

# VILLAGE of PALATINE

## VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS AND ANIMAL LICENSES ON SALE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 issue and corresponding Stay-at-Home and social distancing mandates, the Village of Palatine delayed the implementation of the Village's 2020-2021 vehicle sticker program until this fall.

The expiration of all current vehicle stickers has been extended until **October 31, 2020**. The new deadline to purchase a 2020-2021 vehicle sticker will be **October 31, 2020**.

Beginning on September 1st, 2020 log on to use the **FREE** service at **palatine.il.us**. Click on the 'Online Payments' icon, choose 'Vehicle Sticker or Animal Licenses' and follow the instructions. Your Vehicle Stickers and Animal Licenses will be mailed promptly.

To avoid delay, long lines and to maintain social distance, please consider paying online or by mail.

The last day to purchase online without penalty is **Saturday, October 31, 2020**.

To avoid penalty or citations for the 2020-2021 year, stickers must be purchased and affixed to vehicles by October 31, 2020. **The appropriate late fees will be charged beginning Sunday, November 1, 2020.**



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## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2020!

The Cook County Clerk's Office and the Village of Palatine are pleased to announce that Early Voting will take place in Palatine at 150 W. Wilson Street. This building most recently served as the temporary Village Hall for the Village of Palatine.



### UPDATED EARLY VOTING INFORMATION:

Early Voting: October 19 - November 2

Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM - 7PM

Saturday and Sunday: 9 AM - 5PM

Mail Ballot Applications for the November 3rd Election are available at Village Hall. You can also apply for a Mail Ballot online at the Cook County Clerk **website**.

Register to vote at Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood Street, now through October 6, 2020 Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM. Two forms of identification are required. Options for voter registration continue through election Day.

For more information regarding key dates, voter registration options, early voting sites and more visit **palatine.il.us** and search 'November Election' or call Village Hall at 847-359-9050. Residents can also visit the Cook County Clerk's website at **cookcountyclerk.com**.

**\*Election Day (November 3) Polls Open: 6 AM - 7 PM**

# VILLAGE OF PALATINE

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## VILLAGE HALL HOURS

8 am to 5 pm  
Monday through Friday

## VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency.....911  
Village Hall.....358-7500  
TDD (Emergency)..... 911  
Village Action Line ..... 705-5200  
Community Services.....359-9042  
Fire (Non-Emergency)....202-6340  
Police (Non-Emergency) 359-9000  
Public Works ..... 705-5200

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All phone numbers are (847) area  
code unless otherwise noted.

## SCARECROWS ON PARADE

The 13th annual Scarecrows on Parade decorating contest, sponsored by The Home Depot and hosted by the Palatine Beautification Commission, will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020. Any Palatine family, business, non-profit organization, school affiliate, sports affiliate, homeowners' association, faith or civic group are invited to participate in this event. Call the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200 to reserve a frame and make plans to decorate the winning scarecrow!

There will be 2 judging categories with prizes awarded in each category. The **Youth** Category will be for kids and youth groups with members 17 years old and younger. The **Adult** Category will be for adults and adult organizations with members 18 years old and older.

### Scarecrow Frame Pick Up:

Starts Monday, August 31st

Public Works Facility at 148 W. Illinois Avenue

Monday through Friday, 8 AM until 2:30 PM

### Judging:

Participants will drop off and complete the final touch ups on their scarecrows at the Firefighters' Memorial, located at the corner of Slade and Brockway Streets, on Saturday, October 3rd, between 11 AM and 11:30 AM where they will be judged. Winners will be notified by mail.

For more information, call Public Works at (847) 705-5200 or visit **palatine.il.us** and search 'scarecrows on parade'.



## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SAVE LIVES & PROPERTY

Each year thousands of people die because of fires in the United States. The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) reported that 2,720 citizens died in home fires in 2018. Residential structure fires accounted for more than \$8 billion dollars in damages in 2018 (NFPA 2019). A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the #1 priority for residents is to get out safely. The quick use of a portable fire extinguisher may mean the difference between life and death (NFPA 2020).

