



# Naperville Connected

## Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection Begins Oct. 21

During Naperville's bulk curbside leaf collection program, residents have three opportunities to dispose of fallen leaves at the curb. The dates for each two-week collection cycle are:

- **Oct. 21** — First cycle.
- **Nov. 4** — Second cycle.
- **Nov. 18, ending Nov. 27** — Third and final cycle.

Residents may rake leaves onto the street next to the curb in front of their houses at the beginning of the three leaf collection cycles. For example, residents should rake leaves into the street by 6 a.m. on Oct. 21.

Crews will collect leaves once during each collection cycle. However, crews may not reach the neighborhood for collection until later during the cycle. Leaf volumes and weather uncertainties make it impossible for the City to guarantee curbside leaf collection on a specific day.

Please rake leaves away from storm drains to prevent flooding and place only leaves in piles. Other items, such as branches or rocks and decorations, can cause collection equipment to break down, delaying the collection process.

In addition to the curbside leaf collection program, leaves and yard waste in paper yard waste bags will be collected for free from Nov. 4 through Dec. 13, with no yard waste stickers required. However, branches and other yard waste tied in bundles require yard waste stickers.

For more information, visit [naperville.il.us/leafcollection](http://naperville.il.us/leafcollection).

## Leaf Them Be: How to Repurpose Fallen Leaves

Leaves are full of nutrients that can help protect your lawn, garden and the environment. Instead of bagging them, consider these eco-friendly options from The Conservation Foundation:

- **Let fallen leaves remain.** Collect and shred leaves to speed decomposition and prevent them from blowing away. Mix shredded leaves into the soil and allow them to break down naturally during the winter for improved soil quality. Leaves provide food, nesting material and cover for wildlife, including birds and butterflies.
- **Compost your leaves.** Leaf mold (composted leaves) is excellent at holding water, making it a great mulch or vegetable garden cover. Chop up fallen leaves before composting to assist with decomposition.
- **Use the mulching feature on your lawnmower.** Returning grass clippings to the yard keeps your lawn healthy, saves space in the landfill and is a more eco-friendly option than bagging lawnmower clippings.

**Leaves & Waterways.** Loose leaves caught in storm drains leach nutrients that enter local waterways. They feed algae that turns water green and depletes oxygen for aquatic life. If unattended, clogged storm sewers can also cause flooding. Help us keep drain grates clear by joining the Adopt-a-Drain program. Learn more at [naperville.il.us/adoptadrain](http://naperville.il.us/adoptadrain).

## Early and Expanded Voting at Municipal Center

Early voting for both DuPage and Will County residents will be available from Monday, Oct. 21, through Monday, Nov. 4, at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. DuPage County residents *only* will have expanded early voting at the Municipal Center from Thursday, Sept. 26, through Saturday, Oct. 19. Find additional details at:

- **Municipal Center voting** — [naperville.il.us/voting](http://naperville.il.us/voting).
- **DuPage County** — [dupagecounty.gov](http://dupagecounty.gov).
- **Will County** — [willcounty.gov](http://willcounty.gov).

**Swimming Pool Drainage Reminder:** The City encourages residents to discharge swimming pool water into the sanitary sewer. This ensures that the water can be treated properly before being released into the DuPage River. For information about proper procedures, contact the Department of Public Utilities—Water.

## Avoid Common Recycling Mistakes

Recycling conserves resources, reduces pollution and saves energy, but it can be confusing. The next time you recycle, consider these common recycling myths:

- **Myth #1: All items in the bin get recycled.** Contaminants such as food or dirty diapers can ruin the process and increase costs. Check local guidelines and ensure items are clean and dry before recycling.
- **Myth #2: Plastic wrap is recyclable curbside.** Plastic wrap can damage sorting machinery at recycling facilities. Instead, drop it off at designated collection areas. Shop with reusable bags to reduce plastic wrap waste.
- **Myth #3: Electronics can be recycled in the bin.** Electronics contain valuable materials that require specialized recycling. E-waste should be brought to the Naperville Environmental Collection Campus, 156 Fort Hill Dr. For more information, visit [bit.ly/naperville-electronicsrecycling](http://bit.ly/naperville-electronicsrecycling). Still have recycling questions? Refer to the graphic below or go to [naperville.groot.com](http://naperville.groot.com) for details.

### DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS!



Plastic



Paper



Metals



Glass



NO Plastic Bags  
NO Styrofoam



NO Electronics  
NO Batteries



NO Light Bulbs  
NO Ceramics



NO Wire  
NO Hangers

For more detailed recycling information, visit [www.groot.com](http://www.groot.com).

