

Naperville Connected

Free Bulk Brush Collection Begins in May

The City will provide free curbside collection of tree and shrub branches beginning in May. The annual Bulk Curbside Brush Collection program offers branch pick-up on a date determined by your regular garbage pick-up day (see table below). Brush collection in each area begins on Monday and takes one full week to complete, pending weather and unforeseen circumstances. Crews will make one pass through each neighborhood.

To participate, place branches on the parkway (the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street) the Sunday before collection in your area begins. Stack branches neatly on the parkway with cut ends facing toward the street. Make sure branches measure between 3 and 8 feet long and are no greater than 6 inches in diameter. Remove all roots, stumps and dirt, and be sure brush piles do not contain any nails, metal, stones, vines, small twigs, willow whips, lumber or railroad ties. Brush containing these items (or anything other than branches) will not be picked up.

Crews may occasionally place large piles of brush temporarily in courts, cul-de-sacs and vacant properties for collection within 48 hours. Brush will not be picked up from the rear of homes or along busy roadways. Busy roadways are considered four-lane roads with speed limits over 30 mph.

Brush placed at the curb after crews have passed will not be collected, nor will brush piles that are badly tangled. When crews cannot accept a pile, they'll attach a tag explaining why it was not collected.

To view bulk brush collection progress, visit naperville.il.us/brushcollection for an interactive map. To receive updates through Naper Notify, visit napernotify.com and sign up for the Brush and Leaf Collection category under community notifications. Residents may also dispose of bagged or bundled brush each week until Friday, Dec. 12, through the Yard Waste Collection program.

2025 Bulk Curbside Brush Collection Schedule		
Homes with garbage collection on this day	Must put branches by the curb no later than	Branches will be collected once during the week of
Monday	Sunday, May 4	May 5-9
Tuesday	Sunday, May 11	May 12-16
Wednesday	Sunday, May 18	May 19-23
Thursday	Monday, May 26	May 27-30
Friday	Sunday, June 1	June 2-6

Brush Collection Tip. The most common reason crews cannot accept a pile is due to branches or limbs being too large. To help ensure successful collection, check to make sure your tree and shrub branches meet the measurement guidelines.

Changes to the City's Net Metering Policy

An updated version of the City's Net Metering Policy is now in effect and requires all solar generating customers in the City to sign a new Interconnection Agreement. The updated agreement is available at naperville.il.us/solar-panel.

If you have questions about the new policy, please contact Ben Hendron at hendronb@naperville.il.us or Vince Amari at amariv@naperville.il.us.

Calling Teen Artists: Share Your Artwork

The City of Naperville is looking for local teen artists to beautify our community by submitting artwork to wrap utility boxes in Naperville! Chosen artwork will be used to wrap six streetlight controller boxes located near Naperville North and Naperville Central high schools. There is no cost to submit a design, and the City will handle the artwork printing and installation.

Here are the submission guidelines:

- Artists must be Naperville high school students ages 13 to 18.
- One submission per person, please.
- The artwork must measure 50 inches tall and 30 inches wide.
- Designs should flow visually across all four sides of the box.
- Adobe Illustrator graphics are preferred, but Adobe Photoshop files are also acceptable.
- Files should be sent as a JPG or PDF.
- Political or profane artwork is not allowed.

Send submissions to City Clerk Dawn Portner at portnerd@ naperville.il.us. Include the artist's name, age, school and contact

information.

Submissions close on Wednesday, April 30. Selected artists will be notified on Tuesday, May 20, and designs will be installed by Monday, June 30.

Questions? Contact Dawn Portner at 630-305-5340 or email portnerd@naperville. il.us.



Neuqua Valley High School streetlight boxes decorated with local art.

A Safer Naper: Online Personal Safety

Being online is an important part of life for many people. We go online to make purchases, connect with friends and family, explore what's going on in the world, and more! But not everything online is what it seems, and criminals routinely use the anonymity of the internet to prey on unsuspecting victims. This month, the Naperville Police Department aims to make our community "A Safer Naper" by reminding everyone of the importance of online personal safety.

