



Naperville Connected

Yard Waste Collection Resumes March 18

The 2024 yard waste collection program begins Monday, March 18, allowing for easy disposal of landscape waste on each resident's regular garbage day through mid-December.

To participate, place grass, weeds, small branches, twigs and leaves in 32-gallon paper yard waste bags, or tie branches less than 3 inches in diameter into bundles up to 4 feet long and 2 feet wide, then secure each bundle with biodegradable twine.

Residents must attach a yard waste sticker to each bag or bundle placed at the curb for collection. Stickers cost \$2.75 each and are for sale at several Naperville hardware and grocery stores or from the Finance Department at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St.

Consider a Yard Waste Cart This Season

Residents with greater yard waste needs and/or an interest in recycling organics such as food scraps can choose between two yard waste cart sizes. Instead of purchasing paper yard waste bags and stickers, residents may rent a 65-gallon cart that holds approximately three yard waste bags a week, or a 95-gallon cart that holds approximately four yard waste bags a week. A 65-gallon cart is \$194.25/year and a 95-gallon cart is \$236.25/year.

Diverting food scraps such as vegetables, fruits and grain products through this program can significantly change the waste stream in Naperville. Residents with yard waste carts can compost food scraps and regular yard waste together in one container. Materials accepted include standard yard waste, as well as compostable food scraps such as fruits, vegetables, pastas, breads, crackers, and cereals. Meat products and/or bones are not accepted. Food scraps are not permitted in paper yard waste bags.

For details about yard waste collection visit naperville.il.us/yardwaste. To order a cart, call Groot Industries at 630-892-9294.

Arbor Day Tree Sale & Rain Barrels Purchases

Naperville's annual Arbor Day Tree Sale begins online on Monday, March 18. The sale link opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, or when all trees are sold, whichever comes first. A drive-thru tree pickup will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Public Works Service Center, 180 Fort Hill Dr.

Residents must place orders at naperville.il.us/arbordaytreesale, where trees are categorized by price, and residents may purchase multiple tree types through PayPal in one transaction.

Once an online order is complete, the website will direct shoppers to an online calendar to schedule a pick-up time. Promote a greener, more sustainable Naperville and beautify your yard by ordering your trees today!

Back again this year, **rain barrel** purchases received by April 14 may be picked up during the tree sale drive-thru from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the Public Works Service Center. A portion of rain barrel sales will be donated to the Conservation Foundation. Rain barrel orders must be placed through the Upcycle Products website, available on the tree sale webpage at naperville.il.us/arbordaytreesale. Please note, the home delivery option is only for rain barrels purchased through Upcycle. There is not a home delivery option for tree sale purchases.

Naperville's 2023 Crime Data

Awareness is a key factor in the overall safety of a community. Residents who are aware of the types of crimes happening in their city are more likely to practice situational awareness, report suspicious activity to police and take proactive steps to avoid victimization.

For that reason, the Naperville Police Department recently released a summary of crime and incident data reported between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023.

Crimes against persons made up approximately one-quarter of the total crimes reported in Naperville in 2023. The vast majority (approximately 94%) of crimes against persons reported in Naperville fell into the categories of intimidation and simple assault, which includes altercations and incidents (including domestic crimes) that do not involve weapons or serious injuries.

The majority (approximately 65%) of Naperville's reported crime in 2023 was classified as property crimes, most of which were theft, fraud (which includes identity theft) and vandalism.

For the complete 2023 Crime and Incident Data report, visit naperville.il.us/NPD and click on the link under "Popular Links."

No Mow May & Electric Lawn Equipment Rebates

Now's the time to start planning for the 2024 growing season! The City of Naperville is happy to announce the return of the following programs.

Participate in **No Mow May** and voluntarily delay mowing to allow pollinators to safely emerge and early blooming plants to flower and provide needed food. This may result in ground cover exceeding the established ordinance height restrictions; however, enforcement will be suspended in May for program participants.

In addition to delaying mowing, it's vital that program participants refrain from applying pesticides and herbicides to their lawns for the duration of program participation. The registration window for this initiative will run from April 15 through May 3. Visit naperville.il.us/naturalresources to register.

The **Electric Lawn Equipment Rebate** program also returns for 2024. Residents who purchase a battery-powered electric lawn mower, snow blower, leaf blower, trimmer, edger or manually powered reel lawn mower on or after Jan. 1, 2024, will be able to apply to the City of Naperville for a \$50 rebate. Participants are eligible for one rebate per household per calendar year.

The program is expected to open on April 1. Once the 2024 program begins, interested residents can complete the application form, which requires proof of residence in incorporated Naperville and a copy of the purchase receipt. Applications will be accepted until May 31. Rebates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are allocated, so don't delay! Visit naperville.il.us/sustainabilityincentives for details.

Free Paper Shredding Event on April 20

The Naperville Police Department, in partnership with the Naperville Park District, is sponsoring a free shred event from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the Centennial Beach parking lot, 500 W. Jackson Ave. Attendees are limited to two banker-size boxes or two bags per person. Boxes and bags cannot weigh more than 15 pounds. Please remove metal and plastic binder rings/clips; staples and paper clips are permitted. Volunteers will unload boxes while attendees remain in their vehicles. Crews will shred onsite; the service is available until the trucks are filled.

