

June 10, 2022

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Division of Water Pollution Control  
Compliance Assurance Section #19  
Municipal Annual Inspection Report  
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As per direction on the IEPA website:  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/forms/waterpermits/storm-water/Pages/ms4.aspx>.

**Re: City of Des Plaines – General NPDES Permit No. ILR400325**

Please find the following documents enclosed for the City's annual reporting for General NPDES Permit No. ILR400325.

- **Annual Facility Inspection Report (executed form WPC 691)**
- **2021-2022 Annual Report**
- **Des Plaines Community Calendar attachment**
- **Des Plaines 2021 Water Quality Testing Report**

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Oakley, P.E., CFM  
Director of Public Works and Engineering

Marissa Villafuerte, P.E.  
Project Manager

Enclosures

Cc:

Tim Watkins, Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering  
Robert Greenfield, Superintendent of Utility Services

## 2021-2022 Annual Report (PY 5)

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**This report covers activities that occurred between the following dates:**

March 2021-March 2022

**For questions regarding this report contact:**

Timothy P. Oakley, P.E., CFM  
Director of Public Works and Engineering  
City Of Des Plaines, 1420 Miner Street  
Des Plaines, IL 60016

### Permit Information

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|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>1. Permitting Authority:</b> | Illinois Environmental Protection Agency        |
| <b>2. Permit Number:</b>        | ILR40   |
| <b>3. Permit Type:</b>          | General   |
| <b>4. Permit Name:</b>          | Des Plaines NPDES MS4 Phase II Permit (2021-26) |
| <b>5. Date Issue:</b>           | 3/1/2021  |
| <b>6. Date Expire:</b>          | 2/28/2026                                       |

### General Information for MS4 Operator

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|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>1. Operator Name:</b>         | Andrew Goczkowski                                 |
| <b>2. Operator Title:</b>        | Mayor   |
| <b>3. Represented Entity:</b>    | City of Des Plaines                               |
| <b>4. Mailing Address:</b>       | 1420 Miner Street                                 |
| <b>5. Mail City, State, Zip:</b> | Des Plaines, IL 60016                             |
| <b>6. Phone Number:</b>          | (847) 391-5301                                    |
| <b>7. E-Mail Address:</b>        | agoczkowski@desplaines.org                        |
| <b>8. Co-Permitting With:</b>    | n/a   |
| <b>9. Population:</b> 60,675     | <b>Households:</b> 22,018 <b>Area (sq mi):</b> 16 |
| <b>10. Official Website:</b>     | www.desplaines.org                                |

### General Information for Primary Contact

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### General Information for Secondary Contact

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| <b>2. Title:</b>          | Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering |
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| <b>4. E-Mail Address:</b> | pw@desplaines.org                                  |

**General Information for Receiving Waters**

**Receiving Water Lists:** Listed below are all the identified receiving waterbodies to which identified outfalls discharge.

