly installed and are not rotting should withstand the weight of the snow from the snow plow and not suffer any damage. So that you do not have to make any repairs over the winter, we suggest that you use the remaining good weather to inspect and, if necessary, repair any mailboxes and/or posts. You should inspect them to see if they are in poor condition, are not properly installed or securely fastened, or that have set-backs which do not conform to U.S. Postal Service requirements. Please visit the Village's website for these requirements. Remember, the Village is not responsible for damage to mailboxes or posts due to the weight of the snow.

# FREE WOOD CHIPS

Wood chips will be made available to residents, free of charge, on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents will need to bring their own containers. The Village has three locations available for pick-up of free wood chips:

- 1) 6650 Haligus Road – South of our Sewer Treatment Plant. (Note: There is limited access to this location during wet conditions.)
- 2) Lakewood Road and Palmer Drive – The maintenance barn at the Redtail Golf Course.
- 3) 8810 Bard Road - There is a Village entryway sign at this location and it is all asphalt access.

