





# VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN & GROOT

# RESIDENTIAL REFUSE, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES



Please keep this guide as a reference for all your solid waste and recycling questions.

Refuse, recycling, and yard waste should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. of your scheduled collection day.

The Village of Algonquin would like to announce that Groot Industries, Inc. was selected as the exclusive hauler for residential collection of refuse, recycling, and yard waste for Algonquin residents. Groot will begin to service the residents of Algonquin **September 1, 2014**.

Groot will continue to provide the same collection program currently available to the residents of Algonquin. Each resident may participate in the sticker program or cart subscription program. For questions regarding this program, missed collections, broken carts, or other collection concerns, please contact Groot Customer Service at 800-244-1977, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m..

#### **SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM**

**Sticker Program**: Service includes weekly curbside collection of unlimited household solid waste placed in bags or containers not to exceed 32 gallons or 50 pounds. One prepaid sticker must be attached to each bag or can set out for collection. Effective September 1, 2014, solid waste and yard waste stickers shall be available at the rate of \$2.85 per sticker. Please visit www.algonquin.org or call 847-658-2700 for unused Waste Management (WM) sticker refund details on the limited time refund program.

**Trash Cart Program**: As an alternate option to the sticker program, residents may participate in the cart subscription program. Service includes weekly curbside collection of household solid waste placed in a 95-gallon cart provided by Groot. Household solid waste placed outside the cart will require the use of prepaid stickers attached to each bag or can not exceeding 32 gallons or 50 pounds.

Households that currently participate in the WM cart program will automatically be enrolled under the Groot cart program September 1, 2014. As a result, it will not be necessary for these residents to call Groot to subscribe. Effective September 1, 2014, the cart program will be available for a monthly rate of \$20.00 per month. Groot will bill each participating household in advance on a quarterly basis. During the week of August 25, after your normal collection, please leave your WM trash cart at the curb; your WM trash cart will be removed and a new Groot cart will be delivered that same week.

**Bulk Items:** Groot will collect large household items such as discarded toys, crates, barrels, small tables, small chairs and other items that do not fit into an approved garbage container. Such items will require the use of one prepaid sticker for each item set out that does not exceed 50 pounds per item. Bulk items placed at the curb in excess of 50 pounds but less than 75 pounds will require two stickers. Items that cannot be safely lifted by the driver, regardless of weight, may require a special collection; contact Groot Customer Service at 800-244-1977 for an estimate.

#### YARD WASTE PROGRAM

Sticker Program: Groot will collect yard waste placed at the curb weekly during the yard waste season which shall run from April 1 through December 15 each year. Residents must place their yard waste material in bags or cans not to exceed 32 gallons or 50 pounds each. One prepaid sticker must be attached to each bag or can. When using a rigid container, place a large red "X" on both sides of the container to identify it as your yard waste container. Brush and branches must be bundled with twine (wire or plastic is not acceptable) not to exceed 4 feet in length or 2 feet in diameter. One prepaid sticker must be attached to each bundle. Sod is collected as refuse/trash and should be placed in a garbage bag or trash can not to exceed 50 pounds.

Yard Waste Cart Program: As an alternate option to the sticker program, residents may participate in the cart subscription program. This service includes the provision of weekly collection of yard waste with a 95-gallon cart during the yard waste

season (April 1 through December 15) for \$17.00 per month. Yard waste placed outside and in addition to the 95-gallon cart will require the use of prepaid stickers for each bag or can not to exceed 50 pounds. To sign up for this optional service, please contact Groot Customer Service at 800-244-1977.

Leaf and Brush Collection: Groot will provide the collection of leaves and brush at no charge from October 1 through December 15 as well as the first two weekly collections in April. Leaves must be placed in standard paper yard waste bags or cans that are clearly marked with a red "X." Place all bags or cans at the curb during your regular collection day. Bagged lawn clippings along with other general yard waste shall be placed separately from bagged leaves and bundled branches and will require the use of prepaid stickers.

#### Stickers will be available for purchase at the following retailers:

Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Dr. Butera, 1400 E. Algonquin Rd.

Algonquin Liquors, 1117 S. Main St. Walgreens, 1301 E. Algonquin Rd.

Caputo's, 100 S. Randall Rd. Cardinal Liquors, 1336 E. Algonquin Rd.

Meijer, 400 S. Randall Rd. Walgreens, 4001 W. Algonquin Rd.

Jewel, 103 S. Randall Rd. Jewel, 1501 E. Algonquin Rd.

Jewel, 150 W. Main St., Barrington Jewel, 1250 W. Main St., West Dundee

#### www.groot.com

Locations are subject to change. Stickers are of a universal nature in that they can be used for cans or bags of both garbage and yard waste. Please visit www.algonquin.org or call 847-658-2700 for unused Waste Management sticker refund details.

