



The Lakewood Ledger



Village of Lakewood - *Quality Living in a Natural Setting*

Spring 2020

Dear Neighbors,

Please know that during this difficult time, Village employees are working hard to provide you with the same level of service you received before COVID-19. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us via email at info@village.lakewood.il.us, Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Lakewood.IL/> or phone at 815.459.3025.

United States 2020 Census

In mid-March, homes across the country received invitations to complete the 2020 Census. If you have not done so already, please respond for your home in one of three ways: online at my2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mail. When you fill out your Census form PLEASE be sure to cross out Crystal Lake and write in Lakewood. If you are filling out the online form...Click the link "Start Questionnaire"...then "If you do not have a Census ID, click here". You will then be able to force the city you live in.

You may also notice census takers in your neighborhood this year. Census takers will visit homes to conduct quality check interviews, and then follow up before the end of August to help collect responses. If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo.

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people to assist with the 2020 Census. Join them and help shape the future of your community. Visit [2020Census.gov](https://2020census.gov) for more information or to apply for a position.

Finally, the Census Bureau maintains a site where you can check the response rate for Lakewood and other communities. The website <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html> provides daily updates on what percentage of households in a specific area have already responded to the U.S. Census.

*Finally, **THANK YOU** for participating as your efforts will help us build a better Lakewood!*

Vehicle Sticker Renewal

In May 2019 the vehicle sticker program was reinstated to assist the Police department in maintaining current resident emergency contact info, and allows officers to quickly identify resident's vehicles. The proceeds of the sticker fees have recently been used for police vehicle maintenance, traffic signs and traffic control devices like the speed radar signs on Lake Avenue. **Stickers are valid from May 1 - April 30 each year. Cost is \$10.00/vehicle registered to a Lakewood address. 2020-2021 stickers will be available for purchase beginning in April. Renewal forms will be available on our website and at Village Hall.**

SPRING IS IN THE AIR...Outdoor Projects? Call JULIE! 800-892-0123

Trash Pick Up - COVID-19 Update

As a result of the COVID-19 Executive Order, all trash/refuse and recycling must be placed in a company designated cart, a can with handles, or bagged. Loose uncontained items will not be collected. More specifically, all bulky items and construction debris collection is suspended until further notice. All white goods and e-waste collection is suspended until further notice.

Unbundled Brush Pick-Up

The Village of Lakewood's spring unbundled brush pick-up program will take place on **April 13 and April 27**. Your brush must be at the curb by **7:00 am** on the first day of the collection, as the Public Works crews will only make one pass on each street. It may take a number of days to complete the collection throughout the community. These are the **only days** the Village will collect unbundled brush until the Fall.

Brush Pick-up Requirements

- Trunk diameter of brush not to exceed 6 inches
- Brush must be **10 feet or less** in length. **Nothing smaller than 2 feet and no rakings**
- Material should be stacked neatly off the edge of the street with all the trunks facing the street. Lay branches parallel to each other
- **DO NOT** bundle with string or wire
- **Brush piled in a tangled mess will not be picked up**
- No logs, root balls, or dirt clumps will be picked up
- **No rakings or bagged landscape waste picked up**
- Brush in containers will not be picked up
- Please do not call to request special pick-ups

Weekly Yard Waste Pick-Up

MDC Environmental Services will resume weekly yard waste pick-up beginning **Friday, April 3 through December 4. Unlimited bags for the month of April.**

Your free allotment for May-September includes any combination of up to four brown kraft paper bags and/or

small bundles of brush. **Each item over the free allotment must have a MDC Environmental Services sticker attached.** Stickers are \$2.00 each and can be purchased at Village Hall.

Yard Waste Bags

- Leaves and grass cuttings - **NO DIRT, SOD, ROCKS OR STONES.**
- Branches under 2 feet and rakings get bagged.
- Maximum 50 pounds in weight.
- No plastic bags – only brown kraft paper bags.

Bundled Brush

- Maximum size bundles: 4 feet x 2 feet and no more than 50 pounds.
- No individual branches over 3" in diameter.
- Brush must be neatly bundled and tied with biodegradable rope or twine.
- Anything over the free allotment must have a MDC Environmental Services sticker attached.

Tree Removal Permit Required

As a reminder, the removal of any tree taller than 20 feet or larger than 6 inches in diameter as measured 12 inches above the ground requires that a homeowner complete and submit a Tree Removal Permit request form to Village Hall. **There is no fee for a tree removal permit.** Any resident not following this procedure is subject to a fine. Tree Removal Permit Applications are available on our website at www.village.lakewood.il.us or can be obtained at Village Hall.

Spring Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing in the Village will be done May 18 thru May 22. The flushing of hydrants is also necessary to clean the Village's water distribution system.

Utility Billing

As a reminder the village offers utility bills via email, and auto-draft payment. Please contact Paige at 815-459-3025 to enroll or email psorensen@village.lakewood.il.us