Portable fire extinguishers are available in many sizes and types depending on intended use. The most common portable fire extinguisher for home use is an ABC, dry chemical extinguisher. The letters ABC on an extinguisher refer to the class of fires that the extinguisher can be used on.

- **Class A fires** – those fueled by materials that, when they burn, leave residue in the form of ash, such as paper, wood, cloth, rubber, and certain plastics.

- **Class B fires** – involve flammable liquids and gasses, such as gasoline, paint thinner, kitchen grease, propane, and acetylene.

- **Class C fires** – involve energized electrical wiring or equipment (motors, computers, electrical panel boxes). Note that if the electricity to the equipment is removed, the fire becomes a class A or B fire.

The NFPA provides these safety tips for the use of a portable fire extinguisher.

Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke. Choose an extinguisher for the home that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy that it is difficult to use. Read the instructions and become familiar with its operation before a fire breaks out.

To operate a portable fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**.

- **P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism.

- **A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

- **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.

- **S**weep the nozzle from side to side.

For more information on the use of fire extinguishers, please visit the following websites.

**Do You Know How to Operate a Fire Extinguisher?**

**NFPA.org**

**https://www.palatine.il.us/431/Public-Education**



## ENSURING A SAFE COMMUNITY

The Palatine Police Department is committed to its mission of ensuring a safe community in which to live and work, and to improve the quality of life throughout the Village. This is accomplished by working cooperatively with the public to protect life and property, to preserve law and order and to respect the rights and dignity of all people. To achieve these goals, all Palatine Police Department members adhere to the philosophy, principles and strategies of our Neighborhood Based Policing Program.

The Neighborhood Based Policing program, a cornerstone of our Department, is based upon the philosophy of community policing and the strategies of problem oriented policing. In order to provide the best policing services possible, we are driven to be proactive in our efforts to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for the residents of Palatine. The program also encourages us to build community partnerships through engagement activities and open dialogue with all members of the community. Some examples of this involve police officers attending community meetings, engaging with local youth at school or in after-school and summer camp programs, and operating the department's Citizen's Policy Academy. The academy is a unique opportunity for participants to gain insight into the world of law enforcement, as well as foster positive relationships with the officers who serve in their community.

Palatine Police Department members treat all individuals fairly and equally, and action taken against any person based solely upon race, religious belief, sex, sexual orientation, or ethnicity shall not and will not be tolerated. Each year, all members of the Palatine Police Department receive training in bias-based policing which teaches that police activities must be free from bias, prejudice, or animosity, as well as training in de-escalation techniques, control and arrest tactics, and the use of non-lethal force. Many of our police officers are certified in Crisis Intervention Training, which involves specialized training in de-escalation techniques.

The Palatine Police Department is made up of men and women who believe protecting and serving is our most important goal. We believe wearing the badge represents the highest level of service and integrity to our community who demands we never do anything to violate their trust. On behalf of all the members of the Palatine Police Department, We thank you for your continued support.



