



Naperville Connected

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Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection Begins in October

Naperville's bulk curbside leaf collection program begins its first two-week cycle on Oct. 18. The second two-week cycle begins Nov. 1, and the third and final cycle begins Nov. 15, ending on Nov. 24.

Residents should rake leaves into the street next to the curb in front of their homes by 6 a.m. on the first day of each collection cycle. Crews will collect leaves once from each neighborhood during each cycle. The exact day of collection is uncertain and can't be guaranteed, as it will be determined by the volume of leaves and weather conditions.

Rake leaves away from storm drains to prevent flooding and place only leaves in curbside piles. Branches and other items in leaf piles can break equipment, delaying the collection process. Please advise any landscape contractors who work at your home and may be unfamiliar with City operations to rake leaves into the street and not into the strip of land between the sidewalk and road (parkway).

Leaves and yard waste in paper yard waste bags will be collected free of charge from Nov. 1 through Dec. 17. No yard waste stickers are required during that time. However, branches and other yard waste tied in bundles require yard waste stickers at all times.

Full leaf collection information is available at www.naperville.il.us/leafcollection.

Pandemic Update

The City of Naperville continues to follow recommended guidance from local, state and federal health officials to slow the spread of COVID-19 and its variant strains. This is critical to keep our staff healthy and safe so they can continue to deliver critical services to the community. Visitors to city buildings should look for and be prepared to follow all posted procedures.

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a significant health risk in our community, residents are strongly encouraged to continue taking proven precautions to help slow the spread of COVID-19. These include:

- Get vaccinated
- Wear a mask where required or when recommended
- Stay 6 feet away from those who don't live in your household
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces
- Wash your hands often
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect
- Monitor your health and stay home if you are sick

Residents are also encouraged to visit the City's COVID-19 Resources page (www.naperville.il.us/coronavirus-resources) for links to reputable sources of information and to stay up to date on the latest local news regarding the pandemic.

Repurpose Your Yard Waste

Here are some suggestions for repurposing yard waste from the Conservation Foundation:

- **Let fallen leaves (and twigs) remain.** Leaves are variable in texture and can be collected and shredded at home. Shredding speeds decomposition and helps keep leaves from blowing away. Mix shredded leaves into the soil in the fall and allow them to break down naturally during the winter for improved soil quality. Leaves also provide food, nesting material and cover for several types of wildlife, including birds and butterflies.
- **Compost your leaves.** Chop them up first to speed up decomposition. Leaf mold (composted leaves) makes wonderful mulch, covering for your vegetable garden, and has several uses in organic lawn care.
- **When mowing your lawn, use the mulching feature rather than bagging the clippings.** Returning grass clippings to the yard keeps your lawn healthy and saves space in the landfill.

For more information about reducing your yard waste, visit www.theconservationfoundation.org.

Tornado Tree Recovery

The Morton Arboretum is working in coordination with the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) and the communities of Naperville, Woodridge, Darien, and affected areas of unincorporated Downers Grove Township to provide free trees to private landowners who lost trees during the June 20, 2021 tornado. If you own private property in one of these locations, you may be eligible to receive a free tree from Morton Arboretum to plant on your property.

Only landowners who lost a tree due to the tornado are eligible to apply. Private landowners affected by the tornado may request one tree per address on a first-come, first-served basis by completing the Tornado Recovery Tree Request Form at <https://bit.ly/3subChH>. Completing the form does not guarantee receiving a tree. Qualified property owners will be notified of their successful registration by email after the sign-up deadline at the end of October.

A variety of trees will be delivered to the affected communities in the spring of 2022, and awarded applicants will be able to select and pick up a tree that they can plant on their property.

Those interested in donating toward trees for the communities impacted by the tornado or to support the Arboretum's Centennial Tree Planting Initiative can at <https://bit.ly/37UMUxB>.

For more resources for residents impacted by the June 20 tornado, visit www.naperville.il.us/june-20-tornadoupdates.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS: Details such as meeting location, Zoom information, and how to listen and participate are noted on the agenda of each upcoming meeting. Please refer to the City's Government Meetings calendar at www.naperville.il.us for more information. City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission and Transportation Advisory Board meetings are broadcast on WCNC (Ch. 6 – WOW, Ch. 10 – Comcast and Ch. 99 – AT&T) and streamed through the Granicus platform at <https://naperville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16: City Council, 7 p.m.

