

# Northfield Township Road District

NEWSLETTER  
2019



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**TIM RUECKERT**  
Highway Commissioner

## From the Highway Commissioner

Dear Residents,

We have a lot of exciting news to report! First, we've moved to a new location at 237 Melvin Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062. Our new facility has twice the acreage and approximately three times the building storage as the old property on Lehigh in Glenview. This allows all Road District trucks to be parked indoors and maintained more efficiently, cutting down on costly vehicle repairs. We also built a new 50' x 30' salt area that holds over 125 tons of salt to help clear the Township's 23 miles of road. I'm happy to report that unlike other municipalities during the winter of 2019, we never ran low on salt!

### Join Us for an Open House on Tuesday, April 2 from 11am – 1pm

To celebrate the opening of our location, I would like to invite you to an Open House event and Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019 from 11am to 1pm. Light refreshments and facility tours will be provided. We'll also be kicking off the 2019 recycling season and commemorating the Northfield Township's 169th birthday!

### Road Updates

Last September, we resurfaced eight roads including Overland Pass, Pheasant Run, Pleasant Street, Timberlane Drive, Westview Drive, Deercrest Lane, Western Avenue, and Evergreen Lane. The harsh 2019 winter weather has since damaged quite a few roads and we will be re-assessing the road conditions throughout the township to determine which need resurfacing or repairs. From what we've seen, our crews will be busy with road repairs all summer long.

Remember, you can always count on the Road District to provide the following services to the unincorporated areas of the Township:

- Implement a constructive initiative to replace and/or rehabilitate deficient storm sewers and maintain the storm sewer systems
- Resurface roads
- Provide emergency storm services
- Maintain public streets, sidewalks, street lighting, and signs
- Provide brush pick-up
- Furnish parkway care including mowing
- Maintain fleet and management
- Administer a reforestation program that shares the cost of planting new parkway trees
- Trim the trees on the right-of-way
- Maintain Township Road District grounds, building, and equipment. In addition, the Road District provides extensive free recycling programs for all Township residents, both at our headquarters on Melvin Drive and at special weekend events at various locations.

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## Thank You for Supporting Our Recycling Program

### 2019 Recycling Drop Off Program

STARTS 4/1/19 ENDS 11/1/19

Mon – Fri • 7AM – 3PM

**Northfield Township Road District**

237 Melvin Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062 TX 847-724-7055



**Please pull up to the north end of the garage building at 237 Melvin Dr. Northbrook, ring the bell and we will help you take the recyclable material out of your car.**



The Northfield Township Road District will share with residents and businesses the cost of approximately 25 new parkway trees in 2019. Trees will range between 3 and 3 1/2" inches in diameter and a property owner's share will be \$150 per tree ordered, regardless of variety or size. There is a limit of two trees per property, providing there is adequate room within the public right-of-way. (Sorry, no trees may be ordered for private property.) The trees will be planted during May, June and if necessary, early October as weather permits. There is a 15-month one-time replacement guarantee for each tree. Guarantees do not cover tree death due to obvious owner neglect, including over or under watering. The Northfield Township Road District will provide property owners with tree-care instructions. Trees must be planted equidistant from curb and sidewalks, at least 35' from any other parkway tree, at least 10' from a driveway or street light and at least 45' from an intersection to ensure unobstructed sight lines. Locations must be at least 5' from manholes, fire hydrants and b-boxes.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Indicate the number and type of 3-3 1/2" diameter trees (limit of two at \$150 each) on Tree Guide (right).
  - No trees are available for planting on private property.
  - Should your first choice be unavailable by the time your application is processed, Northfield Township Road District staff will call you to select an alternative.
2. Orders must be submitted on this form by May 24, 2019, and will be processed in the order received. Northfield Township Road District funds and tree quantities are limited, so **PLEASE ORDER EARLY!**
3. Draw a simple sketch of your property in the box below. Indicate pertinent landmarks such as building, driveway, utility structures, etc. Place an X at the location where you want your tree planted, and place an arrow indicating North. Residents may suggest locations, but Northfield Township Road District personnel will make final decisions to ensure uniformity with utility system and sight-line guidelines.