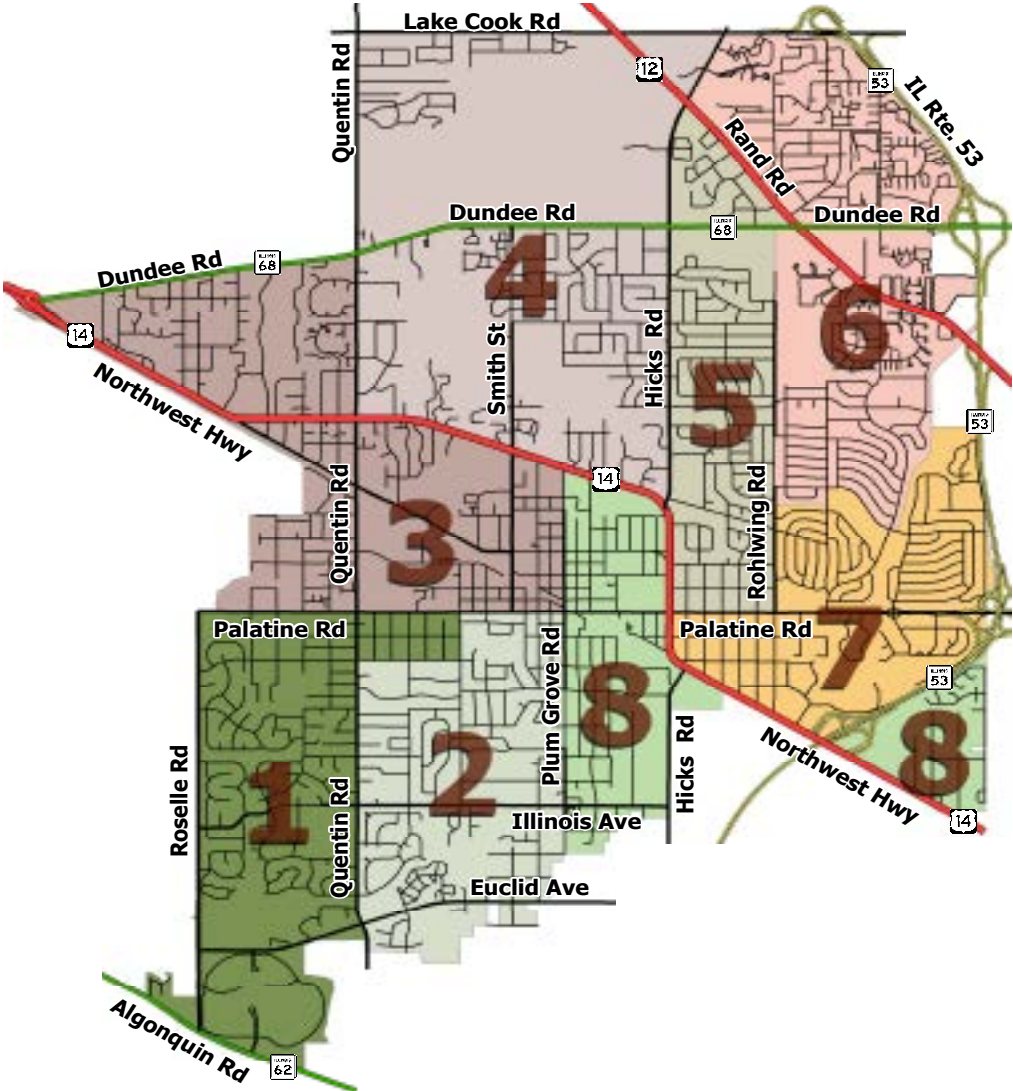


# CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 19, 2020

There will be two regular leaf collections scheduled between Monday, October 19, 2020, and Thursday, November 12, 2020 for each Palatine single-family residence. All raked leaves must be put into the street and ready for pick up no later than 7 AM on scheduled days, but no earlier than 4 PM on the day prior to collection. There will be only one pass down each street during scheduled collection days; the large volume of leaves makes it impossible for trucks to return a second time. Leaf collection is a two-step process. Crews collect leaves with a machine, then the sweeper does a final cleanup of leaf debris. Street cleanup is longer than leaf

pickup due to the slower pace of the sweeper machine. Please refer to the map and schedule to the right to determine your zone and two-day schedule, or visit [palatine.il.us](http://palatine.il.us) and search 'leaf collections map' to look up your address using our interactive map. Public Works has scheduled the week of Monday, November 16, 2020, as the final leaf pickup opportunity for all Village single-family residences. All zones must have the final collection of leaves out on the street by 7 AM on that day. Crews will start the final pickup on Monday and continue throughout the week until all the leaves have been collected. Again, only one pass will be made down each street.

Zone	Day/Date
1	MON., OCT. 19 MON., NOV. 2
2	TUES., OCT. 20 TUES., NOV. 3
3	WED., OCT. 21 WED., NOV. 4
4	THUR., OCT. 22 THUR., NOV. 5
5	MON., OCT. 26 MON., NOV. 9
6	TUES., OCT. 27 TUES., NOV. 10
7	WED., OCT. 28 WED., NOV. 11
8	THURS., OCT. 29 THURS., NOV. 12
ALL ZONES MON., NOV. 16	