Protecting yourself online involves:

- Limiting what personal information you share.
- Using privacy settings and strong passwords.
- Making online purchases from secure sites.

It also involves being aware that people can pretend to be anything or anyone online. Videos and photos are not proof that people are who they claim to be, and over the last two years, 27 incidents of sextortion (obtaining explicit images of a victim and threatening to release the images unless the victim sends money) have been reported to the Naperville Police Department. Awareness and sensible online safety practices, along with a willingness to ask for help, can help prevent online exploitation.

Learn more about online personal safety and steps you can take to secure it at naperville.il.us/asafernaper.

Animal Control Tip. Pet microchip and registration company Save This Life is no longer in business. This means that the company no longer maintains a registration database that is linked to the National Microchip Registry. If your pet has a Save This Life microchip, you can re-register the microchip by searching for a trusted pet microchip company. Registration can help ensure the timely return of a pet to its owner. Naperville Animal Control scans all the stray animals brought to our shelter and offers microchip implanting and registration to Naperville residents for \$15. If you have any questions or want more information, call Animal Control at 630-420-6178.

Learn Lifesaving Skills with Silver CPR

Are you planning a summer vacation, event or family gathering? This may be the perfect time to receive CPR refresher training. The Naperville Senior Task Force hosts quarterly Silver CPR classes designed for residents aged 50 or older.

These classes offer training in the lifesaving skills of basic CPR, the use of an automated external defibrillator and choking intervention. Silver CPR classes are free for participants and taught in a relaxed setting by Naperville Fire Department paramedics.

Classes are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, at the A. George and Patricia Pradel Safety Town of Naperville, 1320 Aurora Ave. Space is limited to 25 participants per class. Register using these links:

- May 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m.: bit.ly/scprMayam
- May 13, 12:30 to 2 p.m.: bit.ly/scprMaypm
 For more information, email silvercpr2025@gmail.com.

Free Event: Senior Housing Options Expo

The Senior Housing Options Exposition (SHOE) takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 25, at Grace Pointe Church, 1320 E. Chicago Ave. For details, visit naperville-lisle-triad.org.

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 cancelations. 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.

Support the Green Energy Certificate Program

A Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) plan called the Green Energy Certificate Program is now available to Naperville residents.

If you are interested in making a financial contribution towards the generation of renewable energy and purchasing RECs from Illinois companies that generate wind and solar energy, visit naperville.il.us/green-energy-certificate-program.

Make a Difference During Earth Month

April is Earth Month! Celebrate Earth Month by conserving resources and living sustainably. Try these ideas:

- Lawn equipment rebate: Naperville's electric lawn equipment rebate will reopen on Tuesday, April 1, offering \$50 rebates to eligible residents who purchase a battery-powered electric lawn mower, snow blower, leaf blower, trimmer, edger or manually powered reel lawn mower. This program is available for a limited time and rebates will close once funding is expended. Find more information at bit.ly/electric-lawn-rebate.
- No mow 'til Mother's Day: Hold off on lawn mowing and lawn chemical use through Sunday, May 11, (Mother's Day) to allow early flowering plants to grow, providing a critical food source for newly emerged pollinators and supporting the development of healthy urban ecosystems. Registration is required to participate. Register and learn more at naperville. il.us/naturalresources.
- Styrofoam recycling event: Start collecting your Styrofoam now to prepare for a recycling event sponsored by Naperville Noon Lions, the Naperville Environment Sustainability Taskforce (NEST) and Dart Container Corporation. The event will take place 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 10, at Route 59 Station, 475 Fairway Drive. Learn more about how to recycle correctly at naperville.il.us/sustainabilityforresidents.

Grass and Weed Height Restriction Reminder. According to the City of Naperville Municipal Code, grass and weeds may not be taller than 8 inches in the right-of-way and on private property. Please note: During the No Mow 'til Mother's Day program, registered participants will be exempt from ordinances governing grass height. For information about property maintenance standards, including frequently asked code violation questions, visit naperville.il.us/codeenforcement.

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