**Receiving Streams**

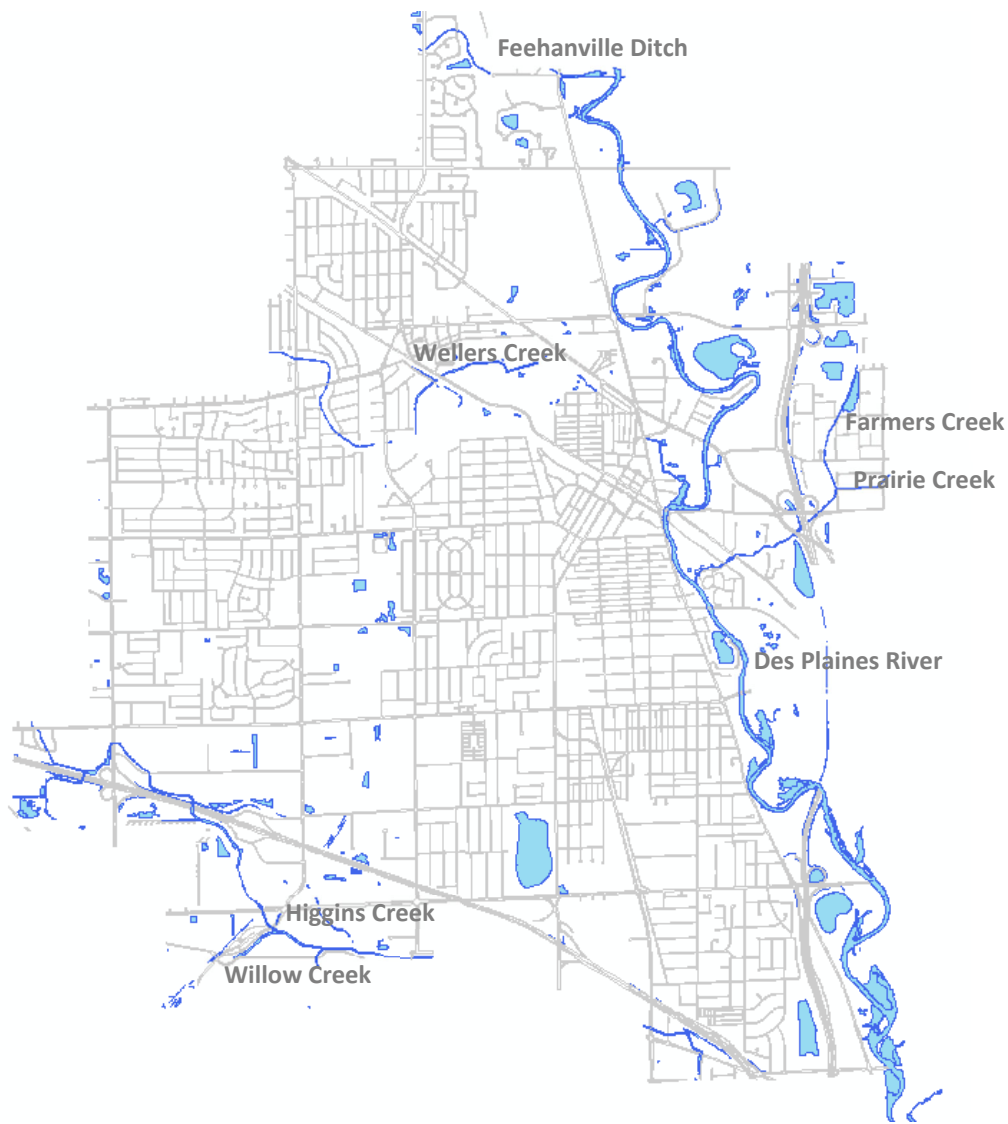
Feehanville Ditch  
Wellers Creek  
Prairie Creek  
Farmers Creek  
Willow Creek  
Higgins Creek  
Des Plaines River

**Receiving Waterbodies**

Big Bend Lake  
Belleau Lake  
Shagbark Lake  
Lake Opeka  
Axehead Lake  
Peterson Lake

**Receiving Watersheds**

Des Plaines River Watershed



# Public Education and Outreach

## BMPs and Work Performed for Them

### A.1. Curbside Calendar

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

The Curbside calendar provides residents with waste disposal options and recycling information. The calendar also provided storm water pollution information. Calendars were sent to 15,000+ residential homes in December 2021 for the 2022 calendar year.

### A.1. Pet Waste Collection City Code

**Responsible Party: Community Development, Director of CED**

City code 6-1A-11 indicates that pet excrement shall be removed by person and deposited in appropriate receptacle. City code 6-1A-12 indicates defecation is not allowed to accumulate in residential yards and shall be cleaned on a regular basis. Relevant flyers are mailed by the City to pet owners.

### A.1. Stormwater Articles in City Newsletter

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Stormwater information was provided in the "Access Point" newsletter. In 2021, the City Community Calendar distributed to residents provided information on stormwater and flooding. Copies are kept on file and can also be found on the City's Access Point Magazine webpage.

### A.3. Cable TV Stormwater Segment

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Public Education slides were put in local Cable Channel 17's broadcast rotation annually in March. Beginning in 2013 the City implemented a new cable programming system and rather than just a single month, the stormwater slides are now put in rotation on both Cable Channel 17 and 24 for the period from March 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> with a typical exposure of 10-20 times per day between the two channels. The slides are maintained and updated as necessary.

### A.4. Arbor Day Community Event(s)

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

As part of its Tree City USA status with the Arbor Day Foundation, the City hosts an annual tree planting ceremony with a selected school each Arbor Day. Attendance in 2021 was approximately 200. After recent reevaluation, it has been decided that this event does not specifically pertain to stormwater and therefore should cease to be a BMP, although will still be held as a community event within the City.

