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CITY OF SPRINGFIELD “NO STICKER” YARD WASTE BEGINS NEXT WEEK

Springfield, Illinois – The City of Springfield’s “no sticker”, bi-weekly yard waste/leaf pick up program begins the week of April 6 in the South Zone. The program will run for one full year, and stickers will NOT be required during the entire collection period.

Republic Services is the city’s contractor and has divided the community into two pick up zones – North and South. Crews will alternate every other week in each “zone” picking up yard waste. To estimate when your yard waste will be picked up, **crews always work from west to east in each zone**. Those located in the eastern part of their zone will be picked up in the later part of the week while those in the west portion of the zone will be picked up in the beginning half of the week.

- The South Zone is the area south of South Grand Avenue and Old Jacksonville Road including residential properties around the lake.
- The North Zone is the area north of South Grand Avenue and Old Jacksonville Road.

A map and pickup schedule is available on the City’s website, bit.ly/2020yardwaste.

Yard waste must be placed curbside. Alley pick up will **not** occur for yard waste.

All yard waste **MUST** be placed in paper yard waste/leaf bags or hard rigid plastic containers. Containers **must** be clearly marked with the words “Yard Waste” or “YW” and cannot be more than 30 gallons and weigh no more than 50 pounds.

WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

Yard waste is composed of grass clippings, leaves, weeds, plant trimmings and/or small twigs and branches.

No plastic bags can be used and yard waste must be free of contamination including food, rocks, dirt, large branches, flower pots/trays, animal droppings and street waste. It is the responsibility of residents to keep their yard waste free of contaminants. If contaminants are found, yard waste **will not** be collected.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Beginning April 6, residents can drop off their yard waste bags to Evans Recycling for free. This free drop is available until Saturday, May 9. After this date, the fee will be \$1 per bag. Evans is located at 2100 J. David Jones Parkway, Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:00 a.m. – 12-noon.

Residents may also consider “Grass-cycling” which is mulching your leaves and grass when you maintain your lawns.

As a reminder, areas **outside the City of Springfield corporate limits** still require yard waste stickers for their residential pick up.

CONTACT

If you feel your house or neighborhood was missed during your pick up week, or have questions about the pickup schedule, please email SpringfieldYW@republicservices.com.

All other inquiries, please contact Public Works at 217.789.2255 or public.works@springfield.il.us.

REMINDER

The City of Springfield yard waste/leaf pick up is a **separate service** from the city’s branch pick up service. Branch pick up is operated by the City of Springfield’s Public Works crews and the branch pickup schedule will be announced at the end of April. Due to the COVID-19 orders, the spring branch pickup will begin at a later date.

As a reminder, smaller branches and twigs may be broken up and placed in yard waste containers for pick up. Residents may also drop off branches year-round to Evans Recycling during their normal operating hours for free.

WHAT DOES MY WASTE & RECYCLING FEE PAY FOR?

Residents pay a monthly \$4.50 fee on their CWLP bill that is used strictly for residential programs including:

- Electronic recycling collection
- Household hazardous waste collection
- Large item pickup
- Branch collection
- Yard waste/leaf pickup
- Adopt-a-street program
- Curbside recycling containers
- Earth Awareness Fair
- Room-to-Room Guide and online recycling search for where to dispose of items
- Educational outreach

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