A Safer Naper: Burglary Prevention

Did you know a burglar can be in and out of a home in as little as 90 seconds? Whether you are traveling out of town for spring break or running to the grocery store, vigilance is important to keep property safe. This month, the Naperville Police Department aims to make Naperville "A Safer Naper" by educating residents on burglary prevention. While Naperville is a safe community, it is not a crime-free community. It takes police and citizens working in partnership to prevent crime and build safer neighborhoods.

The six members of the Naperville Police Department Crimes Against Property Crimes Unit, composed of a sergeant and five detectives, review, on average, more than 200 property crime cases each month. Property crimes include burglaries, theft, fraud (which includes identity theft) and vandalism.

In 2023, there were 51 residential burglaries in the City of Naperville. In addition to locking doors and windows, closing garage doors and keeping exterior lights on from dusk until dawn, pay special attention to securing the rear of your property. Burglars take advantage of secluded backyards to force entry into sliding glass doors or shatter rear windows. Reducing opportunities for concealment or easy entry (like trimming landscaping, installing a camera system, and using a secondary locking system on rear doors) offers an extra layer of protection.

One of the most important things you can do to protect your property is to know who belongs in your neighborhood. Be alert in protecting not only your home, but those of your neighbors as well. Report any suspicious behavior or activity to 9-1-1 immediately.

Learn more about burglary prevention at naperville.il.us/ASaferNaper.

Early Voting for DuPage & Will County Residents

Early voting for the March 19 General Primary Election will be available from Monday, March 4, through Monday, March 18, at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. Voters should park in the upper-level parking lot and enter through the main lobby doors near the fountain.

DuPage County early voting will take place in Meeting Rooms A and B on the lower level on the following days and times:

- Weekday hours: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Weekend hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Will County early voting will occur on the main level in the Community Services Department on the following days and times:

- Monday - Friday, March 4 - 8; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9; 9 a.m. to noon
- Sunday, March 10; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday - Friday, March 11 - 15; 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, March 18; 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information about voting, visit naperville.il.us/voting.

Memory Cafes for Dementia Community

The Naperville Senior Task Force and Dementia Friendly Naperville offer free monthly Memory Cafes for people with dementia and their care partners.

These gatherings, which take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Drive, allow both care recipient and caregiver to socialize and connect with others in similar situations.

For upcoming dates, visit the events calendar at naperville-lib.org. For details, call Lisa Kirchner at 630-710-7502.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS: Meeting locations and how to listen and participate are noted on each upcoming meeting's agenda. Please refer to the Government Meetings calendar at naperville.il.us or scan the QR code below to access the calendar directly and for information



about any changes or meeting cancellations. Watch City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission and Transportation Advisory Board meetings on WCNC (Astound – Ch. 6, AT&T U-verse – Ch. 99, or Comcast – Ch. 10) or stream at naperville.legistar.com/Calendar.

Senior Housing Options Expo on April 11 & 12

The Naperville-Lisle Township TRIAD, with the City of Naperville and the Village of Lisle, presents the eighth annual Senior Housing Options Expo (SHOE) for those interested in learning how to make the most of their senior living experience. This year's event has extended evening hours from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 12, at Grace Pointe Church, 1320 E. Chicago Ave.

Older adults, their caregivers and their family members are invited to this free informational event featuring more than 50 agencies committed to helping seniors evaluate their housing opportunities. Learn more about home modifications for safety and convenience, downsizing, home sharing, transportation, relocation, assisted and independent living, senior agencies, property tax programs and more.

Onsite parking, including accessible spaces, is available. For more information, visit naperville-lisle-triad.org.

Downtown Construction Updates

Downtown Streetscape Project, Phase 2

The second phase of work to improve streets, sidewalks and utilities in portions of downtown Naperville began in early February. Work will occur on Washington Street between Chicago and Benton avenues and is scheduled to be complete by the end of October. Phased work schedules will close portions of streets at various times while still allowing pedestrian access to businesses. One lane of northbound and southbound traffic will be maintained at all times. Please be aware that on-street parking on Washington Street between Chicago and Benton avenues will be eliminated throughout the project.

This work is part of the Downtown: Progress in Progress initiative that focuses on continued growth and improvements in the downtown area. For more information and project updates, visit naperville.il.us/downtownprogress.

Downtown Washington Bridge Reconstruction

Crews are on track to finish the reconstruction of the east side of the bridge by this spring. Once complete, traffic will switch to the east side of the bridge and crews will demolish the west side of the bridge and begin reconstruction. The tentative completion of the project is currently anticipated to be in November 2024. To learn more, visit naperville.il.us/dtwashingtonbridge.

Travel in this area is greatly affected by this ongoing construction. Motorists should expect traffic delays when traveling through the impacted area and are encouraged to find alternate routes.

DID YOU KNOW? Animal Control provides microchip services for only \$15. Call to schedule an appointment today! Contact 630-305-5996 or AnimalControl@naperville.il.us to schedule an appointment.

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