### A.5. Children Education Program

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

The City will make schools aware of the availability of the MWRD "Classroom Visitor" program, whereby the MWRD will provide a Community Education Specialist to educate classes, from kindergarten through college, about stormwater management to the schools. Following Covid restrictions, the City is exploring hosting talks about stormwater topics at local libraries, the park district, or forest preserves.

### A.6. Stormwater Management Info on Website

**Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

The City's NPDES MS4 homepage introduces the program and provides links to the IEPA and USEPA NPDES pages, the ILR40 permit, the City's annual reports, and the City's NOIs.

# Public Participation/Involvement

## BMPs and Work Performed for Them

### B.5. Adopt-A-Spot

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Volunteer groups continue to work with Public Works to clean up littered areas. Public Works supplies these groups with gloves, bags and garbage pickers.

### B.7. PW Staffing

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Two Assistant Directors of Public Works and Engineering positions share responsibility for overseeing the City's efforts in environmental conservation, including waste management, recycling, and "green" initiatives such as the "Green Alleys" project, which converts asphalt paths in parks into stormwater-friendly structures.

### B.7. IEPA Hazardous Waste Collection Program

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Residents are referred to IEPA's website, listing hazardous waste collection dates and sites. Information about the collection schedule and sites is included in the curbside calendar delivered to all Des Plaines homes. And a page on the City website lists the year-round drop-off sites.

### B.7. MWRD Lower Des Plaines River Watershed Planning Council

**Responsible Party: Mayor's Office**

Engineering staff continued participation on the Council. The Lower Des Plaines Watershed Group and the Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition share borders, communities and members in addition to sharing a vision for clean, healthy watersheds for people and wildlife. These groups also share resources and staff to accomplish this vision. We sample and assess the health of our local streams, each group has watershed specific reports, activities and memberships.

### B.7. Recycling Program

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Residential curbside recycling program maintained for over 15,000 homes. The curbside program includes pick up and recycling of electronic waste. Public Works allows residents to drop off fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, and tires for recycling by a local vendor. The City offers free year-round electronics recycling at the Public Works facility in order to help keep hazardous materials such as mercury out of the waste stream. In addition, the Public Works Department hosts a free holiday light recycling event throughout January and February.

### B.7. Storm Drain Stenciling

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

All new frame and grate structures are ordered with the precast "No Dumping-Drains to River" notation.

# Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

## BMPs and Work Performed for Them

### C.1. Storm Sewer System Map

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

City sewer system map is updated regularly with notes from field crews and changes to sewer as part of capital improvement projects and private development projects.

Utility Foremen also meet with GIS staff bi-monthly to update utility maps. In addition, GraniteNet software has been incorporated into the City's sewer televising equipment. The software allows for the collection of detailed sewer information that can be incorporated directly into the City's GIS. Data is continually collected, and the GIS updated as part of the routine sewer televising operations.

### C.2. Illicit Connection Ordinance

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

The City has and continues to hire engineering consultants to perform a review of the City's stormwater ordinances. The scope of the review was expanded to include review of the City's entire NPDES stormwater program. The City has revised and adopted updated ordinances in accordance with the MWRD WMO IICP requirements.

With the addition of MWRD IICP program requirements, the City determined that a new, unified comprehensive stormwater management program was needed that would incorporate all of the various stormwater permitting programs including NPDES MS4, NPDES CSO, CMOM, MWRD IICP requirements, etc.

In 2021 and 2022 the City met with the consultant RJN Group to discuss the consolidation of all the City stormwater programs into the single master program to allow for more streamlined compliance. The draft Stormwater Management Program was reviewed and currently phase 1 of implementation of the program is underway.

### C.4. Hazardous Materials Response Team

**Responsible Party: Fire Department, Fire Chief**

The City of Des Plaines Fire Department is part of a Combined Communities Chemical Emergency Response Team.

The City of Des Plaines Fire Department responds to 9-1-1 calls regarding possible hazardous spills/illegal discharge activities. Determination of the release of such materials is made by the Fire Chief or his authorized representative. Appropriate personal protection equipment is used and removal is performed. The Fire Department completes forms documenting the incident, including information such as the type of hazardous material, decontamination procedures, protective clothing, exposure log, etc.

