



Hometown TIMES

“Downers Grove Preserves the Balance Between Tradition and Progress”

Talking Trash (and Recycling, too)

April 1, 2011 begins a new five-year contract with Republic Services for the collection of solid waste and recycling in the Village of Downers Grove.

Last February, the Village engaged residents in a comprehensive process to evaluate solid waste and recycling needs and options, beginning with a garbage survey in February to gauge customer preferences. The results of the survey were used as a tool to negotiate expanded services at a comparable cost.

After numerous meetings with Republic Services and open discussion at Village Council meetings, the new contract was adopted by Council on October 19, 2010. Below are the changes customers can expect:

Sticker Prices

Stickers purchased as of April 1, 2011 will be priced at \$3.23. Prices will gradually increase over the length of the contract. (See the pull-out section.) As there will be no change in appearance, stickers purchased prior to April 1 will be accepted.

Cart Rental

Customers who rent a refuse or yard waste cart from Republic will also see an increase in fees. The monthly fee will be \$16.92 for a 65-gallon cart and \$22.14 for a 95-gallon cart.

New Cart Option

In addition to 65-gallon and 95-gallon carts, Republic will offer customers the choice of a 35-gallon cart for the monthly fee of \$14.25.

Introduction of Recycling Carts

This service enhancement will be rolled out in two phases:

Phase I

Recycling carts are first being introduced to those customers who currently rent refuse carts from Republic. These customers were mailed a postcard in mid-February informing them that a recycling cart will be delivered between March 7 and March 18, 2011.

There is no additional charge to customers for the recycling cart.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends:

This is my last Mayor's Message, so I write this with a mixture of chagrin, melancholy and pride. As you may know, I will not be seeking to continue to serve as your Mayor beyond the next municipal election. On May 5, 2011, I will have the pleasure of passing the gavel on to Martin Tully as our Village's 32nd mayor. Martin is well-qualified and capable of serving Downers Grove at an extremely high level.

It has been my honor to serve the Village over the past eight years, including the last four as your Mayor. I am very grateful for the experience, especially the opportunity it afforded me to meet so many wonderful people. This community is comprised of many hard working, thoughtful, and kind people; it really is no surprise that this Village is so well-regarded. Please know that my service to the community will continue in another environment, as a state senator.

Many of the Village endeavors and achievements that I have been a part of are grounded in the basic principles of financial responsibility, transparency, and community input. Combining these elements with a healthy dose of good process and teamwork has resulted in many palpable outcomes. The Village Council and staff have in all instances worked towards making good policy decisions in the best interest of the community with some truly notable successes.

The conclusion of the Village's 175th Anniversary Celebration in 2007 served as a reminder of our aging infrastructure and the need to direct considerable resources to improve this vital component of our community. I say without hesitation that during most of the time I've served as Mayor, the Village has been under reconstruction.

I am proud of the efforts successfully employed to finally get a very important infrastructure and safety improvement project underway, the Belmont Underpass. The most conspicuous construction project was the most difficult to pull together, after almost 20 years in the making. When completed, the underpass will make travel safer for cars, trains, and pedestrians; ensure a smooth and unobstructed route to Good Samaritan Hospital; and offer economic development opportunities on Belmont Road and within the Ellsworth Industrial Park. Equally important is the fact that this will occur without a single dollar of Village money being spent on these improvements.



Belmont Underpass



Washington Park Baseball Field/Detention Basin

The Community Investment Program and Watershed Infrastructure Improvement Plan (WIIP) are largely successful thanks to a renewed emphasis and commitment to ensuring dedicated funding sources for major capital projects, even during difficult financial times. The reconstruction of Woodward Avenue and Prairie Avenue, as well as that of

Washington Park for storm-water improvements, are a few of the most visible examples of our success. In fact, since implementation of the WIIP began in 2008, 14 high priority projects to relieve flooding and drainage issues have been completed.

