



Naperville Connected

Bulk Curbside Brush Collection Begins in May

The City will provide free curbside collection of tree and shrub branches beginning in May.

The annual Bulk Curbside Brush Collection program divides the City into five districts, identified by your garbage collection day. Brush collection in each district begins on Monday and takes one full work week to complete.

To participate, place brush on the parkway the Sunday before collection in your area begins. Stack branches neatly on the parkway with cut ends toward the street. Make sure branches measure between 3 and 8 feet long and are no greater than 6 inches in diameter. Remove all roots, stumps and dirt, and be sure brush piles do not contain any nails, metal, stones, vines, willow whips, lumber, railroad ties or cornstalks. Brush containing these items – or anything other than branches – will not be picked up.

Brush placed at the curb after crews have passed will not be collected, nor will brush piles that are badly tangled. Brush will not be picked up along busy side streets or from the rear of homes. When crews cannot accept a pile, they affix a tag explaining why it was not collected.

To view brush collection progress, visit naperville.il.us/brushcollection for an interactive map. For updates from Naper Notify, visit napernotify.com and sign up for the Brush and Leaf Collection category under community notifications. Residents also may dispose of bagged or bundled brush each week until Dec. 15 through the yard waste collection program.

2023 Bulk Curbside Brush Collection Schedule

Homes with garbage collection this day	Must put branches by the curb no later than	Branches will be collected once during
Monday	May 7	May 8 - 12
Tuesday	May 14	May 15 - 19
Wednesday	May 21	May 22 - 26
Thursday	May 28	May 30 - June 2
Friday	June 4	June 5 - 9

Celebrate Earth Week Naperville 2023

Join the City of Naperville, Naperville Park District and dozens of community partners in celebrating the 53rd annual Earth Day on April 22. This year's theme, "Invest in our Planet," aims to empower people and organizations to create a healthier world for future generations.

The Park District's website at napervilleparks.org/earthweeknaperville lists events, programs and volunteering opportunities throughout Earth Week Naperville (April 15 – 23) and beyond.

It's Easy to be Green in Naperville

Looking to be more environmentally conscious? Here is some information to get you started:

- **Sustainability Resources:** naperville.il.us/napersustainability
- **Energy Efficiency Programs:** naperville.il.us/renewable
- **Yard Waste/Organics:** naperville.il.us/yardwaste
- **Household Hazardous Waste:** naperville.il.us/hhw
- **Adopt A Drain:** naperville.il.us/adoptadrain
- **Safely Discard Prescriptions:** naperville.il.us/rxdrugdropbox
- **Solar Panel Guidelines:** naperville.il.us/solar-panel
- **Native Plantings:** naperville.il.us/naturalresources
- **Electronics Recycling:** naperville.il.us/electronicsrecycling

Shining a Bright Light on Our Community

Last month, Mayor Steve Chirico presented his eighth and final State of the City address, which asked attendees to consider what it means to be a bright light as a person, an organization and a community. This annual event, sponsored by the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce, was a chance for the Mayor to reflect on 2022, look ahead to the City's priorities in 2023 and express gratitude for his eight years in Naperville's highest elected office.

The Mayor emphasized that Naperville continues to be the bright light in our state and country because of the focus on outcomes related to shared goals and values, including a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion by expanding representation on City boards and commissions. In addition, the Mayor noted the City's ongoing efforts to prioritize work that makes our community safe, effective, financially sound, sustainable and attractive. Watch the event and read the address at naperville.il.us/stateofthecity.

Embrace Naperville: The Power of Connection

Mark your calendars for the next event in the City's Embrace Naperville series on Saturday, May 13 during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Embrace Naperville events aim to create space for conversations that foster a sense of belonging. The Power of Connection: AAPI Voices & Community will feature panelists of AAPI heritage sharing their experiences. The discussion will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in partnership with Naperville Public Library, Chinese American Women in Action and other community members at the 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Drive. Registration is required for this free event; all are welcome. Find details and register at naperville.il.us/embracenaperville.

Downtown Streetscape Work Postponed

The second phase of the Downtown Streetscape Project is postponed until spring 2024. This phase will rebuild Washington Street between Chicago and Benton avenues and the east side of Main Street just south of Van Buren Avenue to improve the pedestrian experience downtown.

The City will start this work in early 2024 to allow additional design time to help ensure crews can complete the work within one construction season. Project engineers need additional time to plan proper staging and lane closures for construction, while considering existing utilities. The City plans to seek bids for the work this fall before starting construction in late February or early March 2024. For details, including updates about the project timeline as they become available, visit naperville.il.us/downtownprogress.

Washington Street Bridge Update. Drivers should be alert for changing traffic patterns as crews begin to replace this over-40-year-old bridge. Lane shifts, rolling lane closures and flagging operations are likely to accommodate utility work and pre-stage operations before the first phase of reconstruction begins in early April. During the first stage, traffic will move to the west side of the bridge, with one lane maintained in each direction, while crews demolish and replace the east side. For traffic pattern updates, visit naperville.il.us/dtwashingtonbridge.