September 1 & 15, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17: Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

October 7, November 4: Transportation Advisory Board, 7 p.m.

October 25: City Council Workshop: CY2022 Budget (1 of 3), 6 p.m.

November 8: City Council Workshop: CY2022 Budget (2 of 3), 6 p.m.

A Safer Naper: Partnering with Scouting Groups

The Naperville Police Department is proud to partner with local Scouting Units to positively interact with Naperville's youth and support the many badges and rank advancements that include a law enforcement component. This partnership is the highlight of this month's Safer Naper campaign.

Over the years, NPD has helped thousands of local Scouts earn badges related to detective work, forensics, traffic safety, crime prevention and fingerprinting. In addition to the classes and workshops, local Scouts can also take a police department tour, which includes memorable activities like talking with an officer and visiting a jail cell.

For those individuals thinking of making law enforcement a career, the Naperville Police Department hosts an Explorer Post for young men and women ages 14-21 to join. Participants gain practical experience and training in police-related activities and give back to the community by volunteering at community events. The program promotes personal growth through character development, physical fitness, citizenship and respect for the law, while giving members the chance to "explore" careers in the many facets of law enforcement.

Please visit www.naperville.il.us/asafernaper for more information on how to book a Scout tour, register for a workshop or join the Explorer Post.

Draining Outdoor Swimming Pools

Most pool owners drain a portion of their pool water annually. Did you ever think about where that water goes after you pump it out of your pool and onto your yard? It goes into someone else's yard, and then someone else's, and eventually into a creek or pond before ending up in the river. Chlorinated pool water can do a lot of damage on its way to the river.

To be better neighbors and stewards of the environment, the City of Naperville allows and encourages homeowners with swimming pools to drain their pool water into the City's sanitary sewer system. For information on how to do this properly, visit www.naperville.il.us/yarddrainage or contact the Water Utility at (630) 420-6137. They will advise the best connection point to the system so you can drain your pool without damaging any downstream plants or wildlife.

Public Safety Open House

The Naperville Police and Fire Departments' annual Public Safety Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, on Naperville's Public Safety Campus, 1380 Aurora Ave. For more information on the Public Safety Open House, visit www.naperville.il.us/psoh.

Complete Online Transactions Safely at NPD

The Naperville Police Department encourages residents who buy or sell items online to utilize the police department as a safe environment in which to finalize the transaction.

Residents can conduct their legal transaction in one of two locations at the department, which is located at 1350 Aurora Avenue:

- **LOBBY** - Our lobby is open to the public from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, excluding holidays. It is staffed with public service officers and equipped with cameras.
- **PARKING LOT** - There are two designated Internet exchange parking spaces in front of the department. This area is recorded by cameras 24-hours per day, is well-lit and within a short distance of the emergency phone at the front of our building.

These exchange zones were created to provide a neutral, monitored meeting place to conduct face-to-face transactions and hopefully provide a deterrent to criminals hoping to take advantage of an unsuspecting victim.

2022 Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Program

The deadline to request an inspection for the City of Naperville's 2022 Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Program is Oct. 29, 2021.

Each year, the City performs sidewalk and curb maintenance on a cost-sharing basis between the residents and the City to repair defects within the sidewalk and curb systems. These repairs ensure pedestrian safety as well as reduce liability for the property owner and the City of Naperville.

If you would like to see if your sidewalk or curb meets the qualifications needed for the program or to request an inspection for the program, visit www.naperville.il.us/sidewalkprogram or call (630) 420-6100, option 4.

Coyotes in Naperville

Increased coyote sightings are common in the fall when the young start to disperse from their dens. Cats and small dogs are susceptible to coyotes so it is recommended to use extra caution when allowing pets outside this time of year. Visit www.naperville.il.us/animalcontrol for more wildlife resources.

Water 2.0 Installations Ongoing. Installation of meter interface units through the Water 2.0 project is in progress and set to continue across the City this year. Watch for a letter in the mail about two weeks before installations in your area are scheduled to start. For details and project updates, visit www.naperville.il.us/nextgenwater.

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Naperville Connected Staff: (630) 420-6750

General City Phone Number: (630) 420-6111
Office of the Mayor: (630) 420-6018
Office of the City Council: (630) 548-2983
City Manager's Office: (630) 420-6031
Emergency Ambulance, Fire and Police: 9-1-1
Non-Emergency Police: (630) 420-6666
Non-Emergency Fire: (630) 305-5900
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WFPF City Radio: 1610 AM
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