## PLEASE PRINT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (HOME): \_\_\_\_\_

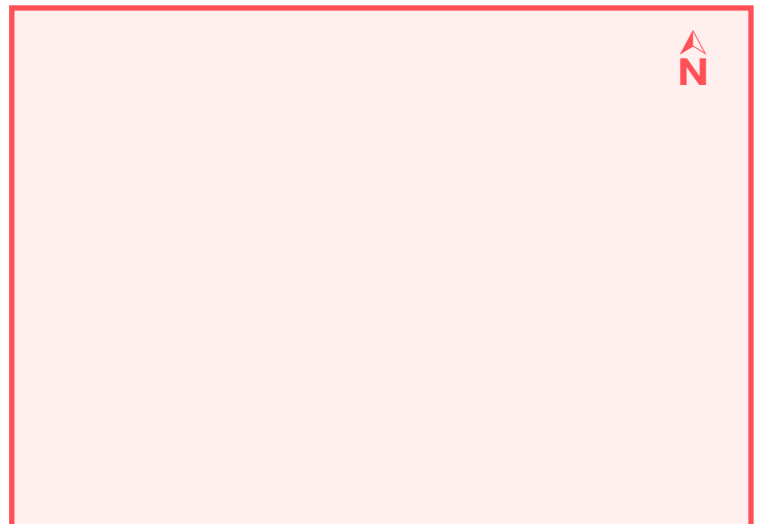
(WORK): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and return this form and your check made payable to the **NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT** by Friday, May 24th, 2019 to:

Tim Rueckert, Highway Commissioner  
 Northfield Township Road District  
 237 Melvin Dr.  
 Northbrook, IL 60062

## TREE GUIDE

- FREEMAN MAPLE**  
 Crown: Moderately oval      Height: 50'      Width: 30'  
 Growth Rate: Medium      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Light green to green  
 Fall Foliage: Red  
 Fruit: Seedless
  
- SWAMP WHITE OAK**— (Our favorite indigenous oak)  
 Crown: Oval      Height: 60'      Width: 50'  
 Growth Rate: Moderate to fast      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Emerging purplish green changing to dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Golden yellow brown  
 Fruit: Acorn with long stem
  
- TRIUMPH ELM**— (Resistant to Dutch elm Disease)  
 Crown: Upright symmetrical      Height: 55'      Width: 45'  
 Growth Rate: Medium      Size: Large  
 Summer Foliage: Dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Yellow  
 Fruit: None
  
- ORNAMENTAL PEAR**  
 Crown: Moderately pyramidal      Height: 35'      Width: 25'  
 Growth Rate: Moderate      Size: Medium  
 Summer Foliage: Dark green  
 Fall Foliage: Red purple (persisting to early winter)  
 Fruit: White spring flowers, pea-sized fruit



# 2019 BRUSH PICK-UP SERVICE

## Northfield Township – Unincorporated Areas Only

In our continued effort to provide this service to residents of unincorporated Northfield Township, free brush pick-up will happen during the months of May, June, and September. Please follow the pick-up times and requirements below so that we may have a safe and expedient brush pick-up.

### **PICK-UP TIMES:**

Brush bundles should be placed at the roadway edges by May 6th, June 3rd and September 3rd if you live south of Willow Road and by May 20th, June 17th and September 16th if you live north of Willow Road.

### **MONTH OF MAY**

South of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday May 6th.

North of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, May 20th.

### **MONTH OF JUNE**

South of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 3rd.

North of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 17th.

### **MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

South of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3rd.

North of Willow Road: Brush pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, September 16th.

***REMEMBER, ONCE WE HAVE GONE THROUGH AN AREA, WE WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL THE NEXT SCHEDULED DATE.***

- PLACE CUT ENDS TOWARD THE ROADWAY. CREWS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PICK UP MATERIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.
- Brush bundles 4 feet or shorter must be tied with no more than 4 feet of twine at the largest part of the bundle. These brush bundles should be no larger than 16 inches in diameter. WIRE MUST NOT BE USED since it is dangerous and harmful to crew and equipment.
- Brush bundles must be free of stumps, root balls, dirt and stones, metal, construction material and other trash. Nothing in garbage cans, boxes, bags, or any other container will be picked up.
- Branches should be no larger than 16 inches in diameter. These branches do not have to be cut into smaller bundles. Place these branches in a long, low pile.
- Any tree, bush, or plant that has thorns must be tied separate from the other brush. Follow the instructions given in the second requirement for procedures in securing this brush. Please leave this brush to the side of all other brush.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have questions, please call the Road District at (847) 724-7055. You may also e-mail us at [ntroad@northfieldtownship.com](mailto:ntroad@northfieldtownship.com).