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. Watch City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission and Transportation Advisory Board meetings on WCNC (Astound – Ch. 6; or Comcast – Ch. 10) or stream at naperville.legistar.com/Calendar. (Note: WCNC is currently unavailable to AT&T U-verse customers. We encourage these customers to view meetings online.)

City Council: 7 p.m. | April 5 and 18, May 2 and 16, June 6 and 20

City Council Inauguration: April 30, time TBD

Planning & Zoning Commission: 7 p.m. | April 6 & 19, May 3 & 17, June 7 & 21

Transportation Advisory Board: 7 p.m. | May 4, June 1, July 6

**Government Meetings
At-a-Glance:**

Point your phone's camera at this QR code to go straight to our board and commissions meeting calendar!



A Safer Naper: Victims' Rights

Did you know that Illinois has a Crime Victims' Bill of Rights? How about the fact that victims of crime or others who are involved can have relevant information, such as custody status and upcoming court dates pertaining to the offender, sent directly to their phone or email?

In April, the Naperville Police Department's A Safer Naper campaign will draw attention to various rights, resources and services available to crime victims. While hopefully you and your loved ones never endure a victimizing experience, it's important to be aware that support services are available, and you are not alone. Resources including but not limited to the services mentioned here are accessible at the state level (CrimeVictims' Compensation and Automated Victim Notification System), the county level (local crisis centers and social service agencies, civil protective orders) and the local level (Naperville Police Department's Social Service Team).

For details about these vital programs, visit naperville.il.us/ASaferNaper.

View Naperville's 2022 Crime Statistics

Awareness is a key factor in community safety. Residents who are aware of the types of crimes happening in their city are more likely to practice situational awareness, report suspicious activity to the police and take proactive steps to avoid victimization. While Naperville is a safe city, it is not a crime-free city. Learn more about the types of crimes happening in Naperville in the 2022 Crime and Incident Data overview at naperville.il.us/NPD.

Changes Coming to Commuter Parking

The Naperville City Council approved a plan to eliminate all commuter parking permits and change all spaces to daily fee parking. The change will optimize parking space use, provide fair access for all commuters and allow commuters to pay only for the days they use commuter parking lots.

- **Effective March 8, 2023:** No new permits are being issued for any Naperville commuter parking lots, except for reverse commute permits.
- **Before July 2023:** City staff will bring necessary ordinances to modify the Municipal Code to City Council.
- **July 2023:** Modifications to the parking system will be implemented, including switching to a pay-by-plate model, and establishing all spaces as daily fee. Quarterly permits will be valid until the end of 2023. This will allow time to adjust to the new program, while providing access to unused permit spaces to commuters who do not hold a quarterly permit.
- **Jan. 1, 2024:** The use of quarterly permits for all lots will be discontinued.

For the latest updates, sign up for the Commuter Connection newsletter at naperville.il.us/enews, visit naperville.il.us/trainstationaccess or email commuter@naperville.il.us.

Renewable Energy Program Reminder. Sign up to support grants for local projects that incorporate clean energy by visiting the Help Center link at the top left corner of naperville.il.us. Once in the Help Center, click "Submit a Request" and fill out the Naperville Renewable Energy Program registration form to choose your contribution amount. For details, call 630-420-6059.

Household Hazardous Waste Update. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 156 Fort Hill Drive is back to accepting all previously accepted items. As a reminder, this facility is one of only four household hazardous waste sites in Illinois, so please expect that there may be a wait due to high demand. For details, visit naperville.il.us/hhw.

Senior Housing Options Expo

Naperville-Lisle Townships Triad, the City of Naperville and the Village of Lisle are pleased to present the seventh annual Senior Housing Options Expo.

The expo begins from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, and continues from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 28, at Grace Pointe Church, 1320 Chicago Ave., Naperville.

Organizers invite the public to view more than 50 agencies committed to supporting seniors. Learn about home modifications for safety and convenience, downsizing, home sharing, transportation, relocation, assisted and independent living, senior service agencies and property tax programs. Onsite parking, including accessible spaces, is available. For details, visit naperville-lisle-triad.org or call 630-548-2992.

Memory Cafés for Dementia Community

Dementia Friendly Naperville and the Naperville Senior Task Force offer free monthly Memory Cafés 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 calendar at naperville-lib.org. For details, call Lisa Kirchner at 630-710-7502.

Grass and Weed Height Restrictions Reminder.

According to the City of Naperville Municipal Code, grass and weeds may not exceed eight inches in height in the right-of-way and on private property. View property maintenance standards at naperville.il.us/codeenforcement.

Animal Control Update.

Late spring typically is the time of year when wildlife young are born. Sometimes the parents need to seek food to care for themselves and the young. If you are concerned young wildlife have been orphaned, do not touch them; please contact Animal Control for assistance at 630-420-6178 or animalcontrol@naperville.il.us.

Official City Website: naperville.il.us

Naper Notify: napernotify.com

Meetings: naperville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

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