

SPRING 2016

Weekly Yardwaste Pick-Up



MDC Environmental Services will resume weekly yardwaste pick-up beginning **Friday, April 1 through December 2.**

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 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.

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 4 and April 18.**

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 a.m. on April 4 and April 18 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 a.m. on April 4 and April 18 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 4 and April 18. Please do not call to request special pick-ups.

Spring Hydrant Flushing



Hydrant flushing on the Village's west side will begin May 16 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.

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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 2016 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

The use of Turnberry Lakes is restricted only to residents who are part of the new Special Service Area Number 8. These residents own property in McIntosh, Turnberry, Loch Glen and the Highlands of Turnberry subdivisions.



Since the boundaries of authorized users for Turnberry Lakes has changed, per Village Ordinance 2015-(43) dated December 8, 2015, all boats operating on the Turnberry Lakes **must be registered for the 2016 season and must display a new 2016 Turnberry Lakes Decal.** Proof of residency or lot ownership and a copy of the current State of Illinois watercraft registration is required at the time of application. Boat registration can be done at Village Hall after April 1 and there is no fee for the 2016 decal.

In addition, 2016 fishing passes must be obtained annually for each family member. They are also issued at Village Hall at no charge. Proof of residency or lot ownership is required.

A copy of the 2016 Turnberry lakes Use Rules can be obtained at Village Hall and also found on the village's website: village.lakewood.il.us

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.

Gypsy Moth Spray

The Village will be conducting aerial spraying for gypsy moths approximately mid-May, depending on weather conditions and larvae development. The Village will post signs in the spray areas the day before the aerial spraying. A follow-up application will occur 7 – 10 days after the initial application.

Gypsy moth infested sites will be treated by helicopter with an application of *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* (B.t.k.), a naturally occurring bacteria used by gardeners as an environmentally friendly alternative to chemical pesticides. B.t.k. is not considered toxic for people, animals, birds, fish, and other insects such as bees and ladybugs. Also, it does not harm water supplies.

As a general precaution, Public Health officials recommend all persons in spray areas minimize exposure to B.t.k. Persons who are more susceptible to infections or respiratory irritation should pay particular attention to the precautions above. This includes people with underlying illness such as leukemia, AIDS or other immune system deficiency, people receiving radiation or chemotherapy treatment, and people with asthma, emphysema or allergic sensitivities.

Prepare for Spring Thaws

As temperatures rise above freezing and the ground is still frozen, this increases the risk of flooding. Precautions can be taken to prevent flooding near your home including:

- Check sump pump discharge pipe for blockages.
- Keep interior drains clear of debris.
- Clear street drains of snow, ice and debris.
- Repair leaking or cracked basement walls.
- Seal basement walls with waterproofing compounds.
- Elevate the furnace, water heater, and electric panel in your basement if you are susceptible to flooding.
- Make sure downspouts face away from house.

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