### C.4. Illicit Connections Detection

**Responsible Party: Community Development, Director of CED**

Inspections continue throughout the year.

### C.4 & C.10. Illicit Discharge Inspection Program

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works**

The City contracted an engineering consultant to perform annual water quality testing in the Des Plaines River upstream and downstream of the City's MS4 discharge. The water is sampled in ten locations for Ammonia, Chloride, Fluoride, Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD, 5 day), Phenolics, Total Phosphorus, Total Suspended Solids, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, Metals (Potassium), Fecal Coliform, Temperature, pH,

Conductivity, Dissolved Oxygen and Total Dissolved Solids. All test results were deemed to be normal with the exception of elevated levels of Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus, Dissolved Oxygen, and Fecal Coliform throughout the river. None of the findings suggested illicit discharges. Plans to remediate any abnormal levels detected have been detailed in the 2021-26 NOI.

#### **C.5. Hazardous Materials Clean-Up Program**

***Responsible Party: Fire Department, Fire Chief***

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#### **C.9. Illegal Dumping & Illicit Discharge Line (9-1-1)**

***Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

Slides were created to educate the public about the issues of illegal dumping and illicit discharge. The slides direct citizens to call 9-1-1 if either are observed. The slides have been in regular rotation on the local Cable Channel #17 since they were created and are also shown on Channel #24.

#### **C.10. MWRD Illicit Connection Removal Enforcement Program**

***Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

As of April 6 2021, the MWRD is monitoring 7 "Significant Industrial Users" in Des Plaines.

# Construction Site Runoff Control

## BMPs and Work Performed for Them

### D.1. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control Ordinance

**Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

With the addition of MWRD IICP program requirements, the City determined that a new, unified comprehensive stormwater management program was needed that would incorporate all of the various stormwater permitting programs including NPDES MS4, NPDES CSO, CMOM, MWRD IICP requirements, etc.

In 2021 and 2022 the City hired an engineering consultant to discuss the consolidation of all the City stormwater programs into the single master program to allow for more streamlined compliance. The draft Stormwater Management Program was reviewed and is currently at the end of phase 1 of implementation of the program.

### D.4. Stormwater Runoff Site Plan Review

**Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

The City continues to use a checklist, which includes the NPDES MS4 stormwater management items, in all of its plan reviews. This checklist has been modified based upon consultant's reviews of the City's program.

As part of the current plan review and permitting, all private development contractors are required to complete the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan forms, which include the ILR10 and ILR40 requirements, and to indicate their understanding of such.

### D.6. City Staff Inspection Training

**Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Internal training was conducted with the Department resident engineers and engineering inspectors based upon the previous sediment and erosion control course materials and the NPDES MS4 guidance materials. City staff attend an erosion control workshop hosted by the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission annually.

### D.6. City Staff Site Inspection and Enforcement

**Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

The Engineering Department has continued reviewing sites for sediment and erosion control as part of its normal construction site inspections and in accordance with NPDES ILR40 permit guidelines. The inspectors continue to use the "Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Erosion Control Inspection Report" forms to document inspections.

The Community Development building inspectors have also been involved in the process on a day-to-day basis and as part of monthly Public Works-Engineering-Community Development Coordination Meetings. The Community Development building inspectors serve as an extra set of eyes and contact the Engineering Department if they notice any stormwater issues or violations as part of their general inspections.

### D.7. Public Reporting

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Residents are and will be encouraged to report unlawful activities to the City. As discussed in previous section, slides were created for the Local Cable Channel 17 to educate the public to call 9-1-1 if they witness illegal dumping and/or illicit discharges.



**D.7. Educate Developers and Contractors**

***Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

The Engineering Department has continued to use the erosion control detail sheet and specifications for all City projects. Stormwater management is included on the agenda at all pre-bid and pre-construction meetings to ensure that contractors are aware of the requirements.

City staff have also continued to refine the existing City development manual to make it easier to understand and to accommodate additional information about stormwater management. All materials are available through the Engineering page of the City's website. All materials are reviewed by engineering contractors periodically.

