New contract with Homewood Disposal to begin Oct. 1

The Tinley Park Village Board recently approved a contract with Homewood Disposal Services (HDS) for waste and recycling collection services. The new contract goes into effect Oct. 1 and includes new benefits such as e-waste collection, Christmas tree collection, special discounts for veterans and seniors, and the option for townhomes and condominiums to opt-in.

The rates will change as follows:

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<td>Resident</td>
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<td>Senior (65 and older)</td>
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The contract also offers oversized bulk item collection for $45 per item. While Homewood Disposal picked up general bulk items in the past (such as chairs, bikes, tables, mattresses, etc.), the new contract will give residents the option for oversized bulk items (such as pianos, hot tubs and spas) that require two or more collectors to pick up or require a special truck to remove because the item will not fit in the garbage truck.

Christmas tree collection will occur the first two weeks following Christmas on residents’ regular collection day. All ornaments, lights and tinsel must be removed and may not be set out in a plastic tree bag. Flocked trees will be collected as trash. All trees collected will be brought to the Public Works Department for chipping.
Per the new contract, residents will be able to receive e-waste collection as needed, which must be scheduled with HDS prior to collection. Residents are limited to two TVs or monitors per single-family home per year.

The new contract also offers an optional service for townhome and condominium associations at a per-unit rate of $22.50 per month for individual invoicing and $21 per month for HOA-direct invoicing. The service includes a weekly collection of refuse with a cart and every other week collection of recycling with a cart. Interested associations are encouraged to contact Homewood Disposal for further information.

Eligible seniors will pay only $22.99 per month ($68.97 quarterly), and certified 100-percent disabled veterans will pay nothing per month. Eligible residents who wish to receive these discounts on their next bill must do the following:

2. Provide a driver’s license/state ID or birth certificate to show proof of age.
3. Provide either a utility bill or a tax bill to show proof of property ownership.
4. Disabled veterans also must provide a “100% Disabled” letter from Veterans Affairs.
5. Mail or drop off all required documents at Village Hall, 16250 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13. You also can photocopy the above information and email it, along with the form, to discountrequest@tinleypark.org.

The Village will be accepting information through Sept. 30. After that time, residents should submit the above information to Homewood Disposal Service. Homewood Disposal will continue to process payments, as Village Hall does not accept payment for garbage.

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