

**Village of Huntley  
Residential Refuse and Recycling Collection Service  
Effective March 1, 2015**

The Village's seven-year contract with MDC Environmental Services for all areas within the Village limits excluding Sun City and apartments is ending February 28, 2015. In November 2014, the Village negotiated an extension of the contract for another seven-year period commencing March 1, 2015 and ending February 28, 2022.

The amendment to the contract provides for the following **savings** for residents:

**Rates:**

- Current regular monthly rate is \$20.25 and \$17.08 for seniors. Starting March 1, 2015, the rates will be **reduced** to a regular rate of \$18.75 and \$15.50 for seniors, representing decreases of 7.4% and 9.3%, respectively.
- March 1, 2016 – February 28, 2020 (years 2-5), the annual rate adjustments will be based on the Consumer Price Index – Midwest - All Urban Consumers ("CPI").
- March 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021 (year 6) the rate remains the same as year five (5).
- March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022 (year 7) will be subject to the CPI adjustment.

In no event would the rate increase exceed three and one-half (3.5%) percent, and in no event would the increase be less than one percent (1%). This means the earliest residents will be back to paying 2014 rates is March of 2018.

A Senior Citizen Household curbside collection service is available to a household in which one full-time occupant is 55 years of age or older. With this program, the house is allowed one 35-gallon garbage toter and one 65-gallon recycling toter. No additional trash will be collected. Residents should apply for this discount directly with MDC at 815-568-7274. Residents will be required to show proof of age.

**Bulk Items:**

Beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup>, the collection of bulk items has been **expanded** from one (1) item per week to **unlimited items at no charge** (this does not include white goods, for which there is a separate charge).

**Landscape Pickup:**

Unlimited yard waste collection service continues at no additional charge from the first full week of April through the second full week of December. Yard waste consists of grass clippings, leaves, weeds and twigs but does not include sod or dirt. Yard waste must be placed in an acceptable yard waste container:

- **Kraft Paper Bag** – is a special biodegradable paper bag, not to exceed 33 gallons in size, which shall shred and degrade quickly in the composting process. During the rainy season, a Kraft Paper Bag is the preferred method as condensation from the landscape material gets absorbed and is less likely to leave a mess on the street.
- **Garbage Can** – a plastic or galvanized metal can of a capacity not less than four (4) gallons and not to exceed 34 gallons in size. No can shall exceed 40 pounds in weight when filled and must be clearly marked with a large "X".
- **Toter** – a wheeled plastic container with a tight-fitting top, not to exceed 65 gallons in size, requiring a semi-automatic lifting mechanism for collection. All totes must be approved by and/or supplied by the MDC for an additional monthly charge.
- **Bundle** – Limbs, branches, or other loose items that do not exceed four (4) feet in length and forty pounds in weight. Each branch shall not exceed two (2) inches in diameter, with the total diameter of the bundle not to exceed 18 inches.

**Village Clean-Up/Electronic Waste Collection Events:**

MDC has also offered to sponsor the Village's yearly Electronics Recycling events. The **cost savings** for the Village associated with these events is estimated at \$5,000/year.

**MDC Environmental Services - Phone: 815-568-7274 or Website: [www.mdces.com](http://www.mdces.com)**