Total Community Development, otherwise known as TCD III, began early in 2009 and was implemented to identify important aspects of community life in Downers Grove. Residents and members of the business community participated in workshop style meetings that yielded valuable insights on a wide range of issues, including business attraction and retention efforts, maintenance of Village infrastructure, and energy conservation. When TCD III concluded, the process transitioned to the update of the Village's Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan).



TCD III

The Comp Plan will be the legal document that guides community planning and decision making in a variety of areas, including housing, economic development, transportation, and environmental sustainability. The Comp Plan has not been amended since 1965 and many of the concepts incorporated in its update were first raised by TCD III participants.

Without a doubt, the Long Range Financial Plan (LRFP) stands out as a significant reason for the Village's solid financial position, despite an unprecedented recession and lingering difficult economy. The plan was prepared in response to a rapidly changing economy in 2008 and was instrumental in the identification and closure of a \$4.5 million General Fund structural gap. This gap between expenses and revenues was projected to grow to \$6 million by 2012.



*Wind and Solar Power
Street Lights*

A key element of the LRFP is expense reductions. Since 2009, the Village has cut \$8 million from its budgets. Most of the cuts are efficiency gains and Village staff has performed admirably by doing the same, and in many cases doing more with less. Some cuts were made by reducing or eliminating services and others have come from a 13% reduction in our workforce over the past three years.

While we have made planning our future sustainability a cornerstone, we have also undertaken numerous steps demonstrating good environmental leadership by initiating annual community recycling events, an inaugural rain-barrel initiative, and installing the first wind and solar powered street lights in the Prentiss Creek neighborhood.

These environmental initiatives, TCD III, the Long Range Financial Plan, the Comp Plan and, most importantly, the numerous Annual Budget Workshops have been inclusive, comprehensive, and citizen driven. Collectively, the results of these activities will contribute greatly to the financial vitality and sustainability of Village operations and the quality of life for future generations in our community.

Although my service to the Village will soon end, my interest in Downers Grove will not lessen in the least. In fact, I will remain a very committed and involved resident, confident that our Village will continue to receive good, responsive government from dedicated, thoughtful, and hard-working public servants. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve this great community we have all willingly decided to call home. It has truly been my honor and pleasure to serve.

Godspeed to you and yours.

Talking Trash (and Recycling, too!) continued from cover

Phase II

After initial delivery to existing cart rental customers, Republic Services will send information to Downers Grove residents encouraging them to consider taking advantage of the ease and convenience of refuse cart rental, which also includes an optional recycling cart at no additional charge.

Please note: RECYCLING CARTS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO REFUSE CART RENTAL CUSTOMERS.

Residents that wish to subscribe to cart rental services may contact Republic Services at (630) 964-3232.

Amnesty Day

The new contract with Republic Services provides for **one** Amnesty Day collection during the third year of the contract, April 1, 2013- March 30, 2014. This is a change from having an annual Amnesty Day, which has been in the fall the last several years.

Residents are encouraged to recycle and reuse year-round and take advantage of County recycling programs, as well as the Village's Recycling Extravaganza in the fall.

Yard Waste

The last week for yard waste pickup will now be the second week in December. This is a change from the last collection day of December.

Rain Barrel Sale



In an effort to promote water conservation, the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation and Downtown Downers Grove Management Corporation have partnered with Kin-ko Ace Hardware and Wannemaker's Home and Garden Center to make rain barrels available to the community at the reduced cost of \$80 each.

The rain barrels are 60-gallons in capacity and come in granite color, only. They are equipped with all materials for quick and easy installation.

Orders will be accepted through April 20, 2011 and profits from the sale will benefit the non-profit organization of your choice, listed below.

Order forms and additional information are available on each agency's website, as well as on the Chamber of Commerce website at www.downersgrove.org.