## Important Reminders

- Avoid parking over a pile of leaves because a warm car can ignite leaves underneath it and create a fire hazard.
- Do not park on the street during pickup days because vehicles block the curb for leaf collection equipment.
- Do not rake leaves around the edges of cul-de-sac islands because the equipment cannot make small enough turns around the islands. Rake them to the residential curbside.
- Please clean leaves from neighborhood storm sewer inlets to help prevent flooding during rain. Rake leaves into the street about 12 inches from the curb to allow for drainage.
- Rake leaves into the street on the pavement. Leaves raked just over the curb or on the parkway cannot be picked up. Streets without curbs should have leaves piled as close to the shoulder of the road as possible, without hindering vehicular traffic.
- Do not include non-leaf material (grass clippings, branches, dirt, etc.) because they can damage equipment and cause safety issues. Piles with any debris besides leaves will be left at the curb.

## Timing is Everything

Do not rake leaves into the street too early. Piles left accumulating for several days before the scheduled pickup can be carried away by wind or rain, and block storm sewer inlets which could cause flooding in yards or basements. Please be patient if crews run behind schedule. Weather, equipment problems, and the amount of leaves to pick up may slow down the collection process; crews will be there to pick up the leaves.

## Can You Schedule Later Pickups?

Timing of the Village leaf collection schedule is driven by when the equipment needs to be prepared for snow removal efforts. All trucks and end loaders that collect leaves are part of the front-line snow removal equipment fleet. It is a lengthy process to prepare the trucks, which includes installing the nose plow equipment, inspecting and modifying the underbelly plows under the trucks (which stay on year-round), applying liquid calcium to the road salt, and installing and calibrating the liquid calcium tanks and salt spreaders. The entire conversion takes as long as two weeks as there are more than 20 pieces of equipment to transition. Therefore, leaf pickups cannot be made any later than the current schedule. Crews begin converting the equipment during the week of Thanksgiving, after the final collection week of November 16. The Village will monitor the weather and announce if conditions allow for an additional all zone sweep

## In Case of Snow or Ice

An early snowfall seriously hampers leaf collection efforts. Leaves raked to the curb will most likely be plowed back onto the parkway. Public Works will make every attempt to collect leaves raked back into the street.

## Bag Leaves for Pickup Option

Residents have the option to collect fallen leaves in paper yard waste bags and place them on the curbside for weekly household refuse pickup. This flexible option works well for those who do not want to commit to the scheduled leaf collection program. Final scheduled pickup for curbside bagged yard waste and bundled brush will occur the week of December 14, 2020.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 847-705-5200 or visit [palatine.il.us](http://palatine.il.us) and search 'leaf collection'.



## NEW BUSINESSES

### Alpha Carpet

311 E. Northwest Highway  
773-406-8838  
Flooring

### F.R.O.G. Salon LLC

54 W. Illinois Avenue  
847-456-8500  
Hair Salon

### Jennifer Malloy Hair Artistry

220 N. Smith 117Y  
630-272-3159  
Hair Salon

### MocaFIT

325 W. Northwest Highway  
847-312-2068  
Personal Training Studio

### Two Blondes Salon

220 N. Smith 117W  
773-706-9114  
Hair Salon

### 2 Blondes Salon

220 N. Smith 117X  
847-924-0980  
Hair Salon

## PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, September 7, 2020  
In observance of Labor Day

Thursday, November 26 &  
Friday, November 27, 2020  
In Observance of Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 24 &  
Friday, December 25, 2020  
In Observance of Christmas

Friday, January 1, 2020  
In Observance of New Year's Day

### PALATINE-NEWSLETTER

SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE WEEKLY  
INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY  
EVENTS, NEWS AND ALERTS AT  
PALATINE.IL.US UNDER 'Notify Me'.

## CARING FOR YOUR NEW PARKWAY TREE

If you had a new tree planted in your parkway, congratulations! Please help the Village to nurture and promote the growth of this new addition to our urban forest by following these care instructions.

### Watering

Watering is the key to a new tree's survival. Too much water will drown a tree and too little will dry it up. During a normal season, a tree should receive 1 inch of water per week. Watering need only be done from May through September and only if adequate rainfall does not occur. It is important to keep your tree watered for the first year after planting.