#### **CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Each household will continue to receive unlimited curbside collection of recyclables. As the current blue cart is owned and provided for by the Village of Algonquin, their will be no removal of or delivery of new recycling carts. The current Village-owned cart will remain at each household for continued use.

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTION & DROP-OFF**

**Spring Cleanup:** Once a year Groot will provide a scheduled curbside collection to Algonquin residents at no additional charge. Residents will have the opportunity to place unlimited items at the curb for collection. Items prohibited from collection include household garbage normally put out for weekly collection that requires a sticker, automobile parts, yard waste, white goods, household hazardous waste, electronics, and construction and demolition materials.

**Fall Cleanup and Recycle Drop-off:** This program is scheduled to occur during the fall and will allow residents of Algonquin to drop off unwanted recyclable items that do not fit in your curbside recycle cart. Limited shredding will also be available during this event.

White Goods: White goods such as refrigerators, freezers, ovens, washers, air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, dryers, water heaters, water softeners, dishwashers, stoves, ranges, furnaces, etc. require a special pickup as required by the state. A \$30.00 fee is charged per item for collection. Residents must call Groot Customer Service at 800-244-1977 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a pickup.

**Electronic Waste:** Under the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act, no person may knowingly cause or allow the mixing of any electronic items, such as computers, mice, printers, scanners, televisions, digital converter boxes, keyboards, cable receivers, fax machines, etc., with municipal waste that is intended for disposal at a landfill. Residents must call Groot directly to schedule a pickup of electronic waste at least 24 hours in advance of your scheduled service day. A scheduled collection of electronic waste shall require a \$30.00 charge that includes collection of up to six (6) items. The Village will continue to hold free electronic drop-off events once in the spring and once in the fall of each year.

Household Chemical and Hazardous Waste: Automotive batteries, paint products, insecticides, oils, anti-freeze, etc. will NOT be collected. For tips on where to dispose of these and other household chemicals, contact the Illinois Environmental

Protection Agency at 217-785-8604 or check www.mchenry.edu/recycling/greenguide.pdf. In Kane County visit www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/pages/default.aspx. To dispose of car batteries, check with any local retailer who sells batteries. For disposal of used motor oil, check with the business that services your car, as well as "quick lube" vendors. Do NOT pour used motor oil down your drains, sanitary sewers or put it into your regular trash. Paint cans can be put in your trash as long as the contents are dried to a solid. Leave lids off when disposing of the cans.

#### **Holidays Observed:**

New Year's Day Memorial Day Independence Day Labor Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day

In the event that a collection day falls on a holiday, collection for the remainder of the week will be provided one day late. If a holiday falls on a Sunday, Monday will be an off day with service delayed one day the remainder of the week. For example, if the holiday falls on a Sunday or Monday, Thursday collection will take place Friday and Friday collection on Saturday. For holidays that fall on a Saturday, collection will not be affected.

**Christmas Tree Collection:** Christmas trees discarded for collection will be collected during the month of January. Cut tree in half if over 6 feet, remove all tinsel and decorations, do not bag tree, and uncover if buried by snow.

# RECYCLING 101

## PAPER

- · Office/School Paper
- Newspaper
- Magazines/Catalogs
- Glossy & Non-glossy Inserts
- Shredded paper bagged in clear plastic bag
- Telephone Directories
- Advertising/Junk Mail
- Kraft Paper Bags
- Cardboard
- · Paperboard/Chipboard
- Books (No leather cover books)
- Soda & Beer Carrying Cases
- No Metal Clips, Spirals or Binding
- · Shredded paper must be bagged

#### **METAL/GLASS**

Aluminum, steel and tin cans Clean brown, green and clear glass

# PLASTIC All plastic bottles and c

All plastic bottles and containers with these symbols underneath.









- #1 PETE Beverage containers both clear and colored.
- #2 HDPE Natural beverage containers. Colored detergent/ health care containers.
- #3 PVC Food, health care/beauty aid and household containers.
- #4 LDPE Various food containers.
- #5 PP Various food containers.
- #7 Other Narrow neck containers and buckets up to 5 gallons.

Rinsed Juice/Milk Cartons (Aseptic Containers)

### **ALL MATERIALS CAN BE MIXED TOGETHER**

#### DO NOT: FOR THE LOVE OF RECYCLING

- DO NOT include mirrors, light bulbs, window glass or ceramics in recycling container.
- DO NOT include soiled paper fibers (oily pizza boxes, paper napkins, etc.).
- DO NOT include medical waste.

- DO NOT place materials in plastic bags.
- DO NOT include Styrofoam, wood, plastic film, or diapers.
- DO NOT recycle batteries

Discard all recyclables in the designated container(s). Please! Do not throw garbage in the container(s).