The organizations are:

- Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance www.pdha.org
- Little Friends www.littlefriendsinc.com
- West Suburban Humane Society www.wshs-dg.org/wshs
- Family Shelter Service www.familyshelterservice.org
- Sharing Connections www.sharingconnections.org



Early Voting

The Village of Downers Grove will be an early voting site for the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election. Early voting will take place Monday, March 14, 2011 through Thursday, March 31, 2011 in the Committee Room at Village Hall, 801 Burlington Avenue. The hours for early voting will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Early voting provides citizens the opportunity to vote before Election Day, at their convenience. Unlike absentee voting, one does not need a reason to vote early. If you are a registered voter in DuPage County, we invite you to participate in early voting!

Please contact the DuPage County Election Commission at (630) 407-5600 or April Holden, Village Clerk, at 434-5535 for further information about early voting.



Be Alert to Spring Weather

The arrival of spring generally means warmer temperatures, but the change may also bring about conditions ideal for the threat of severe weather.

There are seven outdoor warning sirens in Downers Grove utilized when there is a confirmed sighting of a funnel cloud or a tornado. The sirens are tested at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month from March to October. The primary purpose of the sirens is to alert those who are outdoors to seek shelter. Those who are inside of buildings normally receive weather information from television and radio broadcasts.

Residents should be aware that the sirens will **NOT** transmit an **ALL CLEAR** signal. The all clear will be broadcast over television and radio.

WEATHER WATCHES & WARNINGS

The National Weather Service uses specific terminology to relay the weather threat to the public. Following are the meanings of spring weather Watches and Warnings.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tornado Watch</u></p> <p>Conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop. Watches are normally issued for 4 to 6 hours and include many counties. If you are in or near the tornado watch area, stay informed via NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television. Keep your eye on the sky, and be prepared to take cover at short notice, as tornadoes can occur with little or no warning.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Severe Thunderstorm Watch</u></p> <p>Means that conditions are favorable for thunderstorms to produce wind gusts to 55mph or stronger, or hail to 3/4 inch or larger in the watch area. Watches are issued for 4 to 6 hours at a time and for a number of counties. Stay informed, watch the sky, and take cover if a severe thunderstorm approaches you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tornado</u> WARNING</p> <p>Means that a tornado has been sighted or a developing tornado is reported by trained spotters or indicated on Doppler radar. A warning is typically issued for a small area for less than an hour. If a tornado warning is issued in your area ... <u>Take Cover Immediately!!!</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Severe Thunderstorm</u> WARNING</p> <p>Means that a severe thunderstorm has been detected by radar or a trained spotter. Take cover if you are near the severe thunderstorm.</p>

Do You Have a Home Emergency Kit?

Aside from tornadoes that may result from unstable spring weather, there are several types of emergencies for which households should plan. In times of crisis, it is important to be self-sufficient, as emergency services may be taxed by a high volume of calls.

The best way to care for your family is to prepare a home emergency kit which includes a supply of food and water to sustain family members for three to seven days. Additional supplies include a first aid kit, extra clothing, blankets and flashlights.

The website **www.ready.gov** is an excellent source to help prepare an emergency kit, form a family disaster plan and stay informed.

A Home Emergency Checklist is also available at Village Hall and on the village website at **www.downers.us**.

New Traffic Laws in Illinois

Traffic Violation Fines As of January 1, 2011, the fines for traffic violations have increased significantly. All minor traffic offenses such as speeding less than 21 miles over the posted limit, failing to stop for a stop sign, or improper lane usage are \$120.00 if paid by mail. For speeding violations that are 21 to 30 miles over the posted speed limit, the fine is \$140.00 if paid by mail. Persons charged with speeding in excess of 30 miles per hour must appear in court and cannot pay the fine by mail.

Excessive Speeding A person charged with speeding 40 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit must appear in court and is not eligible for court supervision.

Vehicle Forfeiture A person that is arrested for DUI while operating an uninsured vehicle is subject to having the vehicle seized permanently by the arresting police department.

