



Naperville Connected

Leaves on the Lawn? You Have Options!

The City offers two leaf disposal programs: Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection and free bagged Yard Waste Collection. You can also mulch or compost your leaves to promote a healthy lawn.

Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection

Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection begins on Monday, Oct. 20, and runs through Wednesday, Nov. 26, pending unforeseen circumstances or early winter weather. This year's collection cycles begin on **Oct. 20, Nov. 3** and **Nov. 17**.

To participate, rake leaves into the street by 6 a.m. on the first day of each collection cycle. Crews will collect leaves in front of each home once during each cycle. Please rake leaves away from storm drains to prevent flooding, and do not place anything other than leaves in the piles.

Sign up for Naper Notify, the City's mass notification system, to receive Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection updates and reminders via phone, email or app. Simply create an account and select the Brush & Leaf Collection community notification category. To register or to change your preferences, visit napernotify.com.

Visit naperville.il.us/leafcollection to learn more about the Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection program.

Free Bagged Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

You don't need yard waste stickers for bagged leaves and yard waste during the annual free bagged leaf and yard waste collection period, which takes place **Monday, Nov. 3**, through **Friday, Dec. 12**.

Place yard waste and leaves at the curb in 32-gallon paper yard waste bags or clearly labeled cans or carts. If you're putting out branches or other yard waste tied into bundles, these always require a sticker. Yard waste will be collected during your normal trash collection day.

All yard waste collection ends for the season on Dec. 12 and resumes on March 16, 2026. At that time, yard waste stickers will again be required on all bagged and bundled yard waste. The City encourages residents to sustainably mulch and compost leaves to improve their lawns, gardens and the environment.

For details, visit naperville.il.us/yardwaste.

Food Composting Program Extended. Naperville residents can continue to compost food scraps through the city's Food Scrap Composting Program until Dec. 12.

This free program, through a partnership with Groot, helps reduce methane emissions and supports community sustainability efforts. Residents can drop off food scraps 24/7 at the CNG Station (1720 W. Jefferson Ave.) or the city-owned parking lot (91st Street & Wolf's Crossing Road) using a reusable, lidded container and emptying it into designated bins.

For more information, including a list of accepted items, visit naperville.il.us/food-scrap-compost.

Coming Soon: Easier Prescription Drug Disposal

The City's Prescription Drug Drop Box Program is getting an upgrade! Starting Nov. 1, residents can pick up a prepaid, self-addressed envelope from their local fire station to safely mail in expired or unused medications to an EPA-approved disposal facility.

The mail-back envelopes are provided and received by Inmar Intelligence, an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) partner facilitating Illinois's Drug Take-Back Act Program, giving every Illinoisan free access to prescription drug disposal.

To participate, place medications (removed from their original containers) into the secure envelope, seal it and drop it in the mail. The program accepts both prescription and over-the-counter pills. Needles, syringes, liquids, inhalers, creams, ointments and lotions are **not** accepted.

This option offers a safe, convenient way to dispose of medications responsibly. If you prefer, you can still drop off medications at the labeled drop box located outside each Naperville fire station.

Review program guidelines and available locations at naperville.il.us/rxdrugdropbox. For more information about where to safely dispose of your unwanted medicine in Illinois, visit <https://medtakebackillinois.org/>. To learn about the Drug Take-Back Act, visit bit.ly/illinois-epa-drug-take-back.

A Reminder for eBill Customers: A new eBill portal is coming in January 2026 that will allow users to manage their utility account(s), view billing history, set up automatic payments, and more.

Now is a great time to download and save past billing statements from the current portal if you haven't already done so. More information will be shared at naperville.il.us/utilityservices as it becomes available.

Blue Envelope Program

The Naperville Police Department's Blue Envelope Program fosters safer and more positive interactions between law enforcement and people on the autism spectrum. It raises awareness of the individual's support needs during a law enforcement encounter.

This is a voluntary program that does not require registration. It simply provides an identifiable blue envelope for individuals with autism to present upon contact with a Naperville police officer. The envelope is a way for people with autism to quickly and easily provide a clear visual cue to officers about their specific communication methods and support needs to help reduce misunderstandings and anxiety during an encounter.