**NOTE: THIS IS THE ONLY BRUSH PICK-UP NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE. PLEASE SAVE THIS NOTICE AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR.**

### **WHY PRUNE?**

While pruning does enhance the appearance and value of your landscape, its importance is more than cosmetic.

- Proper pruning is essential to the health of ornamental and shade trees.
- Proper pruning can be used to train growth patterns of young trees.
- Proper pruning removes weak, dead, storm damaged or interfering branches.
- Proper pruning minimizes the risk of storm damage.
- And proper pruning provides clearance for streets, sidewalks, driveways, structures, and overhead lines. More than a “haircut” for your trees and shrubs – pruning is a way to help them live longer, healthier lives.

### **PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING**

The Road District will continue to trim parkway trees on rights-of-way at various locations. Work has begun and should go on thru April. Tree trimming is performed on five-year cycles to maintain form and to remove dead, diseased, unattractive and low branching limbs, which are possible hazards to pedestrians, cyclists, and all forms of vehicular traffic. Our goal is to remove lower branches to a minimum height of 14 feet in order to diminish these prospective hazards.



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 Permit #50

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**WHAT'S  
 INSIDE**

ROAD DISTRICT  
 RECYCLING  
 PROGRAMS

ANNUAL PARKWAY  
 TREE OFFER

BRUSH PICKUP

**Be responsible and recycle. A brochure is available on our web page at [www.northfieldtownship.com](http://www.northfieldtownship.com). Click on the recycling icon.**

## From the Highway Commissioner *continued*

A Special Thanks to the Road District Team I am lucky not only to be the Highway Commissioner but also blessed to have a great team at the Road District. My staff and I believe that Job #1 is to provide our residents with excellent service as we continue to adapt to our ever-changing environment. This takes effective planning and teamwork, especially during emergency response situations.

It is my mission to continue the fine work the Township's residents receive and to make improvements whenever possible. Please visit our website for more information at <http://www.northfieldtownship.com/road-district.html>, and follow our Facebook and Twitter social media accounts to learn more about the changes we are making on our residents behalf. I welcome your feedback!

Sincerely,

*Tim*

Tim Rueckert  
 Highway Commissioner,  
 Northfield Township Road District.

## Paper Shredding/Recycling 2019 Special Program

At these one day recycling events, we will collect the accepted recyclables as well as paper to be shredded. **You are limited to a maximum of three (3) containers, such as shopping bags or computer paper boxes, per vehicle/household.** Paper will not be accepted for shredding with paper clips, metal binders or any other metal or plastic. **SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS ONLY!**

**All events will be held on Saturdays unless otherwise noted:**

<b>APRIL 13</b>	<b>APRIL 13</b>	<b>9AM to 12PM</b>	at Northbrook's annual <b>Earth Day Celebration</b> on the Village Green, Downtown Northbrook, collection on the west side of the tracks in the commuter parking lot.
<b>MAY 18</b>	<b>MAY 18</b>	<b>9AM to 1PM</b>	237 Melvin Drive, Northbrook, IL (Township Garage).
<b>JUNE 8</b>	<b>JUNE 8</b>	<b>9AM to 1PM</b>	237 Melvin Drive, Northbrook, IL (Township Garage).
<b>JULY 20</b>	<b>JULY 20</b>	<b>9AM to 1PM</b>	237 Melvin Drive, Northbrook, IL (Township Garage).
<b>AUG 17</b>	<b>AUGUST 17</b>	<b>9AM to 1PM</b>	237 Melvin Drive, Northbrook, IL (Township Garage).
<b>SEPT 14</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b>	<b>9AM to 1PM</b>	237 Melvin Drive, Northbrook, IL (Township Garage).
<b>OCT 19</b>	<b>OCTOBER 19</b>	<b>9AM to 1PM</b>	237 Melvin Drive, Northbrook, IL (Township Garage).

**\*THIS IS OUR LAST SHREDDING/RECYCLING EVENT FOR THE YEAR\***

*Please check our website for the exact location prior to bringing your paper/recyclables.*