Facts About Graduated Driver's Licenses The Graduated Licensing System was developed to provide new drivers with an increased amount of supervised driving prior to getting their license. In addition, the program includes prohibitions and sanctions for offenses that have proven to cause traffic crashes. All drivers licensed in Illinois under the age of 21 are included in the Graduated Licensing System.

Drivers under the age of 21 that receive two moving violation convictions within a 24-month period will be subject to a suspension of their driver's license.

Curfew Drivers that are ages 16 through 17 are prohibited from driving Sunday through Thursday from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and Friday-Saturday from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers convicted of violating this new curfew will have their driver's license suspended.

Parental Access to Teen Driving Records Parents may view their teen's (under age 18) driving record at no cost by visiting the Illinois Secretary of State web site, www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Driver's License Suspension for Alcohol Consumption Persons under the age of 21 that receive court supervision or are convicted of State or local offenses relating to the consumption, purchase, or possession of alcohol, regardless of whether a vehicle was involved, will have their driving privileges suspended.

Street Racing Driving privileges will be revoked for any person convicted of street racing, and the police department can impound the vehicle for up to five days.

RadKids Program Coming Soon



Resisting Aggression Defensively (radKids) is a program presented by the Downers Grove Police Department to children ages 7 to 9 years. This program addresses a wide array of safety topics such as bike safety, gun safety, bullying, safety in cars, and many others. In addition, each day of the five-day program includes a segment that teaches children simple techniques that they can employ if some one is hurting them.

The Radkids program will be presented from July 18 – 22, 2011 at the Downers Grove Recreational Center. Registration for this program will be offered in the Downers Grove Park District Summer guide and on their website at www.dgparks.org.

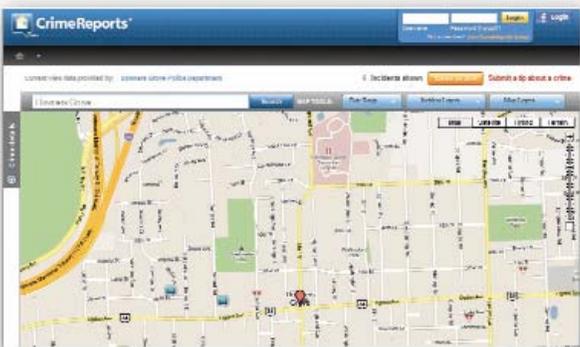
Car-Hopping Isn't a Prank-- It's a Felony!

Car-hopping is the slang that kids use when referring to going into a victim's parked vehicle and removing property. The Downers Grove Police Department continues to receive complaints from citizens who have had property stolen from their vehicle, many times when it is parked in their own driveway overnight.

Persons that access a victim's vehicle without permission and remove items have committed the offense of Burglary, which is a Class 2 felony in the State of Illinois. The penalty for Burglary is three to seven years in prison and a \$25,000.00 fine.

Please make sure your kids understand the seriousness of the criminal offense of Burglary. The victim, the police, and the State's Attorney will not view it as a harmless "prank."

Map Local Crime Online



The Downers Grove Police Department is committed to providing timely, reliable crime information in an effort to raise community awareness and prevent future crimes from occurring. A resource is available which enables residents to map crimes reported in their neighborhood.

CrimeReports is an online service that extracts data from police reports and maps the locations in an effort to help law enforcement and residents identify crime trends. Residents may access the Downers Grove crime map and register to receive daily, weekly, or monthly email alerts, all free of charge.

A link to the service is on the Village website, www.downers.us. Under the heading "**I am looking for,**" click on CrimeReports or visit www.crimereports.com. The site is very easy to use and allows citizens to modify their search by locations, date, and/or crimes.

Please note: The Downers Grove Police Department reserves the right to withhold certain crime information due to the sensitive nature of an ongoing criminal investigation, or to ensure the safety and security of crime victims.

