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Lakeshore Recycling Systems Services Overview

On September 1, 2018, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) becomes the City's exclusive waste hauler for refuse (garbage), recyclables, and yard waste. As the City and LRS prepare to transition, the City would like to take this opportunity to review the services LRS will provide.

The new agreement is comprised of three core services similar to the current services.

1. **Garbage.** The new agreement includes the weekly collection of garbage. Garbage collections will occur on the same day as your previously scheduled collection day. LRS will provide one (1) 95-gallon cart as part of the service. One (1) appliance such as a refrigerator or stove may be placed out for collection each week.
2. **Recyclables.** The weekly collection of recyclable waste is also part of the services. Collections for recyclable materials will occur on the same day as your refuse collection day. LRS will provide one (1) 65-gallon for recyclables as part of the service.
3. **Yard Waste.** Weekly collections of yard waste will occur on the same day as the above services. LRS will collect yard waste from April 1 through the end of November. Yard waste includes garden trimmings, branches and brush under two inches (2") in diameter, leaves, flowers, tree droppings (crabapples and pinecones), garden plants, vines, weeds, and grass clippings. Place yard waste in a biodegradable landscape waste bag(s) or an open garbage can marked with "YW or X", not exceeding 32-gallons and 50-lbs. Brush must be cut to 4-foot lengths and bundled with biodegradable twine or string, not to exceed 50 pounds. LRS will provide annual Christmas tree collections for the first two weeks in January.

In addition to the three core, residential services, residents will receive three new, additional services.

1. **Electronic Waste (E-waste) Collection.** *Beginning October 2018, LRS will begin collecting E-Waste on resident's first regularly scheduled pickup day of every month.*

E-Waste items includes the following items, computer mice, computer monitors, computers, DVD players, fax machines, portable digital music players, printers, satellite receivers, scanners, televisions, video game consoles, and videocassette recorders.

Smaller E-Waste items may be placed at the curb in a brown paper bag or a 24" x 24" x 24" or smaller cardboard box. Please mark the box as EWASTE. E-waste should be separate from the garbage, recyclables and yard waste containers and easy for the driver to identify. Residents with televisions and monitors weighing over 50 pounds or larger than 19 inches should contact LRS customer service department prior to the scheduled collection day.

2. **Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW).** *Beginning in the Spring of 2019, LRS will introduce a new service for the collection of HHW. LRS will collect HHW materials from your front door or driveway. More information will be provided for residents as it becomes available.*
3. **Organic Food Scraps (OFS).** *During the yard waste collection season, residents may mix OFS with yard waste. Acceptable OFS include bread, cereal, coffee grounds, dairy, egg shells, eggs, fruits, grain, pasta, shells, and vegetables.*

As described in the new agreement with LRS, all residents of single family and multi-family homes, with an active, City of DeKalb, utility/garbage account will receive one (1) 95-gallon cart for refuse and one (1) 65-gallon cart for recyclables by default, **no action is required.** Residents with special requests for additional refuse or recycling carts or requests for larger or smaller carts may begin submitting the requests by one of the three methods listed below.

- Visiting the LRS website at lrsrecycles.com/dekalb
- Dialing 815.770.7550 LRS Customer Service
- Emailing LRS directly at DeKalb@LRSrecycles.com

Residents may use their own carts for extra garbage and extra recyclables. However, the carts must weigh less than 50-lbs, not exceed 32-gallons in size, and have two handles. Please clearly mark your cart with the word recycling to indicate additional recyclables. Residents may request an additional 95-gallon refuse or recycling cart at no additional charge.

More information is forthcoming. Please visit LRS at lrsrecycles.com/dekalb or call 815.770.7550 with questions about carts and special requests.

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