Learn more about this program and where you can pick up a blue envelope at naperville.il.us/npd-blue-envelope.

A Safer Naper Starts with Situational Awareness

This month, the Naperville Police Department's A Safer Naper campaign encourages everyone to practice good situational awareness.

What is situational awareness? Simply, it's being aware of your surroundings. It may sound easy, but with the speed at which our lives move these days and the number of distractions we encounter regularly, it's more difficult than one might realize.

Visit naperville.il.us/asafnernaper to learn how using your peripheral vision and reflective surfaces, keeping your head up, limiting situational overload, and trusting your instincts, among other tactics, can help you hone this personal safety skillset.

By practicing situational awareness, you can avoid dangerous situations and even identify criminal behavior. The more aware we are of our surroundings, the less opportunity there will be for accidents, crimes or other unfortunate circumstances.

Police Department Front Desk Hours

The Naperville Police Department recently adjusted its front desk hours. The front desk, staffed by police service officers, helps people with filing police reports and completing other business within the department.

The front desk, located at 1350 Aurora Ave., is now available to the public from **8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on weekdays** (Monday through Friday), excluding holidays.

Emergency services remain unaffected and are available 24/7 by dialing 911.

Last Silver CPR Session of the Year

The Naperville Senior Task Force and the Naperville Fire Department host quarterly Silver CPR training, and this is your **last chance** to sign up in 2025. This training, designed for senior residents, teaches the lifesaving skills of basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), and choking intervention.

Silver CPR classes are free and taught in a relaxed setting by Naperville Fire Department paramedics. Classes are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the A. George and Patricia Pradel Safety Town of Naperville, 1320 Aurora Ave. Space is limited to 25 participants per class. Register for the time that works best:

- **Nov. 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m.:** bit.ly/scprNovam
- **Nov. 12, 12:30 to 2 p.m.:** bit.ly/scprNovpm

For more information, email silvercpr2025@gmail.com.

Conservation@Home Advice and Certification

The Conservation Foundation's Conservation@Home program offers guidance to help eliminate chemical use, incorporate earth-friendly landscaping and create native gardens.

Great news for Naperville residents: There is still time to request a 2025 on-site consultation and/or certification with fees covered by the City! This is a fantastic opportunity to create a more resilient ecosystem in your backyard.

If poor weather conditions cut the program short, use this time to get a jump start on planning for next year by being added to the spring waitlist. Learn more at bit.ly/conservation-at-home.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS: Meeting locations and directions for listening and participating 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, as well



as 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.

Imagine a Day Without Water

2025 marks the eleventh anniversary of the Imagine a Day Without Water initiative. It asks us to imagine the impact of life without water; just for one day. Faucets run dry, toilets won't flush, and washing machines and dishwashers are useless. You can't make your morning coffee or tea, take a shower or water your garden.

What if water were not available to the factories, farms, and facilities that produce food, clothing and energy? How would schools, hospitals, restaurants and fire departments operate? How does your workplace rely on water?

The Naperville Water Utility takes pride in providing the city's reliable Lake Michigan water source. Water is extremely valuable, and the health of our community depends on the quality of the water we provide. The City's Water Utility is committed to maintaining and improving water services, with an emphasis on efficiency, sustainability and resilience.

Thursday, Oct. 16, is the official **Imagine a Day Without Water** date, but we invite you to appreciate the importance of water and its role in the community throughout the year! For information about your water service, visit naperville.il.us/services/water-utility/your-water-service. To learn more about Imagine a Day Without Water, visit thevalueofwater.org/imagineaday.



Visual created by the US Water Alliance

Holiday Closures. All non-emergency City offices will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), Thursday, Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving) and Friday, Nov. 28.

There will be no garbage, recycling or yard waste collection on these dates. Collection services will take place one day later than usual for the remainder of the week.

Naperville's Environmental Collection Campus (electronics recycling) will also be closed on Nov. 11, Nov. 27 and Nov. 28.

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