Free Paper-Shredding Event

The Village of Downers Grove, in partnership with Brinks Document Destruction, will host a Paper-Shredding Event on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at Village Hall, 801 Burlington Avenue. The event will be held in the employee parking lot on the east side of Village Hall (fenced-in lot off of Curtiss Street).

This free service is being offered to Downers Grove residents in an effort to prevent identity theft. Participants must show proof of Downers Grove residency.

Each person will be allowed to bring one brown paper bag or one banker's box filled with personal paperwork. A bonded and insured representative of Brinks Document Destruction will use a crosscut shredder to render documents beyond reconstruction. Shredded materials will be taken to a recycling facility.

Identity theft is a serious crime. Thieves often look through unsuspecting victims' trash in search of discarded documents containing your name, address or phone number, as well other personal information such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers. People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years trying to clear their names and restore their credit record.

One of the most important things you can do is to shred any personal documents you wish to discard. Please mark your calendar and take advantage of this free service.

SPECIAL PULL-OUT BROCHURE

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO SOLID WASTE

Republic Services is the Village's provider of solid waste services, which includes the collection of refuse, yard waste and recycling. The guidelines in this brochure apply to single-family residences and eligible multi-family structures of incorporated Downers Grove.

Collection Schedule

Republic Services collects five days a week in Downers Grove. (See map.) If you are not sure when your collection day is, contact the Village at (630) 434-5500 or visit the Village website at www.downers.us for a detailed view of the map.

Refuse, yard waste and recycling are collected on the same day each week.

Collection Holidays The following holidays are observed by Republic Services:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

When one of these holidays falls on a collection day or on a Sunday, and the **LEGAL HOLIDAY** is Monday, collections are delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Stickers

One sticker must be attached to each item at curbside. Stickers should be looped through the handle of containers or affixed directly to each bag or item. The same sticker is used for both refuse and yard waste.

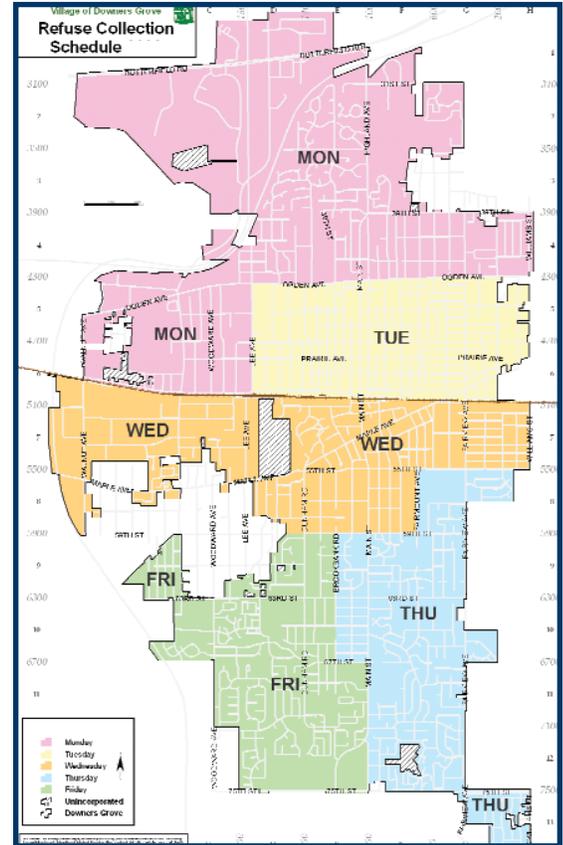
Sticker prices for the length of the contract are listed below:

	April 2011- March 2012	April 2012- March 2013	April 2013 - March 2014	April 2014 - March 2015	April 2015- March 2016
Refuse/Yard Waste Sticker price	\$3.23	\$3.37	\$3.52	\$3.70	\$3.85

Stickers can be purchased at the following locations:

Vendors are subject to change.