## A Safer Naper: Senior Safety

Did you know scams targeting people over 60 caused more than \$3.4 billion in losses nationwide in 2023? That's an increase of approximately 11% from the prior year, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Elder Fraud Report. Protect yourself and your loved ones with this month's Safer Naper topic: Senior Safety.

Common scams that target this age group include imposter scams, online shopping, sweepstakes, lotteries, investments and business/job opportunities.

As scams evolve and become more complicated, older adults and their families should stay vigilant by learning which scams are prevalent, how to recognize them, and, most importantly, how to avoid falling for them. Signs of a potential scam include:

- Pressure to act immediately.
  - Being asked to keep information secret.
  - Scare tactics.
  - Requests for sensitive or personal information.
  - Demands for money, typically in a form that is difficult to recover, such as cash, wire transfer, gift card, pay app or cryptocurrency.
  - Specific instructions on how to make the financial transaction. These may include a demand to stay on the phone with the caller while making payment arrangements.
- Find more Senior Safety tips at [naperville.il.us/asafernaper](http://naperville.il.us/asafernaper).

### 2024 Mid-Year Crime Statistics

Awareness is a key factor in the overall safety of a community. Residents who are aware of the types of crimes happening in their city are more likely to practice situational awareness, report suspicious activity to police and take proactive steps to avoid victimization.

For this reason, the Naperville Police Department shares crime and incident data for transparency. While Naperville is a safe city, it is not a crime-free city.

Learn more about the types of crimes happening in Naperville in the mid-year 2024 Crime and Incident Data overview at [naperville.il.us/crimedata](http://naperville.il.us/crimedata).

## Register for "Smart Driver" Program by Sept. 20

The Naperville Police Department, in partnership with AARP, offers a "Smart Driver" program to give participants a refresher on driving strategies and techniques. Topics include understanding the effects of aging on driving, identifying common crash situations, staying updated on the Rules of the Road and more.

Classes are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, and Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Naperville Police Department, 1350 Aurora Ave. There is a \$25 fee for the course (\$20 for AARP members), payable by check on the first day of class. Please make out checks to "AARP."

Register by Friday, Sept. 20, at [naperville.il.us/aarpsmartdriver](http://naperville.il.us/aarpsmartdriver) or call 630-420-8479.

**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](http://naperville.il.us) or scan the QR code below to access the calendar directly, as well



as for information about any changes or meeting cancellations. 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](http://naperville.legistar.com/Calendar).

## Dementia Friendly Events for Families

Dementia Friendly Naperville, with assistance from the Naperville Senior Task Force and the Naperville Park District, sponsors events to support people with dementia and their caretakers.

- **NEW! Dementia Friendly Movie Days** are the last Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Alfred Ruben Riverwalk Community Center. Musicals selected by that day's attendees are shown. There is low light and low volume, and singing is encouraged. No registration is needed.
- **Memory Cafés** are held from 2 to 2:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the 95th Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr. Register online at [naperville-lib.org](http://naperville-lib.org).
- **Caregiver Support Group** sessions are held from 1 to 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the 95th Street Library, 3105 Cedar Glade Dr. To RSVP, email [DementiaFriendlyNaperville+info@gmail.com](mailto:DementiaFriendlyNaperville+info@gmail.com). For more information, contact Lisa Kirchner at 630-710-7502.

## Join Us: Public Safety Open House on Sept. 28

Learn valuable safety tips to keep you and your loved ones safe at the Public Safety Open House, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Naperville's Public Safety Campus, 1380 Aurora Ave.

The free event includes police and fire vehicle equipment, appearances by safety mascots Sparky and McGruff, a 9-1-1 booth, live demonstrations and more. For more information, visit [naperville.il.us/PSOH](http://naperville.il.us/PSOH).

**Animal Control Tip.** Fall is when baby bats in our area begin leaving their roosts. Bats are the primary carrier of rabies and should not be handled. If you have a bat in your home or locate a bat on the ground, leave it and call 911. For general questions about bats, contact Animal Control at 630-420-6178 or [animalcontrol@naperville.il.us](mailto:animalcontrol@naperville.il.us).

## Chat with Police Chief Jason Arres on Oct. 2

You are invited to chat with Naperville Police Chief Jason Arres and other Naperville Police Department staff about crime trends, public safety, or anything else that's on your mind, at Chat with the Chief on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Stop by between 1 and 3 p.m. on Oct. 2, which also happens to be National Coffee with a Cop Day, at the Starbucks located at 1532 Aurora Ave. Enjoy conversation and complimentary drip-brewed coffee. For more details, visit [naperville.il.us/chat](http://naperville.il.us/chat).

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