# Post-Construction Runoff Control

## BMPs and Work Performed for Them

### E.2. & E.3. Post Construction Runoff Control Ordinance

The City continues to meet with engineering consulting companies to discuss the consolidation of all the City stormwater programs (NPDES MS4, NPDES CSO, CMOM, MWRD IICP requirements, etc) into the single master program to allow for more streamlined compliance. The draft Stormwater Management Program was reviewed and is currently in phase 1 of implementation of the program is underway.

### E.4. Review of Construction Plans and Designs

***Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

The City's continues to use a checklist, which includes the NPDES MS4 stormwater management items, in all its plan reviews. This checklist has been updated based upon the advising from engineering consultant's reviewing of the City's program.

As part of the current plan review and permitting, all private development contractors are required to complete the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan forms, which include the ILR10 and ILR40 requirements, and to indicate their understanding of such.

### E.5. Site Inspections

***Responsible Party: Engineering/Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

The Engineering Department has continued reviewing sites for sediment and erosion control as part of its normal construction site inspections and in accordance with NPDES ILR40 permit guidelines. The inspectors continue to use the "Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Erosion Control Inspection Report" forms to documents inspections.

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In addition, as a result of the engineering consultant review of the City stormwater program, the City completed the creation of a full city-wide inventory of retention and detention basins (private basins included). Baseline reports with photos, structure inventories, owner information, etc. were created along with a GIS layer. Letters are to be sent to each basin owner with basic maintenance information and an inspection program is being created for the City to inspect all basins on a 5-year schedule.

### E.7. Public Education for Contractors and Developers

***Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

The Engineering Department has continued to use the erosion control detail sheet and specifications for all City projects. Stormwater management is included on the agenda at all pre-bid and pre-construction meetings to ensure that contractors are aware of the requirements. Developers/contractors are required to have appropriate post-construction runoff controls training.

City staff have also continued to refine the existing City development manual to make it easier to understand and to accommodate additional information about stormwater management. All materials are available through the Engineering page of the City's website.

# Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

## BMPs and Work Performed for Them

### F.1. City Employee Training

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

New employees receive on the job training and safety in their department specific to their job. Trainings in the reporting year included: mosquito larvicide permitting, collection systems operator licensing, applicator spray license, CMOM, confined spaces, snow/ice control, right to know act, and customer service. Supervisory staff regularly attends IEPA, APWA, AWWA, and other workshops and then relays the information gathered at such to the operational staff. New employees go through an Onboarding Checklist to insure they are trained in all aspects of the Public Works and Engineering operations.

### F.1. Good Housekeeping as part of Personnel Policy Manual

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Housekeeping Procedures are to be continuously incorporated into the Public Works Department's personnel manual. The manual is complete and monthly SWPPP inspections are conducted. Report copies are available.

### F.2. Catch Basin/ Inlet Cleaning

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

The Sewer Division performed cleaning on a total of 252 catch basins during the period from April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021.

### F.2. Creek Outfall Structure Inspection & Repair

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

109 man-hours were spent inspecting creek outfalls during the permit year. This includes post rain event inspections. All necessary repairs were made during the time as well.

### F.2. Detention Pond Inspection & Cleaning

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Current maintenance on City-owned basins was continued. Employees cut grass and brush at detention pond locations. Erosion control is completed through installation of rip-rap and replanting of vegetation.

In addition, as a result of the engineering consultant review of the City stormwater program, the City completed the creation of a full city-wide inventory of retention and detention basins (private basins included). Baseline reports with photos, structure inventories, owner information, etc. were created along with a GIS layer. Letters are to be sent to each basin owner with basic maintenance information and an inspection program is being created for the City to inspect all basins on a 5-year schedule.

### F.3. Leaf Collection Program

**Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering**

The City's leaf program runs October through early December. With the leaf program, residents' leaves are collected by zone. Each of the five zones is collected five times throughout the fall. Residents also have the option to bag leaves for yard waste program from April 1 through early December. They may also deposit their yard waste free of charge during leaf collection season at the Public Works facility. Information for residents on when these services are available is included in the Curbside Calendar and on the City website.

**F.3. New Inlet Grate Placement Specifications*****Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

Approximately 34 inlet grates and catch basin lids were replaced as part of the City's 2021 roadway projects. All new grates and lids include casting to indicate "Do Not Dump, Drains to River."

**F.3. Street Sweeping*****Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

The City's program's full sweeps include 340 residential lane miles. 8 complete city-wide sweeping circuits were completed between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022. The downtown Business District is swept twice per month. Street sweeping occurs during spring, summer and fall. Winter sweeping may occur depending on weather conditions.

