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**Lakeshore Recycling Services Begin September 1, 2018**

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 for this transition, the City would like to provide a brief overview of important, upcoming dates and information.

- **Monday, August 27, 2018.** LRS will begin to deliver garbage and recycling carts to residents. Carts will arrive before your regular pickup day that week. Residents may briefly hold both LRS and Waste Management (WM) carts as the exchange may overlap. LRS will not remove WM carts.
- **Wednesday, August 29, 2018.** WM will begin to pick up their carts on August 29, 30, and 31 to coincide with WM's final pick-up days. Residents must leave carts out after WM's final collection. A third-party will collect the carts shortly thereafter. Carts not collected on their scheduled pick-up day will be collected the next day. If a resident's cart is not picked up, they must contact WM customer service at 800-796-9696 to schedule a pick-up.
- **Friday, August 31, 2018.** The citywide yard waste containers at the locations listed below will no longer be available.
  - Fire Station #2 - 1154 S. 7th Street
  - City Garden Plots, west of Fire Station #3 - 950 W. Dresser Road
  - The southeast corner of North 7th and Oak Streets

Unlimited curbside collection of yard waste is included with LRS services. Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable bags or a 32-gallon can marked with "X" or "YW". Brush may be bundled in four-foot lengths, not to exceed 50 pounds. Larger carts may be leased through LRS for an additional cost. Residents requiring additional yard waste disposal services have the option to drop off yard waste at the DeKalb County Landfill located at 18370 Somonauk Road, DeKalb, IL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the DeKalb County Landfill at 815-758-6906 for more information.

- **September 6, 7, and 8, 2018.** LRS will begin their first scheduled pickups. Pickup for that week is delayed by one day due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday. However, the following week, LRS will return to the regularly scheduled pickup days of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- **Special Requests.** Senior citizens and residents of multi-family homes with one-car garages may request 35-gallon gallon carts in place of the standard issued 95-gallon garbage and recycling carts. Please note that it is the experience of LRS that most households find the 35-gallon cart to be too small as they only hold three kitchen-size garbage bags.

Senior citizens or residents of multi-family homes requesting the 35-gallon carts may contact LRS directly at LRS Customer Service 815-770-7550 or by email at [dekalb@lrsrecycles.com](mailto:dekalb@lrsrecycles.com). Senior residents may also contact Patrick DiDiana at 815-748-8135 or by email at [patrick.didiana@cityofdekalb.com](mailto:patrick.didiana@cityofdekalb.com) to submit requests or report issues.

Special requests for the smaller carts may not arrive with the initial delivery of carts as the smaller carts are special order. However, LRS plans to have all special requests accommodated by October 17, 2018. Requests made prior to August should arrive before September 1. Requests made between August 18 and September 1 will arrive between September 10 and September 29.

Last, all households should have received a mailer from LRS detailing the services provided in the new contract, acceptable materials, and other relevant information. If you did not receive this mailer, or inadvertently discarded it, copies are available at City Hall. LRS has also created a comprehensive website specific to DeKalb refuse services. Residents are encouraged to use that website as a resource now and in the future. The City's website will also be updated in the coming days to reflect changes to City refuse services. Those websites can be found at the following links:

- <https://www.lrsrecycles.com/dekalb/>
- <https://cityofdekalb.com/367/Refuse-Recycling>

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