Ace Hardware 6216 Main St.	Douglas Main Pharmacy 5207 Main St.	Ultra Foods 1212 75 th St.
Dominick's 42 E. Ogden Ave., Downers Grove 2363 63 rd St., Woodridge	Wannemaker's 1940 Ogden Ave.	7-11 5105 Fairview Ave.
Sears 925 Ogden Ave., Downers Grove	Stop 24 Foods 6400 Woodward Ave., Woodridge	Village Hall 801 Burlington Ave.
Jewel 1148 Ogden Ave., Downers Grove 6215 Main St., Downers Grove 7335 Cass Ave., Darien 2317 75 th St., Woodridge 4 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont	Michael's Fresh Market 7241 Lemont Rd., Downers Grove	Walgreens 6240 Belmont Rd. Downers Grove

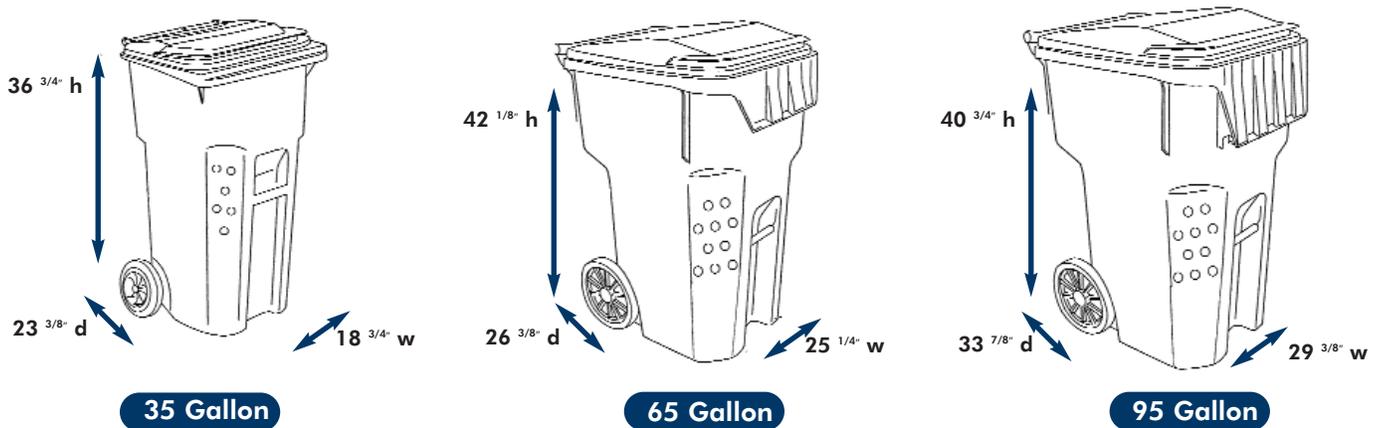


Cart Rental

Customers may wish to take advantage of renting a wheeled cart from Republic Services. These carts are convenient and easy and eliminate the need for stickers. **Carts are available for both refuse and yard waste***. Customers renting a refuse cart will also receive an optional recycling cart at no additional charge. Monthly cart rates also represent savings versus buying the equivalent amount of stickers. Customers are billed on a quarterly basis for this service. To subscribe, call Republic Services at (630) 964-3232.

	April 2011- March 2012	April 2012- March 2013	April 2013- March 2014	April 2014- March 2015	April 2015- March 2016
Rental Option 35 gallon cart - <i>Stickers not required.</i> Monthly fee (billed QUARTERLY).	\$14.25	\$14.95	\$15.70	\$16.50	\$17.34
Rental Option 65 gallon cart - <i>Stickers not required.</i> Monthly fee (billed QUARTERLY).	\$16.92	\$17.51	\$18.20	\$18.97	\$19.73
Rental Option 95 gallon cart - <i>Stickers not required.</i> Monthly fee (billed QUARTERLY).	\$22.14	\$23.00	\$23.95	\$24.92	\$25.82

* Customers renting a cart for Yard Waste will not be billed for months when there is no collection, January-March.



