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REMOVAL NOTICE – PARKWAY ASH TREE

Dear Resident,

The Village has contracted with McGinty Bros. Inc., Long Grove, IL, to remove all of the infested ash trees on Village parkway areas. Weather permitting, within the next 30 days the contractor will be removing the ash tree(s) located in the parkway near your home. This letter provides details about the Village's program and the removal and restoration process.

Overview - Like other communities in our region, Lake Zurich's ash tree population has become infested with the emerald ash borer beetle. Of the Village's 7900 parkway trees about 2700 are of the ash variety. While several ash trees have been removed, the Village has shifted resources to allow for the EAB infested trees to be removed sooner than originally planned. All of the Village's ash trees are scheduled to be removed by December 30, 2016. The work will consist of tree removal, stump removal, disposal of all generated debris, furnishing and placing of topsoil to fill in the hole, and placing of seed. Construction activity is permitted from 7 am to 7 pm, M-F, and 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday.

Tree Removal - Trees targeted for removal are noted with a white-colored "X". They will generally be cut to within 4" to 6" above ground. The contractor is required to removal all brush and logs at the end of each work day and dispose them at a legal and proper disposal site. The contractor is unable to give a log to a resident.

Stump Removal and Restoration - The contractor is required to ground tree stumps to a minimum depth of 12 inches. All areas disturbed by stump removal are to be restored no later than two weeks after the stump has been removed. Restoration includes seeding the disturbed area. For these reasons, stump removal and restoration will occur at the time of year (early fall and spring) that allows the best chance for restoration of the disturbed areas. Property owners are asked to water the restored area. Attached is a watering instructions information sheet.

Tree Planting Program - Beginning in 2017, the Village will begin an aggressive tree planting program. Plans call for the re-planting of up to 1000 trees a year until all of the removed EAB trees have been replaced. Several residents have requested to plant a tree in the parkway sooner than when the Village plans to do so and at their own expense. Interested residents wanting to pursue this option must complete a no-fee permit application, which is available at www.lakezurich.org/eab.

Questions - For more information, please visit the Village's website: www.lakezurich.org/eab or contact Environmental Quality Supervisor Betty Harrison directly at 847-550-1776 or betty.harrison@lakezurich.org.

GRASS SEED
WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the tree stump has been removed, within two weeks the contractor will return to restore the area. Restoration includes removing all of the objectionable materials and placing seed on top of newly installed topsoil. Residents are asked to assist in restoration by watering the area once the seed has been placed. Please note the following when watering:

- Water the grass seed at least twice a day for the first three (3) weeks.
- The best time to water is in the morning and late afternoon. Avoid watering in the heat of the day when the sun will just evaporate the water.
- Keep the seeded area moist, but not soggy.
- Reduce the frequency of the watering gradually once the grass begins to grow. With fully grown grass, you should only need to water the grass on average once a week.
- Allow the grass to grow to a height of three (3) inches before mowing it for the first time. Pull weeds by hand until the grass has been mowed twice.