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#### SERVICE CHANGES IN NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

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**Lake Villa, IL.** Village Officials announce modifications in landscape waste collection and billing procedures for refuse and recycling collection with new multi-year agreement with Waste Management that will take effect May 1.

In place of being billed directly by Waste Management for refuse and recycling services, the bill for these services will be placed on your bi-monthly water/sewer utility bill beginning with the bill sent to your home in the month of May. The initial bill will only cover service for the month of May. After the initial bill, two months of refuse and recycling will be included on all bi-monthly bills. The cost of the service will depend whether you have a 95 or 65-gallon garbage container. The final bill from Waste Management will cover service through April.

Even though, the Village will be billing directly for these services, all customer service inquiries, including exchange of container size, should be directed to Waste Management at 800-796-9696 or at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com).

With the new agreement for refuse, recycling and yard waste collection, Waste Management will now be collecting branches weekly (except in the winter) and will be performing leaf vacuuming services in the fall. Under the new branch collection program, branches must be bundled, no longer than four feet, with branches no thicker than four inches and cannot weigh more than fifty pounds. An unlimited amount of bundles may be placed at your curb for collection. Waste Management will begin these collections during the first week of May and the collection should be on the same day as your refuse/recycling collection day.

The new agreement continues the fall six-week leaf vacuuming services, but with Waste Management performing the leaf vacuuming. An unlimited amount of leaves may be placed at your curb during the collection period. While the leaf vacuuming program will typically begin the middle of October, the schedule may vary based on the weather conditions.

Mayor James McDonald stated that "The Village has been funding the collection of leaves and branches through general corporate taxes for the past decade. Due to reductions in revenue from the State of Illinois and the down turn in the Illinois economy, these discretionary funds are no longer available to

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continue these services. Fortunately, the Village was able to continue to provide similar services through our agreement with Waste Management.”

The revised agreement does continue the following programs:

- Christmas Tree collection.
- Free exchange of refuse/recycling container sizes during the month of June, with a \$25 fee during all other months.
- Disposal of one bulk item, weekly.
- Yard waste subscription program (Billed separately through Waste Management).
- Pre-paid yard waste stickers.

Beginning May 1, the rates for refuse, recycling, leaf vacuuming and branch collection will be \$20.31 per month for a 95-gallon refuse container and \$18.27 for a 65-gallon refuse container. The monthly rate includes a \$.75 per month charge to help fund additional road resurfacing projects throughout the Village.

Mayor James McDonald stated that, “many of the Village’s streets were constructed in the 1990’s and are all beginning to need significant repairs and a large amount of the damage has been caused by the garbage trucks. The Village Board agrees that the \$.75 per month fee will help accelerate the Village’s road resurfacing program.”

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call the Village Hall at 847-356-6100.

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