To see if your tree needs watering, check the soil by digging a small hole, 3 inches deep. If the soil is dry and crumbly, the tree needs more water. If the soil is moist and sticks together, no water is needed. If water drips from the soil, there is too much water. If this occurs, remove the mulch layer from around the base of the tree to allow the soil to dry.

### Mulch

Mulch helps retain soil moisture, prevents weed and grass intrusion, and protects the tree's trunk from lawn mower damage. Please keep the new tree mulched for the first 4 years of its life at its new location. Mulch should not be more than 3 inches deep and should not make contact with the bark of the tree, which can cause the bark to rot from being constantly wet. Mulch should lay flat; avoid building a "volcano" of mulch around the trees.

### Pruning

Please do not prune your newly planted parkway tree for the first 3 years. New trees need all of the energy production which comes from the leaves in order to regenerate a new root system. Pruning reduces the leaf canopy, thereby inhibiting root reproduction. If you feel the tree needs to be pruned, call the Forestry Division and one of our certified arborists will evaluate the tree.

For more information, call the Public Works Department's Forestry Division at (847) 705-5200 or visit [palatine.il.us](http://palatine.il.us) and search 'new parkway tree'.



## RIVERS AND STREAMS BEGIN AT YOUR FRONT DOOR

Even though you may live miles from a river or stream, you may be polluting it without knowing it. Before you pour anything into the gutter or down the drain, stop and think! Storm drains go directly into channels and creeks, rivers and streams.

### Did You Know...

- Anything we use in our home, car and business like motor oil, paint, pesticides, fertilizers and cleaners can wind up in the street.
- A little water from rain or a garden hose can carry automotive and household materials into the storm drain, polluting streams, rivers, and wetlands. Storm drains are there to drain water off the street, not for disposal of hazardous materials.
- Dumping one quart of motor oil down a storm drain contaminates 250,000 gallons of water.
- Because storm drains are separate from our sanitary sewer system, Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution can flow into streams and rivers without treatment.

### Where Does It Go?

These pollutants flow together on a journey from storm drains to ditches, creeks, rivers, streams and wetlands. This type of pollution is called Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution and is a serious threat to the rivers and streams of Illinois.

### What Is Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution?

Storm water runoff refers to seasonal rainfall flows. It is very noticeable during a heavy rain storm when large volumes of water drain off paved areas. Urban runoff can happen any time of the year when excessive water use from irrigation, car washing and other sources carries litter, lawn clippings and other urban pollutants into storm drains. Even an automobile leaking motor oil miles from a river or stream can cause pollution.

### How Is It Different From Other Forms of Water Pollution?

Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution can include anything that washes into the storm sewer system from the community. Unlike water pollution linked to factories or sewage treatment plants, Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution can come from city streets, neighborhoods, farms, construction sites and parking lots.

Where Does Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution Come From?

- Automotive leaks and spills
- Improper disposal of used oil and other engine fluids down the storm drain
- Pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers from lawns, gardens and farms
- Improper disposal of cleaners, paint and paint removers
- Soil erosion and dust debris from landscape and construction activities
- Litter, lawn clippings, animal waste and other organic matter
- Oil stains on parking lots and paved surfaces

### Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution and Our Rivers and Streams

Pollutants from the storm sewer system can harm aquatic life as well as wetland habitats. They can also degrade recreation areas such as beaches, fishing areas and boating areas.

A Storm Water Quality Management Program has been developed by the Village of Palatine, which participates in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The Village's responsibilities involve encouraging the public to help protect water quality, monitoring runoff into the storm sewer system, investigating illegal disposals and maintaining storm drains.

The support of Village residents, businesses and industries is needed to improve water quality and reduce the threat of Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution. Proper use and disposal of materials we use every day will help stop this form of pollution before it reaches the storm drains and our rivers and streams.