**F.4. IEPA Transfer Station Permit for PW Facility*****Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

Transfer Station Permit still in place throughout the year. Specifics of the collections are available to residents on the City Website.

**F.4. Public Works Facility Washing Station*****Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

Facility continues with its existing program. The facility has a concrete floor with drains to the sanitary sewers. Triple basins are also part of the garage system. Surrounding property drains also lead to the sanitary sewers.

**F.6. Controlled Application of Pesticides & Herbicides*****Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

Continuing program. Applications of herbicides are conducted contractually in spring and summer months.

**F.6. Covered Salt Storage*****Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

The City stores salt in a covered salt dome. The dome is constructed of concrete and wood and has improved ventilation, lighting, and a new sodium chloride & brine dispensing system. The dome has a capacity of 4500 tons of salt. There are no drains because the salt is situated on an asphalt pitch.

**F.6. Hazardous Material Storage*****Responsible Party: Public Works, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

Hazardous materials storage consists of a caged area that is below a fume hood and sprinkler system. There are no drains if a possible leak would occur. The small amount of herbicides that are stored/contained in the caged area (only accessed by 1 person with a key) are placed on skids.

**F.6. Sodding Requirement*****Responsible Party: Engineering, Director of Public Works and Engineering***

The Public Works Department uses sod and hydroseed when performing parkway repairs.

The Engineering Department specifies sod on all construction projects. Special shade tolerant hydroseed is used in areas that do not have adequate sun.

**City of Des Plaines - 2021 Capital Improvement Projects**

Project Name	CONTRACT NO.	NOI on file	SWPPP on file	Comments
2021 CIP CONTRACT A – Street & Utility Improvements	-	Yes	Yes	NPDES# ILR10ZADI
2021 CIP CONTRACT B (MFT 21-00225-00-RS)– Street & Utility Improvements	-	Yes	Yes	NPDES# ILR10ZAL5
2021 CIP CONCRETE PROGRAM (MFT 21-00000-01-GM)– Street & Utility Improvements	-	Yes	Yes	MPDES# ILR10ZAE1
2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining	-	Yes	Yes	NRI Permit #. 22-5008

# HOLIDAYS AND CITY SERVICES

*Don't throw away your trees and holiday lights. Recycle them!*

## RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The Des Plaines Public Works and Engineering Department is hosting a free holiday light recycling event throughout the months of January and February. Lights that will be accepted include C7 and C9 lights, rope lights, mini-lights (icicle lights), LED lights and extension cords.

Bring items between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Wednesdays to the Public Works facility, 1111 Joseph J. Schwab (Campground) Road. Any holiday light strands still connected to wreaths, garland or other material cannot be accepted. The holiday lights will be recycled for the copper and plastic materials. There is no limit to the amount of holiday lights that you may drop-off.

## RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY TREE

Public Works and Engineering is collecting holiday trees throughout the City, weather permitting, starting Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 through Friday, Jan. 7, 2022. Bare holiday trees (no decorations, lights, tinsel, or plastic bags) should be left at the curbside before 7 a.m. on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you miss this opportunity and you're an LRS customer, they will pick up trees through Friday, Jan. 14, weather permitting. After this time, any bare holiday trees will need to be disposed of in April when landscape waste pick-up begins. Trees frozen to the ground cannot be picked up.

## recycling conserves resources

### HOLIDAY REFUSE PICK-UP CHANGES

*Basic refuse pick-up will be delayed by one day during the weeks of the following holidays:*

- Memorial Day, Monday, May 30
- Independence Day, Monday, July 4
- Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5
- Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 24
- Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25

### HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

*In 2022, City Hall offices will be closed for business on the following days:*

- New Year's Day (Observed), Friday, Dec. 31, 2021
- Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 17
- Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 21
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 30
- Independence Day, Monday, July 4
- Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5
- Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 10
- Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24
- Day after Thanksgiving Day, Friday, Nov. 25
- Christmas Day (Observed), Monday, Dec. 26



# HOUSEHOLD WASTE DISPOSAL

*Below is a list of some of the most common household items that require special disposal treatment.*

## REFUSE ITEMS ACCEPTED BY LRS

### Bulk Items

One "bulk" item may be placed out for collection each week at no additional cost. "Bulk" items are defined as items too large to fit into your waste cart, and 50lbs in weight or less. "Bulk" items do not include "white" goods (appliances like refrigerators, washing machines, etc.) or electronic waste, certain types of construction debris (concrete, stone, masonry etc.), dirt, tree stumps and engines, among other items. For additional "bulk" collection outside of the weekly limit of one item, please contact LRS to schedule service. Items will be charged on a per-yard basis.

