

SPRING 2015

Weekly Yardwaste Pick-Up



MDC Environmental Services will resume weekly yardwaste pick-up beginning **Friday, April 3 through December 4.**

Your free allotment 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.

Yardwaste 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/or 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.

Unlimited Leaf Pick-Up



Unlimited leaf pick-up will occur on all Fridays in April.

An unlimited number of leaves and/or yardwaste can be left for pickup in brown kraft paper bags per our contract with MDC Environmental Services.

Note: Leaves and unbundled brush should be kept apart since MDC Environmental Services picks up the paper bags and the Village picks up unbundled brush.

Unbundled Brush Pick-Up

The Village of Lakewood's spring unbundled brush pick-up program will take place on **April 13 and April 27.**

The Public Works crew will pick-up brush and branches resulting from routine yard maintenance or tree trimming by homeowners.

Please have brush placed next to the street by 7 AM on April 13 and April 27 only. It may take several days to complete the pick-ups. These are the only days the Village will collect unbundled brush until the Fall.

Brush Pick-up Requirements:

- Place next to street by **7:00 AM on April 13 and April 27 only.**
- 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.
- The crew will make only one pass on each street starting on April 13 and April 27. Please do not call to request special pick-ups.

Spring Hydrant Flushing



Hydrant flushing on the Village's west side will begin May 18 and continue throughout the month to ensure that hydrants work properly. The flushing of hydrants is also necessary to clean the Village's water distribution system.

Watch for hydrant flushing signs to be posted on your street. You may notice an hour or two of reduced water pressure and discolored water while work is being done in your neighborhood. We suggest not doing laundry during hydrant flushing since the discolored water could possibly stain clothes.

Wood Chips Available

Wood chips will be available on a first come, first served basis at the following locations:

- 6650 Haligus Road – South of our Sewer Treatment Plant. (Note: There is limited access during wet conditions.)
- 8211 Lakewood Road – RedTail Golf Course Maintenance Barn.
- 8810 Bard Road - There is a Village of Lakewood entryway sign at this location and it is all asphalt access.

Turn Over for More Seasonal Information ➡

Crystal Lake Boat Decals

The Village Board has approved the intergovernmental agreement for boating regulations on Crystal Lake with no fee structure changes. Fees for 2015 Boating Season:

- Human-Powered watercraft \$15
(e.g. canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, rowboats and windsurfers)
- All Others \$25
(e.g. motorboats, sailboats, jet skis)

Note: If a motor is added to a human-powered watercraft, the higher fee applies.

Decals will soon go on sale at Crystal Lake City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street.

Watch local newspapers for dates or call Crystal Lake City Hall at (815)459-2020. You **must** bring your driver's license and current boat registration (not title) in order to purchase a decal. Human powered watercraft requires only proof of ownership when purchasing a decal.

Turnberry Lakes Boat Decals and Fishing Passes

Fishing passes and boat decals are available only to residents who reside within Special Service Area 1.

Boat decals do not expire but new fishing passes must be obtained each year for each family member. They are issued at Village Hall at no charge. Proof of residency is required (along with a copy of the current boat registration for a new boat decal).



Building Projects

Finishing your basement? Building a deck? Planning a home improvement project? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, then you need a permit. Working without a permit is illegal, can jeopardize the safety of your family may also create serious problems in future selling and insurance situations when you are asked to show proof of inspection that the work was completed pursuant to Village Code. Visit village.lakewood.il.us or call the Building Department at (815) 459-3025 for information.

Codes You Should Know.....

11.04 Vegetation Control

The purpose of Section 11.04 of the Municipal Code is to insure that standards for the maintenance of lawns, yards and parcels of land in the Village are met; to prevent unsightly and dangerous landscape conditions; to encourage the neat and orderly maintenance of property; and to provide for a system of abatement should any provision of the Section be violated. It shall be unlawful for any owner of any property in the Village to refuse or neglect to cut weeds or grass as follows: On improved real estate, weeds and grass shall not exceed 6 inches in height; on unimproved real estate (i.e. a vacant lot), weeds and grass shall not exceed 10" in height.

It's the Law: Before Moving, Check for Gypsy Moth

We have received information from the United States Department of Agriculture stating that it is a law that people who live in Gypsy Moth Quarantine Areas are **required** to complete a self-inspection checklist or hire a qualified certified applicator to inspect all outdoor household articles prior to moving to non-quarantine areas. McHenry County is a Gypsy Moth Quarantine Area.

To obtain details of these requirements and a copy of the United States Department of Agriculture moving checklist form, please visit: www.YourMoveGypsyMothFree.com.

Also, please be assured that the Village is also in regular contact with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDEA) to insure that we are taking every possible action to minimize the spread of gypsy moths, including an aerial spray at a strategic time that will be determined by the IDEA.

Outdoor Projects? Call JULIE!

You can prevent injury and avoid damage by following these important steps:

1. Call before you dig **1-800-892-0123**
2. Wait the required two working days after you call
3. Respect the marks and dig with care

Tree Removal Permit Required

Spring is a time when many homeowners begin landscape projects. 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 of **\$500 per tree** that is removed without a permit. ***This Ordinance is strictly enforced!***

The Tree Removal Permit may be issued if the tree is dead, dying or diseased; if it poses a threat of damage to property or personal injury to passers-by; if the tree is an inferior species and is negatively affecting the health of a superior species; if removal of the tree will avoid an economic hardship or a hardship of another nature on the property or residence; or if the removal of the tree is consistent with good forestry practices.

Tree Removal Permit Applications are available on our website at: village.lakewood.il.us or can be obtained at Village Hall.

Important Reminders

- Vehicle Sticker applications mailed with February/March Utility Bill. New stickers must be displayed no later than April 30 or you are subject to a citation.
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms at daylight savings time.
- Irrigation systems must be tested annually. For requirements, visit: village.lakewood.il.us

Turn Over for More Seasonal Information ➡