**To learn more or to report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200.**





## 2020 HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARD WINNERS

The Village of Palatine Beautification Commission recognize homes, businesses, subdivisions, and 'Doors' of Palatine with the 2020 Hometown Pride Awards. Entries were submitted by residents and business owners. Judging is based on overall curb appeal, design and maintenance. This year's winners are:

### 1ST PLACE WINNERS



SINGLE-FAMILY



MULTI-FAMILY



CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

### 2ND PLACE WINNERS



SINGLE-FAMILY



MULTI-FAMILY



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

### 3RD PLACE WINNERS



SINGLE-FAMILY



MULTI-FAMILY



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

#### SINGLE-FAMILY

1st Place: 1007 S. Brockway Street  
2nd Place: 712 S. White Willow Bay  
3rd Place: 1065 S. Brockway Street

#### CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION

1st Place: Bridge View West

#### BUSINESS

1st Place: Palatine Historical Society  
2nd Place: Ernie Loberg Construction  
3rd Place: Morkes Chocolate

#### MULTI-FAMILY

1st Place: The Groves of Palatine  
2nd Place: The Benchmark  
3rd Place: 1669 W. Ethan's Glen

#### DOORS OF PALATINE

1st Place: 1065 S. Brockway Street  
2nd Place: 712 S. White Willow Bay  
3rd Place: 177 S. Arlene Avenue

## DO YOUR SMOKE ALARMS MAKE THE GRADE?

Smoke alarms are required by law to be installed in all residences. However, not all smoke alarms are created equal. Most homeowners settle for the bare minimum in a smoke alarm to protect their family.



### See Below for your Home's Smoke Alarm Grade

**A** – Hardwired and interconnected

**B** – Interconnected by Bluetooth – Hardwired or Battery

- A single station smoke alarm will only sound that smoke alarm
- Interconnected smoke alarms will sound all smoke alarms

**C** – Single station hardwired or with a long life battery

**D** – Single station with a replaceable battery

**F** – Not present, disconnected, no battery, over 10 years old, batteries over 6 months old

**Add a plus behind the grade if your CO detector is integrated with your smoke alarm**

### Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in residences without a working smoke alarm!

Beginning January 1, 2023 battery operated smoke alarms in Illinois will be required to have long life batteries. Replaceable batteries will no longer be allowed. While the initial cost of a long life battery smoke alarm is higher, the overall 10 year cost is much less than the replaceable battery smoke alarms. You can see the price difference below using a 2 story, 3 bedroom house as an example:

#### Battery Only

6 smoke alarms = \$30  
114 batteries = \$456  
10 year cost = \$486

#### 10 Year Battery

6 smoke alarms = \$90  
Batteries = \$0  
10 year cost = \$90

#### 10 Year Battery, wireless, interconnected

6 smoke alarms = \$210  
Batteries = \$0  
10 year cost = \$210

(Best Chance for Survival)

### Smoke Alarm Codes Adopted Require

- One in every bedroom
- One within 15 feet of every bedroom
- One on every level of the house
- Do not replace hardwired smoke alarms with battery only smoke alarms



### Things to Remember

- Test your smoke alarms monthly
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years
- Make sure your smoke alarms are UL listed, counterfeit alarms are being sold on e-commerce sites



## 2020-2021 HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar for the below holidays that will affect single-family solid waste collection by Groot Industries. For those holidays not listed, solid waste collection will take place as regularly scheduled. Save and post this handy schedule for reference throughout the year and save yourself from hauling the trash to the curb a day early or missing your collection entirely.

Week of	Holiday	Collection
December 21, 2020	Christmas	No Change
December 28, 2020	New Year's Day	No Change
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day	All collection one day later
September 6, 2021	Labor Day	All collection one day later
December 27, 2021	Christmas	No Change

Curbside collection of bagged and bundled yard waste ends the week of December 14, 2020 and resumes the week of April 5, 2021.

For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division at 847-359-9042.





# WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM FLOOD INSURANCE?

When you think about flooding, you may envision water-logged areas along the coast. But what about people who don't live in coastal areas — do they need flood insurance too? More than 20 percent of flood claims actually happen in moderate-to-low-risk areas.

To understand your own exposure, you can review the flood risk maps put out by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but the maps can be difficult to navigate, so contacting the Village may be faster.

## What to Expect from Flood Coverage

So, what else should you know about flood insurance?