### White Goods

"White" goods are generally defined as appliances like refrigerators, washers, dryers and ovens, but include other items as well. LRS will collect these items, but they must be scheduled for collection. There will be a per-unit charge of \$30 per-unit.

### Do-It-Yourself Construction Debris

Up to one cubic yard of construction debris may be placed out for collection each week. Construction debris is defined as basic material that is consistent with household projects, renovations and clean-outs.

*recycle and reuse*

## REPURPOSING ITEMS TO BENEFIT OTHERS

The Fribble Senior Center is home to the Once & Again Resale Shop, located at 50 E. Northwest Highway. Once & Again is a not-for-profit entity that focuses on reusing instead of recycling. Receipts acknowledging donations are provided for tax purposes. Extremely large donations may require special accommodations, so please call in advance of a large drop-off.

### Refuse Items Accepted by the Public Works Dept.

Many household items can be dropped off at the City's Public Works Department, located at 1111 Joseph Schwab Road.

Accepted items include tires with rims removed (limit 2), household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, computers and other electronics (Wednesdays only). Appliances (white goods) are not accepted.

Local Motor Oil Recycling and Collection: Oil Express (847.296.7059) accepts motor oil and oil filters for recycling at 1340 Lee Street in Des Plaines. Other local garages may also accept these types of items.



All proceeds generated by the Once & Again Resale Shop benefit the Fribble Senior Center ([frisbleseniorcenter.org](http://frisbleseniorcenter.org)) and the extensive programs and services offered to its members and the community at-large. Please call 847.768.7055 for more information.



# CITY OF DES PLAINES RECYCLING INFORMATION

## RECYCLING DROP-OFF

For those recycling items that aren't allowed in your regular pick-up, the City of Des Plaines accepts specific items at the Public Works facility, 1111 Joseph J. Schwab (Campground) Road, on Wednesdays only from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Accepted items (per drop-off)

- Automobile Batteries: Limit 2
- Household Batteries: Nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium ion and small sealed lead batteries accepted. Terminals should be covered in tape.
- Tires: Rims must be removed. Limit 2
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs: Limit 4
- Electronics Including: computer components, phone equipment, hand-held electronics, DVD and VCR players, and televisions. (The City's contracted recycling company will wipe all computer hard drives to the National Institute of Standards and Technology standards.)

### Important Notice About Household Paint

Household paint cannot be accepted for recycling at the Public Works building. However, latex paint can be dried out in a ventilated area before being discarded into the garbage. Oil-based and lead paint can be brought to a household hazardous waste collection center. See the March page of this calendar for info.

## PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

Storm drains can carry pollutants to our streams and waterways. There are many simple, basic steps people can do each day to prevent storm water pollution:

- Don't dump waste into storm drains.
- Keep yard clippings out of the street.
- Dispose of household chemicals properly.
- Clean up oil spills and fix leaking automobiles.
- Use drip pans to catch engine oil and other pollutants while repairing cars.
- Recycle used motor oil.

Report dumping to the Code Enforcement Office at 847.391.5380.

What should and should not go into the blue LRS recycling cart?

## RECYCLING GUIDELINES

# YES!

**Clean & Empty**  
Replace lids & caps

**Put material in loose - Not in Bags**



### METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



### PAPER

Cardboard (flattened), Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines



### GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



### PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs, and Jars Only



### CARTONS

# NO!



**No Plastic Bags**  
No Product Wrap  
(even when resealed)



**No Big Items** (Electronics, Wood, Pressure Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam)  
— check with local authority for other options



**No Tangles** (Hangers, Hoses, Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



**No Clothing**  
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



**No Food, Liquid, Diapers, Batteries or Needles**



**No Stranded Paper**

These Guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois.

Also see the EPA online resource at:  
[www2.epa.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/pages/recycling.aspx](http://www2.epa.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/pages/recycling.aspx)

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