

VILLAGE OF HOPEDALE, ILLINOIS

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING NEW WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

June 9, 2026

TO: ALL VILLAGE OF HOPEDALE RESIDENTS

FROM: Village of Hopedale Board of Trustees

RE: New Waste Collection with Republic Services will begin on July 3, 2026

Dear Village Resident:

You previously received a letter from the Village Board regarding the proposed contract for waste collection services with Republic Services of Illinois. This letter follows up that letter.

We are pleased to announce that after much public comment at the June 1 Board meeting and careful consideration, the Village Board voted to approve a 5 year contract with *Republic Services of Bloomington* to provide all village residents (*except commercial businesses and apartment buildings whose tenants already have waste pick-up*) with weekly curb-side garbage pick-up beginning Friday, July 3, 2026. Residents will receive one free 95 gallon container ("cart") for garbage and an option to have additional carts at a \$5.00 charge (each) in the first year. Republic has indicated that you will not be limited to 2 carts as may have been previously stated at the June 1 Board meeting.

Recycling dumpsters will continue to be provided free of charge at the Village Hall if you care to recycle. Also included in our contract is a free once a year bulk waste pick up (for our clean up days). Curb-side bulk items can be picked up during the year at cost of \$20.00 per item. Republic does not accept landscape waste.

The cost of the weekly pick -up garbage services for your household in the first year is \$21.00 per month. The garbage fee would be billed to you on your monthly water bill beginning in July. As such, if you are currently using a company other than Republic for garbage pick-up (i.e. GFL or other company) , it is important that you now notify them that you will no longer be allowed to use their services (or their cans) beginning July 1, 2026.

You may NOT use any garbage hauler for residential waste other than Republic for the next 5 years—and possibly longer if the Village decides to extend the contract with Republic. That is, you are required to use Republic for your garbage services UNLESS you sign and return the attached OPT-OUT form to the Village office by June 20, 2026. If you Opt-Out, you will not be able to receive garbage collection services in the Village for a minimum of 5 years unless you Opt back in and pay an administrative fee of \$100 to the Village. You may only Opt-out one time and again, you may not use another garbage

hauler if you decide to opt out. Note that the \$100.00 Opt-in fee is not charged when a vacant home becomes occupied, changes ownership or has a new renter.

Here is some additional information:

Pick up is on Fridays mornings. Carts must be on the curb by 4:30 AM on Fridays.

Carts will be delivered to you by June 30.

Holiday schedule will be available on our website and the Village Hall.

FOR CURRENT GFL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS: GFL has said they will pick up MOST of their totes the last day of your service from them in June and you can "short pay" your quarterly bill by deducting July and August. If you have already paid GFL for July and August, they will send you a refund in 6-8 weeks after you notify them that you no longer need their services (beginning in July). GFL expects to have all of their totes collected by July 1. Please do not put GFL (or other garbage company's totes) on the curb the same day Republic picks up your garbage (Fridays.)

You will be receiving a letter from Republic which will be ATTACHED TO YOUR CART. Please be sure to keep that letter for future reference.

We are very pleased to offer this service for our residents. Many of our neighboring communities have already made the switch to Republic and found them to provide excellent service at reasonable prices. And we do appreciate the public's input at the June 1 meeting.

Thank you.

Board of Trustees
Village of Hopedale