Collection Guidelines

There is no limit to the number of items that may be put out for collection, however the following rules apply:

- Items must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day, but no earlier than 12:00 noon the day before. Empty garbage cans, carts and recycling containers must be removed from the curb by 12:00 midnight on the day of collection.
- Bags, cans and bundles of material may not exceed 33 gallons in volume and 50 pounds in weight. **Contents of cans may not extend above the rim.**

Large Items

Materials that do not fit in a container, such as small amounts of construction debris and rolls of carpeting, must be securely tied in bundles not exceeding 3 feet in diameter, 5 feet in length, and 50 pounds in weight. A sticker must be affixed to each bundle.

Single items such as chairs, tables, mattresses, etc. must have one sticker affixed for every 50 pounds of weight. Call Republic Services with any questions.

"White" Goods

The collection of appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, etc. must be scheduled in advance by calling Republic Services at (630) 964-3232. White goods must have one sticker affixed for every 50 pounds of weight. **Most white goods require 5 stickers.**

Recycling

In support of the Village's goal to achieve environmental sustainability, residents are encouraged to reduce their waste by taking advantage of the free recycling program. Residents may purchase 20-gallon recycling bins at Village Hall or from Republic Services.

Recycling containers purchased from retail stores should be clearly marked **RECYCLE** on the outside and may not exceed 20-gallons in capacity.

There is no limit to the number of recycling containers that may be brought to the curb for collection each week.

For Refuse Cart Rental Customers, only: Republic Services will issue an optional, wheeled, recycling cart to subscribers at no additional charge.

RECYCLING DOES NOT NEED TO BE SEPARATED.

All accepted recyclables may be mixed together.

Please rinse all items, flatten milk jugs and plastic beverage containers, and flatten all boxes.

ACCEPTED ITEMS	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Newspaper ▪ Mixed Paper: advertisements, junk mail, office paper, gift wrap, paper bags, stationery, envelopes, shredded paper, paper bags ▪ Magazines, catalogs, phone books ▪ Paper back books (no hard covers) ▪ Chipboard such as gift boxes, tissue boxes, and food boxes ▪ Cardboard ▪ Glass bottles and jars (clear, brown, green) ▪ Aluminum cans, foil, and trays ▪ Tin or steel cans, including empty aerosol cans and paint cans ▪ Plastic containers coded #1 through #7 (except #6) ▪ Plastic 6 and 12-Pack Rings ▪ Milk cartons, juice cartons, and juice boxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polystyrene foam materials (coded #6) such as drinking cups, plates, egg cartons • Packing peanuts, foam packing blocks • Plastic bags, cereal bags, plastic wrap • Mirrors, window glass, Pyrex glass or dinnerware • Cardboard soiled with grease or food residue • Pots and pans • Gas cans or other items containing hazardous chemicals

Yard Waste

Yard waste is collected from April 1 through the second week of December.

- Yard waste must be placed in 33-gallon, biodegradable paper bags, unlined 33-gallon can, or a Republic Services yard waste cart. Bags may not weigh more than 50 pounds.

Please mark any yard waste containers on the outside as YARD WASTE, or contact the Village for a decal.

- Brush and tree branches may not exceed 4 feet in length and 5 inches in diameter and must be bundled together with jute twine or uncoated string. Bundles must not exceed 2 feet in diameter, 4 feet in length, and 50 pounds in weight.
- Residents are reminded that it is against Village ordinance to burn leaves or rake them into the street.

Weigh The Options

Use this at-a-glance chart to choose the options best for your household.