- **Premiums don't vary, but companies do.** Flood premiums are the same across companies because the federal government actually provides the coverage. But the company you choose matters because it will be your point of contact when something goes wrong. Consider buying flood and home insurance policies from the same company because you could have multiple claims arising from the same incident. When that happens, it can make life easier to have a single agent to call.
- **There's a 30-day wait.** A flood policy doesn't take effect until 30 days after you purchase it, so you can't just buy it when bad weather looms and expect to have same-day coverage.
- **There's limited coverage for basements.** When you buy flood insurance, a standard policy will only provide structural coverage for your home. You can opt to add contents coverage to help protect your possessions. When it comes to basements, though, only washers and dryers and some machinery would be covered by the contents coverage on a flood policy. Your personal possessions are not covered in a basement.

To learn more, call the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Help Center at (877) 336-2627, visit **FloodSmart.gov** or visit **palatine.il.us** and search 'flood insurance'.



# PERSONAL SAFETY AT HOME

The Palatine Police Department offers the following tips to improve your safety at home: **ALWAYS...**

- Leave your headlights on when arriving home after dark until you have unlocked the garage door.
- When being dropped off at home, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside.
- Have the house key in your hand so you can open the door immediately when you return home.
- If you live alone, list only your first initial and last name on the mailbox, or in the telephone directory.
- When moving into a new apartment or residence, have the locks re-keyed, or changed.
- Always leave outside lights on after dark, or use motion detecting lights.
- Call 911 if you receive an obscene phone call.
- Call 911 if you see or hear anything suspicious.
- Do laundry with a trusted neighbor or friend if you live in an apartment building.
- Install wide angle door viewers to help identify a visitor. You can see the person, but they can't see you.

## NEVER...

- Enter your home if you suspect someone is inside. Stay outside and call 911.
- Open your door to an uninvited or unknown person.
- Let anyone into your home without proper identification. When in doubt, call 911.
- Dress in front of windows, always close your drapes.
- Rely on chain locks. They are a privacy lock, but not a security lock.
- Give out your name or phone number if you receive a wrong number phone call.

# BACK YARD FIRE PIT SAFETY & REQUIREMENTS

As we enter into the summer and fall months more and more people are enjoying gathering outside by their fire pits. With that being said, please be mindful of your neighbors. Many people suffer from medical conditions where smoke can affect their breathing. Be courteous to your neighbors and inquire if they have any medical conditions that may restrict your fire.

The Village would also like to remind residents that the use of fire pits must be limited to UL Listed commercially manufactured containers or built-in fire pits approved through the Village's building permit process. Most commercially manufactured fire pits come with a mesh screen. Mesh screens control sparks of the popping firewood and flying embers that could cause a fire elsewhere.

The use of properly selected firewood, which is dry and well-seasoned (aged), will minimize the development of smoke. Oak and Hickory firewood produce less smoke, popping and sparks than unseasoned or soft woods like pine or cedar. It is unlawful to burn any rubbish, construction material, leaves or other combustible refuse anywhere in the Village. Treated wood can give off a poisonous smoke and should not be burned.

## FIRE PIT SAFETY TIPS

- Never use on a combustible surface such as a deck or balcony
- Fire pits must be 15 feet from combustible material (house, deck, fence or shed)
- Have a way to extinguish the fire readily available such as a garden hose, bucket of water or a fire extinguisher
- Do not use flammable fluids (gasoline or lighter fluid) to start a fire
- Do not wear flammable clothing like nylon or loose fitting clothing around fires
- Take into consideration wind conditions before starting a fire
- Never leave a fire pit unattended
- Keep children a minimum of 3 feet away from the fire
- Properly extinguish the fire with water when done
- Dispose of properly extinguished ashes in an empty metal container that has a lid and never leave this container on or next to combustible surfaces like a deck, balcony or wall
- Follow the manufacturer's specifications for gas fire pit and table use

## BUILT-IN FIRE PIT CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

- Built-in fire pits should be 15 feet from any combustible material (house, deck, fence or shed)
- Fire pits must have a maximum interior dimension of 3 feet and a maximum height of 2 feet
- Ember screens are required for any wood burning fire pit. Gas fire pits do not require an ember screen.

