



FALL INFORMATION 2015

LEAF AND YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Beginning in October, MDC Environmental Services will pick up leaves and yard waste on Fridays through December 4.

- ★ Unlimited leaf pick-up every Friday in October and November, with December 4 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 foot by 4 foot bundles. Each extra bundle requires a sticker. Stickers are on sale at Village Hall for \$2.00 each.
- ★ **No plastic bags - No sod - No soil - No rocks - No pumpkins or vegetables**



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.

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.

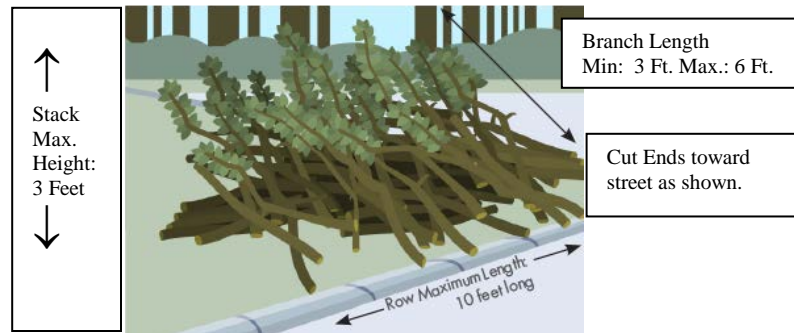




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UNBUNDLED BRUSH PICK-UP

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 5 and October 19** 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 in the right-of-way must be a maximum of 10 feet 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, roots, dirt clumps, cut flowers or grasses
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.

GUIDELINES FOR BIKE PATH SAFETY

With the recent addition of new bike lanes along Lake Avenue and Lakewood Road, we would like to remind residents to be sure their refuse, recycling, and landscape waste is NOT placed in the bike path lanes. Especially important, please be careful to make sure that the cut ends of your unbundled brush do not extend over into the bike path. This could create a very dangerous situation for our bicyclists.

If you have any questions about bicycle safety or Illinois Bicycle Laws, please visit the Illinois Department of Transportation, bicycle safety at <http://idot.illinois.gov/home/bicycle>.