	Cart Rental from Republic Services	Sticker Program
Garbage/Refuse		
Container Size	Wheeled cart delivered to you. Choose from three options: 35, 65, or 95 gallon capacity.	Purchase from a retail store. Cans or garbage bags may not exceed 33 gallons in capacity.
Weight Limit	None. Carts are emptied by an automated lift into garbage truck.	Cans/bags may not exceed 50 pounds in weight. Workers must load manually into truck.
Payment	Customers are charged a flat, monthly rate based on cart size and billed quarterly.	Fees are based on volume. Each item must have a sticker attached. Purchase stickers from vendor locations.
Large Items	Each item must be stickered (one sticker per 50 pounds of weight.)	Each item must be stickered (one sticker per 50 pounds of weight.)
White Goods	Advance notice required. Call Republic. Most items require five stickers.	Advance notice required. Call Republic. Most items require five stickers.
Recycling		
Option 1	An optional, wheeled recycling cart (35 or 65 gallon capacity) is provided at no additional charge.	
Option 2	Purchase bins from retail store, Village Hall or from Republic Services. Bins may not exceed 20 gallons in capacity.	Purchase bins from retail store, Village Hall or from Republic Services. Bins may not exceed 20 gallons in capacity.
Yard Waste	Cart Rental and Sticker customers may choose from the following options.	
Option 1	A separate cart may be rented for yard waste. Customers are charged a flat, monthly rate based on cart size and billed quarterly.	
Option 2	Purchase brown paper yard waste bags or cans no larger than 33 gallons in capacity. Fees are volume based. Each bag/can must have a sticker.	

Additional Services

Amnesty Day

The current contract with Republic Services includes one Amnesty Day, tentatively scheduled in the third year between April 1, 2013 and March 30, 2014. Dates and information will be announced on the Village website and in other media.

Christmas Tree Collection

Free Christmas tree collection is offered during the first two full-weeks of January. Trees must be free of tinsel, ornaments and hooks and should not be placed in bags.

Back Door service

For a fee, residents who are unable to bring their refuse to the curb can receive Back Door Service. Call Republic Services for pricing and details.

Special Pickup

For those times when residents have such a large amount of refuse or yard waste that it may be too time consuming to use the pay-per-bag system, Republic Services offers a Special Pickup. Arrangements must be made at least 24-hours in advance. Republic will quote a price for removal based on the number of cubic yards of material to be collected. Call Republic for details.

Contacts

Village of Downers Grove (630) 434-5500 and Republic Services (630) 964-3232

REMINDERS AND OTHER NEWS

Siren Testing Resumes

A familiar sound not heard in the last months has made its return. Emergency sirens will be tested at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month from March to October.

Yard Waste Collection

Republic Services will resume yard waste collection on April 1, 2011. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, twigs, small branches and other garden refuse. Please review the enclosed Solid Waste brochure for guidelines.

Flood Plain Information

Do you have a question on whether your property is located in a flood plain? Do you need flood insurance rate map information? Residents, builders, lenders, realtors and insurance agents may contact the Village regarding special flood hazard areas, poor drainage areas or any general information about the National Flood Insurance Program. Mortgage lenders are responsible for making the official determination for flood insurance requirements. Call (630) 434-5515 or email stormwater@downers.us for more information.

Planning a Spring Home Project?

A call to Community Development department should be the first step any time a property owner is considering making interior or exterior improvements. Depending on the type of work to be done and scope of the project, one or more building permits may be required. Call (630) 434-5515 for further information.

Change the Clock, Change Your Battery!

The Downers Grove Fire Department recommends you change the battery in all smoke alarms in your home when you change the time. A working smoke alarm more than doubles your chances of surviving a home fire.

New Businesses

Battery Giant

2321 Ogden Avenue
630-324-6041
www.batterygiant.com

Timberline Train Shop Ltd.

5228 Main Street
630-324-6136
www.timberlinetrainshop.com

Associates in Family Care

842 Curtiss Street
630-983-0600
www.AssociatesinFamilyCare.com

Real Estate Research Corporation

1000 Maple Avenue
630-430-3865
www.rerc.com

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www.foxforlaw.com

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Community Response Center 1.630.434-CALL (2255)
TDD 1.630.434.5511

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