Finally, the Village of Palatine has a nuisance ordinance that if any open burning becomes offensive or objectionable, the Palatine Fire and Police are authorized to order the extinguishment of a recreational fire, and this includes built-in fire pits. **For additional fire safety tips, go to FEMA's website at [usfa.dhs.gov](https://www.usfa.dhs.gov).**



# KITCHEN AND COOKING SAFETY

According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) there were an estimated 1,318,500 fires in the United States during 2018. Of these fires, and estimated 499,000 were structure fires, which include residential structures. Most of these fires, 72 percent, occurred in home structures including one- and two-family homes and apartments (NFPA, 2019). Almost half of these home structure fires were the result of cooking. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking and most of these involve the kitchen stove. With the holidays approaching, here are some ways that you can reduce your risk of a cooking related fire in your home.

- Be on Alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the oven or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food make sure that you check it regularly. Remain at home while the food is cooking and set a timer to remind you.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
- Make sure that you have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen.

For more information on fire safety, visit the Palatine Fire Department **website** and the **National Fire Protection Agency**.





## POLICE QUARTERLY ENFORCEMENT

The Palatine Police started a Quarterly Enforcement of Vehicle Violations / Plate Violations / Village Sticker enforcement at the start of 2020. This program is intended to educate residents on our laws and Village ordinances. This quarterly enforcement will be Village Stickers. We hope through education and awareness, compliance will be raised in our community. Residents can start purchasing their village stickers on 9-1-20 through 10-31-20 at Village Hall. A late penalty will be applied after 10-31-20.

## VILLAGE SEEKS CDL DRIVERS FOR SNOW PLOWING SEASON

Experienced CDL drivers who hold a valid Illinois Class B commercial driver's license with air brakes endorsement are needed to assist the Public Works Department with snow plowing during the winter season. Candidates must be available to work flexible hours. These positions are temporary and require a high school diploma or equivalent. Snow plowing experience is a plus, and starting pay is \$20.00 per hour.

Apply online at [palatine.il.us](http://palatine.il.us) and click on the "Employment" button. Positions are open until filled.

## TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Complete your Census questionnaire by September 30. Don't miss your chance to be counted! The US Census Bureau recently announced that data collection for the 2020 Census will end on September 30, 2020.

This is your last chance to respond on your own (either online, by phone, or by mail) before a census taker visits your home to assist you in responding.

Our community could miss out on funding every year for the next 10 years if you don't respond to the 2020 Census now.

Visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) to respond now.



## COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES



The Palatine Farmers' Market continues every Saturday morning through Halloween (October 31, 2020) in the train station parking lot from 7 am to 1 pm.

We welcome the highest caliber farmers and producers directly from the grower, baker, cook and local beekeeper.

Only one family member is encouraged to do the shopping in the shopping area. Other family members are invited to wait just south of the Market where a musician provides music from the platform.

This year dogs and bikes are not allowed and children and strollers are discouraged to provide for social distancing within the Market area.

Starting November 7, a "pre-order, drive thru" Winter Market will be open on the first and third Saturday morning each month.

More information to follow on Palatine E-News and on the Palatine Farmers' Market **website**.

Visit [palatinesistercities.org](http://palatinesistercities.org) for more information.

### Explore Palatine

Saturday, September 12 and PalHunt  
Sunday, September 13, 2020



The 3rd annual 'Explore Palatine' event will take place Saturday, September 12, 2020! This Village-wide outdoor expo and sidewalk sale is sponsored by the Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC), and supports local businesses by encouraging area residents to learn more about, explore and discover the many hidden gems in our business community - on this date and whenever possible! The PACC has also added a clue hunt as another way to promote local businesses on Sunday, September 13 where individuals and teams can win cash prizes! The goal is to remind residents about the importance of keeping valuable sales tax dollars in the community - on this day, and whenever possible. Visit the event website [explorepalatine.org](http://explorepalatine.org) to view participating businesses, along with sales, specials and entertainment featured by Explore Palatine participants. Look for a yellow or gold balloon outside of participating locations! To learn more about the Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce, visit [palatinechamber.com](http://palatinechamber.com)

### Rotary Club of Palatine Oktoberfest

**Canceled**



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related uncertainties this event has been canceled. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

### Fire Department Open House

**Canceled**

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